



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-03152

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crimes Involving Trick-or-Treat

Request and Answer:

Question

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Please would you provide me with:

For the 48 hour periods of 31st October to 1st November 2013 and 31st October to 1st November 2014, a record of all crime reports you received that mentioned the phrase 'trick-or-treat' or 'trick or treat'.

For each one, please detail:

- a) the police division/local policing unit/neighbourhood in which it took place
- b) the time it was reported
- c) a description of the incident
- d) the crime outcome

Please conduct this search of your records with and without hyphens for 'trick or treat'. Please provide each year's worth of records separately. Please begin the search at 00:00 on 31st October and end it at 23:59 on 1st November.

Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

A search was conducted on all of the calls for service made to the PSNI between 00:00 on the 31st October and 23:59 on the 1st November in both 2013 and 2014, where the call for service included the wording 'trick-or-treat' or 'trick or treat' and where the call resulted in a crime being recorded. This search provided two such incidents, the details of which are provided in the table below:

Year	Location	Time	Description	Outcome
2013	A District, Belfast City Centre	20:03	Criminal Damage	None
2014	C District, Newtownards	19:44	Criminal Damage	None

Please note that this information is based on data extracted from a live recording system and may be

subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.