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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20200064

REQUEST

I would like to know the number of reported thefts of parcels (post) to your force over the last two calendar years.

Please break the numbers down by year – 2018 & 2019, and include any extra details where relevant.

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with your request. The Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

Please find attached completed FOI and below explanation.

I have provided a count of offences recorded on CONNECT Crime where the Property Class 3 is equal to 'Cardboard Box; Post - Letters / Parcel' and the property is recorded as either 'Stolen or Stolen/Recovered'.

Between Incident Created Date 01-JAN-2018 and 31-DEC-2019.

Please note – some offences will have been recorded in accordance with the following Home Office Counting Rule –

The Principal Crime Rule (1 of 1) - IF THE SEQUENCE OF CRIMES IN AN INCIDENT, OR A COMPLEX CRIME, CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CRIME, THEN COUNT THE MOST SERIOUS