

Keeping People Safe



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2022-00614

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Vehicle Theft (2020 - 2022)

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

I would like to request the number of recorded thefts of a vehicle, and thefts from a vehicle (as separate figures please) in:

- the 12 months to March 7, 2022
- the 12 months to March 7, 2021
- the 12 months to March 7, 2020

#### Request 2

If possible within the cost and time limits, could you include the type of vehicle stolen, and what items were stolen from vehicles, please?

#### Answer

Please see attached spreadsheet titled, '00614 - Recorded Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle and Theft from a vehicle offences, during the period 8 March 2019 - 7 March 2022' for information requested.

Please note: The use of the 'stolen' classification in relation to vehicles is not complete. Therefore not all of the identified 'Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle' offences will have an associated vehicle. Where a vehicle has been classified as 'stolen', this may mean that the vehicle was stolen as a result of the offence, or it may mean that the vehicle was stolen separately and then used in the execution of the offence.

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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', or use the ICO self-service portal available at [www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/](http://www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/)

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 their discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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