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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 528/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 14th May 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would be grateful if you could provide the following data, ideally covering the past five years. If five years of data is not available, the most recent two years will suffice:

1. The number of reported tool thefts, broken down by:

- a. Theft from vehicles*
- b. Theft from residences*
- c. Theft from workplaces*

Please include this data by postcode area, if possible.

2. For thefts from vehicles:

- a. The make and model of the vehicles targeted*
- b. The number of offences associated with each make and model*

3. The time of day and day of the week when these offences occurred, segmented by theft location (vehicle, residence, workplace).

4. The recorded outcomes of these offences, including:

- a. Whether the tools were recovered*
- b. Whether an arrest was made*
- c. Whether the case resulted in no further action*

5. Monthly breakdown of tool thefts over the requested time period.

6. Number of tool theft offences by postcode area.

7. A breakdown of the types or categories of tools stolen, and the number of incidents involving each type.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm the information you seek is held by Cumbria Constabulary. However, for this information to be extracted it would require a manual review of each of the 236 crimes related to question 2(a) Make and model of vehicle and 441 crimes related to question 7, type of tools stolen. Please also note that this information would be contained within a free text box and would therefore be dependent on what information was recorded at the time. This also may not be accurate due to victim's stress at the time of reporting the initial crime and that property lists may be incomplete.



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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.

However, as a gesture of goodwill and in keeping with the duty to provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act, I can provide you with some information which has been retrieved within the 18-hour limit. This information is provided below.

1a. The number of reported tool thefts from vehicles.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Jan	8	3	4	3	5	6	29
Feb	23	3	2	1	5	2	36
Mar	9	2	3	6	1	8	29
Apr	2	6	11	2	3	2	26
May	2	4	4	1	1	1	13
Jun	3	4	4	3	2		16
Jul	1	3	2	4	3		13
Aug	2	3	4	2	1		12
Sep	4	1	3	1	3		12
Oct	9	4	3		2		18
Nov	1	1	4	5	2		13
Dec	7	1	1	4	6		19
Grand Total	71	35	45	32	34	19	236

1b. The number of reported tool thefts from residences.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Jan	5	9	7	5	8	9	43
Feb	22	7	2	2	10	5	48
Mar	7	11	8	5	9	12	52
Apr	4	7	12	4	4	4	35
May	10	2	4	2	3	6	27
Jun	6	3	6	9	7		31
Jul	2	7	5	2	4		20
Aug	9	13	15	8	5		50
Sep	11	8	5	4	8		36
Oct	10	4	6	5	12		37
Nov	9	5	5	6	4		29
Dec	8	7	3	5	10		33
Grand Total	103	83	78	57	84	36	441



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1c. The number of reported tool thefts from workplaces

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Jan	0	0	3	0	0	1	4
Feb	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Mar	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Apr	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Jul	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Aug	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Sep	1	2	0	2	1	0	6
Oct	0	1	0	1	2	0	4
Nov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
Grand Total	6	5	4	5	6	2	28

3.

The day and time of day each vehicle theft was committed.

	AM	PM	Grand Total
Monday	12	22	34
Tuesday	14	23	37
Wednesday	13	26	39
Thursday	13	12	25
Friday	9	16	25
Saturday	12	22	34
Sunday	10	32	42
Grand Total	83	153	236

The day and time of day each residence theft was committed.

	AM	PM	Grand Total
Monday	19	45	64
Tuesday	19	61	80
Wednesday	17	34	51
Thursday	18	48	66
Friday	25	35	60
Saturday	12	46	58
Sunday	12	50	62
Grand Total	122	319	441

The day and time of day each workplace theft was committed.

	AM	PM	Grand Total
Monday	1	7	8
Tuesday		1	1
Wednesday	1	5	6



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Thursday	3	4	7
Friday	3	2	5
Saturday	1	0	1
Sunday	0	0	0
Grand Total	9	19	28

4.

The recorded outcomes of vehicle offences.

Outcome	Total
(blank)	2
OC1	8
OC4	1
OC14	7
OC15	14
OC16	5
OC18	195
OC21	4
Grand Total	236

The recorded outcomes of residence offences.

Outcome	Total
(blank)	24
OC1	13
OC1A	1
OC3	1
OC4	3
OC8	1
OC14	25
OC15	42
OC16	14
OC18	313
OC21	3
OC22	1
Grand Total	441

The recorded outcomes of workplace offences.

Outcome	Total
OC1	2
OC3	2
OC8	1
OC14	1



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OC15	4
OC16	3
OC18	14
OC21	1
Grand Total	28

Please note the outcome codes below.

Outcome Code	Outcome Description
OC1	Charge/summons
OC1A	Charge/Summoned with Alternate Offence
OC2	Caution - youths
OC2A	Youth Caution with Alternate Offence
OC3	Caution - adults
OC3A	Adult Caution with Alternate Offence
OC4	Taken into consideration
OC5	The Offender has Died (all offences)
OC6	Penalty Notice for Disorder
OC7	Cannabis warning
OC8	Community resolution
OC9	Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)
OC10	Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)
OC11	Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility
OC12	Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute
OC13	Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence
OC14	Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.
OC15	Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action
OC16	Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action
OC17	Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.
OC18	Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available



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OC19	National Fraud Intelligence Bureau Filed (NFIB ONLY)
OC20	Other Agency Delegations
OC21	Named suspect – further investigation not in public interest
OC22	Diversionary, educational or intervention activity undertaken

6.

Number of vehicle tool theft offences by postcode area.

Postcode	Total
CA1	13
CA10	9
CA11	14
CA12	5
CA13	1
CA14	28
CA15	6
CA16	2
CA2	37
CA20	1
CA23	2
CA25	1
CA26	1
CA28	9
CA3	12
CA4	4
CA5	2
CA6	3
CA7	12
CA8	4
CA9	2
LA11	1
LA12	5
LA13	2
LA14	17
LA15	3
LA18	1
LA21	4
LA22	3
LA23	1
LA5	1
LA6	5
LA7	4
LA8	5
LA9	14



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Unknown	2
Grand Total	236

Number of residential tool theft offences by postcode area.

Postcode	Total
CA1	20
CA10	12
CA11	20
CA12	3
CA13	8
CA14	42
CA15	24
CA16	2
CA17	8
CA2	35
CA21	1
CA22	7
CA23	5
CA25	12
CA26	3
CA27	2
CA28	23
CA3	6
CA4	13
CA5	5
CA6	7
CA7	20
CA8	10
CA9	2
LA11	9
LA12	21
LA13	9
LA14	35
LA15	3
LA17	1
LA18	4
LA19	1
LA20	3
LA22	8
LA23	1
LA6	4
LA7	7
LA8	13
LA9	29
TD9	1



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Unknown	2
Grand Total	441

Number of workplace tool theft offences by postcode area.

Postcode	Total
CA16	2
CA20	13
CA3	1
CA9	1
LA14	7
LA6	1
LA9	2
Unknown	1
Grand Total	28

Please Note

This information was retrieved from Cumbria Constabulary's crime recording system. For 'tools stolen from workplaces', this has been interpreted as the tools stolen by employees.

The following Search Criteria was applied to this Request:

Offences:

- Theft from a motor vehicle
- Residential burglary of a home
- Theft by an employee
- Theft from vehicle
- Residential burglary of a home
- Other theft
- 045/10
- 028/03
- 041/00

Key words:

- Tools
- DIY

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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