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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 820/24 SHOPLIFTING OFFENCES

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 10th September. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you disclose the following information:

1. *In the last 5 years, [Between April 6- April 5 2019-2024] - how many shoplifting offences have there been in the area that the force covers? (Broken down by years, 2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24).*
 - 1a) *Of these offences during this five year period, how many prosecutions were made?*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The information provided below has been extracted from records held on the Constabulary's Crime Recording system.

1. The table below shows the number of shoplifting offences recorded by Cumbria Constabulary in the years specified in your request.

Year	Shoplifting Crimes Recorded
2019/20	2192
2020/21	1392
2021/22	1776
2022/23	2047
2023/24	2259
TOTAL	9666



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- 1a) With regards to the number of shoplifting offences which resulted in a prosecution, Cumbria Constabulary does not hold this information. You may wish to consider contacting the Crown Prosecution Service to see if it could provide you with this information.

Alternatively, Cumbria Constabulary does hold information relating to crime outcomes which would show how shoplifting crimes were resolved. This would include, for example, the number of shoplifting crimes which resulted in a person having been charged, cautioned etc.

If this information would still be of interest to you, please submit a revised request to freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk to request crime outcomes for shoplifting offences for the time period you are interested in.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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