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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1191/25 HGV Fuel Theft

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 6th August 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *The number of reported incidents of HGV (Heavy Goods Vehicle) fuel theft in your County for each of the past five full calendar years.*
2. *The number of prosecutions that have resulted from these reported incidents within the same time periods.*

If possible, I would appreciate it if the data for each year could also be broken down by month. However, if this is not possible within the cost and time limits of the FOI Act, the annual totals will be sufficient.

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.

Please note: the information provided was extracted from Cumbria Constabulary's crime recording system. A keyword search of 'MO' (crime notes) was completed for 'Fuel' or 'Diesel' AND 'HGV'. A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

No prosecution data is held however the number of crimes where an individual was charged was provided instead. Please note that most of the crimes had no suspect identified.

Question 1.

Number of recorded crimes 'Theft from a vehicle' including keywords fuel/diesel and HGV in MO between 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2024.

Year						
Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Jan				1		1
Feb	1		6	1	1	9
Apr			1			1
Jun		2	1	1		4



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Jul		1				1
Sep	1	1	1			3
Oct		4				4
Nov		2			1	3
Grand Total	2	10	9	3	2	26

Question 2

There was one person charged with the crime listed above in 2022.

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

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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



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