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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 281/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 5 March 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can I get data on the number of luxury watches and handbags that have been stolen between 2019 -2024?

By luxury, I mean watches and handbags worth £2,000 or more. I would like data in calendar years.

I have split my requests up in two sections. Please let me know if you need me to clarify anything, or need anything else from me.

SECTION 1: Luxury watches

1) Please could you provide information on how many thefts of luxury watches there have been for the following years: 2019 to 2024

2) What were the top 10 most commonly stolen luxury watch brands? For each brand, could you list the total number of luxury watches stolen during 2024?

3) What were the top 10 most common locations where luxury watches were stolen? (For example, hotel/restaurant/street/pub/gym). For each location, could you list the total number of luxury watches stolen during 2024?

SECTION 2: Luxury handbags

1) Please could you provide information on how many thefts of luxury handbags there have been for the following years: 2019 to 2024

2) What were the top 10 most commonly stolen luxury handbag brands? For each brand, could you list the total number of luxury handbags stolen during 2024?

3) What were the top 10 most common locations where luxury handbags were stolen? (For example, hotel/restaurant/street/pub/gym). For each location, could you list the total number of luxury handbags stolen during 2024?



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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.

Question 1 – Sections 1 & 2

	Year						
Detail	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Watch	11	1	3	10	5	6	36
Handbag						1	1
Grand Total	11	1	3	10	5	7	37

The above data is the overall number of luxury watches and handbags stolen between 01/01/2029 and 31/12/2024. Please note this is a count of property items, not the number of crime reports, some crimes had multiple watches stolen.

Question 2 – Sections 1 & 2

	Year
Detail	2024
Watch	6
Rolex	2
Breitling	1
Tudor	1
Cartier	1
Not Stated	1
Handbag	1
Chanel	1
Grand Total	7

Question 3 – Sections 1 & 2

	Year
Detail	2024
Watch	6
Home	2
Café	1
Hotel	1
Civil	1
Gym	1
Handbag	1
Postal Service	1
Grand Total	7

To retrieve information relevant to your request data was extracted from the Constabulary's crime/custody recording system for the offences 'Theft' and 'Robbery' for the date period 01/01/2019-31/12/2024.



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A keyword search using the terms 'watch', 'handbag', 'Rolex', 'Omega', 'Breitling', 'Cartier' and 'Tudor' has been used.

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the keyword(s) were recorded in a different field to that which has been searched, or if another name or term was used to describe a watch or handbag, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken. For this reason, although provided in good faith, the information may not be wholly accurate.

Where 'civil' is shown for a location, this was a dispute between 2 people living together and subsequently ending their relationship and there was a civil dispute regarding who owned the property in question.

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

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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