



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00479

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Road Rage Incidents

Request and Answer:

Question

How many crimes were recorded in your constabulary that were related to traffic crimes identified as 'road rage' incidents, in the years 2014, 2013 and 2012 (please split by year).

By 'road rage'. I refer to either a crime that was described at the time of the police report as 'road rage' or any assault or damage to a property that followed a road traffic accident. These could also be incidents where the offence was identified as 'driving aggressively' or 'driving in a panic'.

Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested and the response is as follows.

Please see the table below detailing the number of incidents where 'road rage' was mentioned in the initial call for service in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

	2012	2013	2014
Incidents	206	209	171

Source: PSNI Statistics branch

The table below details the recorded offences which resulted from incidents where 'road rage' was mentioned in the initial call for service in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

	2012	2013	2014
Violence against the person	27	31	28
Theft offences	1		
Criminal damage	4	8	3
Drug offences	1		
Possession of weapons offences	1	2	1
Public order offences	1		

Source: PSNI Statistics branch

Please note: This information is based on data extracted from a live 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. Blank cells denote a nil value.

Please note that figures within the current financial year (i.e. from 1st April 2014) are provisional and will be subject to change.

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