



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 001378-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

1. *For the months of November and December 2016 how many crimes were logged by your force where a machete was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO of crimes for the words "machete" or variants of the spelling to include "machette" and "machetes".*
2. *Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Q.1 that are 'linked' to machete/s by its mention in the MO.*
3. *Taking the month of December 2016 please provide me with copies of the first 5 MOs that mention machetes. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted].*

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

This response is correct as of 26 January 2017

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences recorded during November and December 2016, where a machete was recorded as an element of the offence.

The search consisted of a freetext search of the word Machete and variants of the spelling (Machette, Mashette, Mechet, Macchete, Muchet).

There were a total of 2 offences located relevant to the request, both of which occurred in December 2016.

The MO for the two offences is as follows:

- GBH - victim attacked with a Machete after being lured to the property.
- Suspect allegedly stated he would buy a machete and chop victim up