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12 February 2025

Dear XXXXX

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 75/25**

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 17 January 2025.  
I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. For the months of November and December 2024 how many crimes were logged by your force where a machete was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO of crimes for the words "machete" or variants of the spelling to include "machette" and "machetes".*
- 2. Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 1 that are 'linked' to machete/s by its mention in the MO.*
- 3. Taking the month of December 2024 please provide me with copies of the first 5 MOs that mention machetes. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted].*

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.

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|  | 2024 | Grand Total |
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| Nov                | 4        | 4        |
| Dec                | 3        | 3        |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>7</b> |

**2. Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 1 that are 'linked' to machete/s by its mention in the MO.**

|                                                                                       | Nov      | Dec      | <b>Grand Total</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| Having An Article With A Blade Or Point In A Public Place                             | 1        | 0        | <b>1</b>           |
| Having Possession Of A Controlled Drug With Intent To Supply. Class A Cocaine         | 0        | 1        | <b>1</b>           |
| Send communication threatening death or serious harm                                  | 2        | 1        | <b>3</b>           |
| Threaten a person with an article in a private place                                  | 1        | 0        | <b>1</b>           |
| Wounding, &C, With Intent To Do Grievous Bodily Harm, &C., Or To Resist Apprehension. | 0        | 1        | <b>1</b>           |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                                                    | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>7</b>           |

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| Known offender has brandished a machete over video call stating that he will kill their father.                                                                                                                                                                                           | 14/12/2024 |
| Suspects have been stopped in vehicle and subject to MDA search. Search itself was negative. Subsequent S.18 search on home addresses locate quantities of Class A Cocaine and Class B Cannabis, as well as large quantities of cash money Also located is a machete and a locking knife. | 17/12/2024 |



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| Suspect has swung a machete towards the victim then kicked him to the face causing facial injuries                  |            |
| SECONDARY CRIME - Possession of an offensive weapon. S has been in possession of an 8inch machete in a public place | 20/12/2024 |

The above information has been obtained from our crime recording system using keyword search of 'Machette' and 'Machete' as requested.

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.

to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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