

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-01371

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Moped Enable Crime

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I 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 know how many thefts occurred from robbers on a moped between 2019 to 2020 and 2020 to 2021.

Request 2

If possible, I would also like to know the address of each complaint. Just the town name is sufficient if full address cannot be provided.

Request 3

I would also like to know the items that were stolen. (E.g., mobile phone, headphones, etc) If the data is easily accessible, please provide the phone model/make, headphone make etc.

Answer

PSNI cannot provide information that appropriately answers your requests relating to moped-enabled theft. Whilst PSNI hold data it is based on crimes recorded where the vehicle linked to the incident against which the crime was recorded was classified 'involved in offence', then using vehicle type as 'motorcycle' and then further examining the records of the vehicle type description to obtain further details to establish if it is a 'moped'.

Where a motorcycle or moped was effectively involved in an offence but this was not recorded under the 'involved in offence' classification, the incident **will not appear** in the list of records provided. Similarly, a vehicle classified as 'involved in offence' this may not necessarily refer to it having been an accessory to the commission of the crime.

To assist a search of the data was carried out and based on the method described above, data extracted for the period January 2019 to date, **did not identify any records** where a moped was classified as 'involved in offence' and where a crime of robbery or theft involving items being stolen from a person was recorded.

PSNI further examined the vehicle classification to 'motorcycle', and there were no robbery offences

identified and no theft offences that met the criteria mentioned within your requests.

However the search limitations as described above should be taken into account, particularly in terms of incidents which PSNI may not have been able to identify.

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.

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.