



15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 000793/19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 For the months of November and December 2018 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 2018 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].
- 4 For the months of November and December 2018 how many crimes were logged by your force where acid 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 "acid" or "acid-attack".
- 5 Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Q.4 that are 'linked' to acid and acid attacks by its mention in the MO.
- 6 Taking the month of December 2018 please provide me with copies of the first 5 MOs that mention acid. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted].

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes using the terms 'machete' and 'acid'. Please see below results:-

Q1

Constabulary	Number of Crimes
NORFOLK	4
SUFFOLK	7

Q2

Offence	Number of Crimes
<b>NORFOLK</b>	

Possession of offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	1
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)	1
Affray	2
<b>SUFFOLK</b>	
Blackmail	1
Sec 4 POA Fear of provocation of violence	1
Affray	1
Having an article with a black or point in a public place	1
Possession of offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	1
Other criminal damage to a dwelling	1
Threats to kill	1

Q3

<b>MO</b>
<b>NORFOLK</b>
Assaulted by hitting victim across the head with a sheathed machete
All parties involved in violent altercation outside premises. Male came out with a machete
Known suspect picked up a machete and told the victim to get out of his house which made the victim fear for their life
<b>SUFFOLK</b>
DURING DAYTIME HOURS ON MAJOR A ROAD UNKNOWN SUSPECT HAS BRANDISHED MACHETE TOWARDS THE VICTIM CAUSING FEAR OF VIOLENCE
Suspect has grabbed a machete and a kitchen knife stating that he would cut himself if anyone walked into the home which caused the victim to fear for their safety
During hours of daylight on public street adult male has been in possession of a bladed article namely a machete
Offenders found in possession of offensive weapons upon arrest
Kicked door causing it to crack and the bottom hinge to snap off one of the offenders seen with a machete type knife

Q4

Constabulary	Number of Crimes
NORFOLK	4
SUFFOLK	3

Q5

Offence	Number of Crimes
<b>NORFOLK</b>	
Arson not endangering life	1
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety	1
Harassment - without violence	1
Assault without injury - common assault and battery	1
<b>SUFFOLK</b>	
Criminal damage to dwelling	1

Sec 5 POA Harassment, alarm or distress	1
Assault without injury - common assault and battery	1

Q6

<b>MO</b>
<b>NORFOLK - Nil</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>
Has knocked on victims door and thrown brandy from a mug into the victims face and eyes causing no injury. He thought could have been acid at the time.

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>  
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;  
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the  
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker  
Information Management Department  
Norfolk Constabulary  
Operations and Communications Centre  
Jubilee House  
Falconers Chase  
Wymondham  
Norfolk NR18 0WW  
OR  
Email: [freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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