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Dear XXXXXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 114/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 26 January 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Is it possible for you to publish the data surrounding the ethnic statistics/split of those charged under the Theft Act 1968 in the latest previous calendar year.*
- 2. If possible to only publish the data around those whose charge was primarily due to phone theft/snatching*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

Question 1

Self Defined Ethnicity	Number of People
Asian - Any Other Asian Background	2
Black - African	1
Black - Any Other Black Background	1
Black - Caribbean	1
Mixed - White and Asian	1
Not Stated	44
Other - Any Other Ethnic Group	5
White - Any Other White Background	16
White - British	376
White - Irish	1
Grand Total	448

Regarding question 1 above you asked for people charged under the Theft Act 1968 – it should be noted that whilst many offences have remained the same under this Act, certain offences have been added since then or may have changed. As our Crime system uses



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offence names and categories not legislation, we have provided data for offences from specific offence groups as stated above. Please note, although Fraud was included under the original Theft Act, it is not included here as most offences were repealed and now come under the Fraud Act

Question 2

Self Defined Ethnicity	Number of People
Not Stated	1
White - British	15
Grand Total	16

In respect of question 2 above we filtered the records on those with a property item shown as stolen and a keyword of Mobile Phone.

Please note the data is distinct counted by person not crime, so if the same person were charged for two separate crimes they would only appear once on the list.

It is important to note that Crime Statistics reported as at a specific point in time, may change due to re-classification or cancellation of a Crime at a later date.

The above information has been obtained from our crime recording system.

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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