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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1630/25 Car Boot Offences

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 23rd December 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can I request the following information:

Q1. In the years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, how many times did officers from your force recover stolen property from car boot sales. Please breakdown by 1. Financial year 2. Property recovered (e.g. bicycles, tools, electronics, vehicles, other) and 3. Location of car boot sale.

Q2. In the years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, how many arrests or charges arose from recoveries of stolen goods at car boot sales during this period. Please breakdown by 1. Financial year 2. Arrest or charge.

Q3. Please provide any policy documents or standard operating procedures currently in force that relate specifically to policing car boot sales for stolen goods.

Your request for information has been considered, and the relevant searches have been conducted. I can advise you that no records have been found that are relevant to your request, therefore the response to your request is no information held.

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.

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



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