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Dear XXXXXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 694/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 2 July 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding counterfeit vehicle parts in the United Kingdom over the past five years.

Please provide the following data for your police force area:

- 1. The total number of counterfeit vehicle parts (such as tyres, wheels, airbags and brakes) that have been seized, for each of the past five calendar years (2020–2024, and any available data for 2025 to date).*
- 2. How many arrests have been made in connection with the sale of counterfeit vehicle parts for each of the past five calendar years.*
- 3. The total estimated monetary value (£) of the seized counterfeit car parts.*
- 4. The total number of reported cases of counterfeit vehicle parts being sold.*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm the information you seek is held by Cumbria Constabulary. However, as there is no offence code for counterfeit vehicle parts, we are unable to provide any information in respect of your request as it would require a manual search of all relevant records relating to counterfeit goods to extract the information you have requested.

I have estimated the time required to extract the relevant information required will exceed the "appropriate limit" as this would require a manual review of all relevant entries.

The "appropriate limit" is set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and the current limit for police forces is set at £450, which equates to 18 hours of work.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information, if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request will exceed the appropriate limit. In view of this, and in accordance with Section 17(5) of the Act, this letter serves as a Refusal Notice for your request.

In accordance with my duty under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000 (Duty to provide advice and assistance), I have tried to think of a way to recommend that your request may be refined to bring it under the limit explained above. At this time, unfortunately, I have no suggestions, due to the way that the information requested is recorded.



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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

Complaints to the Information Commissioner can also be made online:

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



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