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Dear

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 828/24 Santa Clause Incidents**

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

*Please disclose every incident reported to the force involving either 'Santa' or 'Santa Clause' for each of the following calendar years - 2022 / 2023 / 2024*

*For each incident, please disclose:*

*\* A full log of the incident, as recorded by your own force. Please redact any names or addresses that would prohibit disclosure*

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 in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's incident recording database. A key word search using the terms 'Santa' and 'Clause' has been used, the results were then reviewed and only incidents relevant to the request were included.

There have been 6 reports located which are relevant to your request. These incidents are detailed in the table below.

<b>Date of Incident</b>	<b>Opening remarks</b>	<b>Closure Summary</b>
21/11/2022	Just would like to report Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage of our Santa grotto in or Shopping Centre. We had two young lads this morning one dressed in all black and one dressed all grey both with hoods up at around 11:33am that climbed over the grotto fence and pushed down some of the Christmas trees and then looked like they had been stamped on after he had pushed them over, We have put them back in place and	SUMMARY A CRIME REPORT WAS SUBMITTED FOR CRIMINAL DAMAGE. 2832 HAS ATTENDED AND SPOKEN TO THE CALLER. WE HAVE CHECKED THE TREES AND THERE IS NO PERMANENT DAMAGE TO WHICH THE CALLER AGREES. 2832 I HAVE ADDED A FULL SUMMARY IN THE BODY OF THE LOG THE



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	sorted them as best as we can but we used man hours for our main team to do this. we have the lads on cctv if one of your officers would like to view when one is in town. I think its a couple of young lads that we have had problems with in the past.	CRIME WILL BECANCELLED. 2832 THE LOG CAN BE CLOSED
26/11/2022	2855 - SANTA SMASHED AND DRAGGED	CR Submitted for Criminal damage where Unknown suspect/s have dragged a decorative Santa from outside a store. This has caused the Santa's head to fall off and lights to no longer work.
28/11/2022	MALE WHITE, 5'9, SHORT DARK HAIR, NAVY JEANS, MUSTARD PUFFER JACKET JUST LEFT WITH A 3FT GOLD SANTA VALUED AT £24.99 WENT LEFT UP PAST TESCO	CR FOR SHOPLIFTING
31/10/2023	CALLER WANTS TO REPORT THAT A SUS MALE HAS BEEN WALKING ROUND THE ESTATE ASKING FOR SOMEONE CALLED AMY WITH A SANTA HAT ON TAKING PICTURES. HE ALSO HAS A HIGH VIS ON.	OBS PASSED
10/11/2023	PRE-PLANNED EVENTS : 507	SUMMARY: LOG FOR INFORMATION REGARDING SANTA SLEIGH. NPT SGT AWARE
07/12/2023	HIGHWAY DISRUPTION	SUMMARY: SANTA EXPRESS THIS WAS SEEN EARLIER, IT IS AN ORGANISED CHARITY EVENT, THEY HAVE SUPPORT VEHICLES EITHER SIDE WITH ORANGE BEACONS FLASHING, PATROL HAS SPOKEN WITH THEM AND THEY ARE PACKING IN FOR TONIGHT VERY SHORTLY

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.



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



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