

15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20201443**

**REQUEST**

*1. How many crimes of theft from a vehicle, classed as 'van' or 'light commercial vehicle', where 'tools', 'tool', 'tools power' or 'tools sundry' were recorded as stolen has there been in the last three and a half years (2017-2020 - 2020 to the end of May - across the annual year, Jan-Jan) broken down by month?*

*2. How many of these cases resulted in a police charge?*

*3. How many of these cases resulted in tools being 'recovered' or 'returned to owner'?*

**RESPONSE**

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

(CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4th December 2017 and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from that date onwards)

Unfortunately given the current situation the Administrator is not currently working in police premises and cannot access the software needed to extract data from CMS (legacy system) we will provide this as soon as we are able to do so. Her explanation is as follows:

*CMS(ii) Data –*

*Given the present situation, I am currently working from home and cannot access the software needed to extract data from CMS(ii), however I will provide this as soon as I am able to do so but I cannot currently provide data for dates 01-Jan-2017 and 04-Dec-2017.*

In respect of Connect data from 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to date, she has provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria for Connect:

*Please see the attached data and the below explanation –*

*CONNECT Data –*

*I have provided a count of the offence Theft From Motor Vehicle recorded for CONNECT Crime between 04-Dec-2017 and 31-May-2020 where the Property Status is Stolen and/or Stolen\Recovered and the Property Class 2 is either Plant, Tools or Garden (Not all classes under Garden may be applicable i.e. Barbeque etc.) and the Vehicle Type is one of the following –*

*Box Van*

*Car Derived*

Van  
Fitted Van  
Light Van  
Luton Van  
Panel Van  
Van

*Of the offence count, I have included a breakdown by Offence Outcome. This includes all outcomes, not just Charged/Summonsed.*

*I have not included a breakdown by Property Status – Stolen\Recovered as this is not a mandated requirement within CONNECT, and therefore may return inaccurate results.*