



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-02249

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Theft and Burglary

Subject: Van 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

The total number of van/Light Commercial Vehicle (LCV) thefts reported between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, as well as for the previous year between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021. Please provide the numbers broken down by year and month.

Answer

Please see the table below for the total number of van/light commercial thefts that were reported between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 along with the previous year between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021.

	2020	2021	2022
January	-	5	3
February	-	8	5
March	-	2	6
April	-	4	6
May	-	7	6
June	-	2	5
July	-	3	1
August	-	3	5
September	4	8	-
October	7	6	-
November	4	1	-
December	9	6	-

Request 2

If available, please provide a breakdown of where the van/LCV thefts occurred (eg: home, car park, work etc.) for the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022. Please provide the numbers/locations broken down by month.

Answer

The table below is based on all recorded offences of '48 Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle' or '37.2 Aggravated Vehicle Taking' where a vehicle described as 'van' was classified as 'stolen', broken down by offence location category, during the period September 2020 – August 2022.

Location	Commercial	Dwelling	Public/Open Place	Shop	Missing/Unknown	Total
2021						
September	-	4	4	-	-	8
October	1	3	1	-	1	6
November	-	-	1	-	-	1
December	-	3	3	-	-	6
2022						
January	-	1	2	-	-	3
February	-	4	1	-	-	5
March	-	4	2	-	-	6
April	2	1	2	-	1	6
May	-	1	4	-	1	6
June	-	2	1	-	2	5
July	-	1	-	-	-	1
August	-	2	3	-	-	5

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 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/

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.

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

confidentiality.