



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00762

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Sheep Stolen In F District 2013-2014

Request and Answer:

Question 1

In the 'F' District how many sheep were reported stolen between January 2013 and December 2014 in Omagh; Fermanagh; Cookstown and Dungannon?

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.

Please see the table below on page numbered 1 which gives a breakdown of the incidents of reported sheep theft, in F District, and the number of sheep stolen, where recorded at the time of reporting. The data is also broken down into the areas within F District.

Please note: 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.

Question 2

How many people were arrested and convicted in that period in 'F' district for the theft of sheep?

Answer

One person was arrested and detained in respect of 4 of the incidents recorded on the table below and one person has been convicted for one offence.

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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.

Sheep reported stolen in F District January 2013 to December 2014

Year	Area	Quantity	Remarks
2013	DAST	17	17 x sheep
2013	DAST	36	
2013	DAST	39	Red paint mark on heads
2013	COOK	34	SUFFOLK AND TEXEL SHEEP
2013	COOK	23	SUFFOLK SHEEP
2013	OMAG	16	LAMB
2013	OMAG	37	37 x lambs stolen (£70 each)
2013	OMAG	1	Pregnant Ewe
2013	COOK	8	7 year old ewe, 4 month old lamb (texel)
2013	DAST	1	
2013	OMAG	4	3 Charalet sheep - female - brown & 1 suffolk - black
2013	DAST	5	5 X LAMBS, ORANGE MARKING
2013	OMAG	3	3 x LAMBS
2013	DAST	0	Lambs
2013	DAST	10	CROSS BREED. ALL FEMALE. 1-3 YEARS OLD
2013	OMAG	3	3 x lambs
2013	DAST	4	ear tagged
2013	DAST	16	16 X BLACK FACED SPRING LAMBS AT £90 EACH
2013	FERM	8	red mark of heads
2013	FERM	22	
2014	OMAG	0	RAM
2014	FERM	3	1 EWE AND 2 LAMBS
2014	DAST	0	
2014	DAST	8	CROSS BREED SUFFOLK LAMBS X 8
2014	FERM	7	
2014	COOK	0	
2014	OMAG	4	
2014	COOK	47	47 x lambs
2014	COOK	95	9 lambs taken from a field
Total		451	

The records listed above are based on crimes which have been identified as agricultural in nature. Agricultural crime covers burglary, robbery and theft offences where the property or vehicles stolen have an agricultural link (eg farm equipment, agricultural vehicles, livestock) or where the location was agricultural (eg farm, farmhouse). This information is identified from both drop down pick lists and free text searches using key agricultural-related words.

Property details have then been linked to the crimes identified as agricultural and records have been included where property has been classified as stolen and the property details indicate sheep as the property stolen. In relation to ref 4 - both rows of property refer to the same incident report.

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One person was arrested and detained in custody in connection with 4 of the incidents listed above.