

Keeping People Safe



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** FOI-2021-00802

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Catalytic Converter Thefts

### 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

We would like to know the rise in catalytic converter theft in your force area and the makes and models of vehicles targeted. In particular we request the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

The number of catalytic converter thefts reported in calendar years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

#### Answer

Please see the response in the table below:

Financial Year	Theft from a Vehicle offences where 'Catalytic Converters' were classified as stolen
2016	0
2017	0
2018	0
2019	5
2020	4

#### Request 2

For each of the calendar years for which this data is available, the manufacturer of the cars targeted in each offence

#### Request 3

For each of the calendar years for which this data is available, the specific model of the cars targeted in each offence.

### Answers to Request Numbers 2 and 3

No thefts were recorded in 2016 -2018, please see the responses provided in the table below for 2019 and 2020:

Year of Offence	Vehicle Type	Manufacturer	Model
2019	Car	HOND	
2019	Car	HOND	JAZZ S
2019	Car	HOND	JAZZ S
2019	Car	VAUX	VIVARO 2900 C D TI
2019	Car	IVEC	DAILY 50C 15V
2020	Car	PEUG	206 SPORT HDI
2020	Car	TOYO	
2020	Car	SUBU	Impreza
2020	Car	AUDI	TT CONVERTIBLE

### Request 4

For each of the above calendar years, the number of arrests for theft (or suspicion of theft) or for handling stolen vehicle catalytic converters.

### Answer

There were no arrests made in relation to the offences provided in the table above.

Please note that the information provided is based on all recorded theft from a vehicle offences, where property classified as 'stolen' was identified as a catalytic converter, for the period 2016 - 2020. The property details have been identified where the text 'catalytic' or 'cat con' was contained in the property common name or property remarks fields. For offences which took place in 2020, additional information on the vehicle involved, and where the offence took place, have been included.

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.

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 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.