



11th June 2019

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001750/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 9th May 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you provide me with the number of blackmail crimes, in each of the past two financial years (2017/18 and 2018/19), where a webcam has been involved in some way, i.e. where either webcam, web cam or video are mentioned in the summary of the report.

Could you provide a summary of each report, including outcome, and state whether the alleged victim was aged under 16, 16 to 18 or over 18.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 29th May 2019.

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

Financial Year	Webcam	Web Cam	Video
NORFOLK			
2017/18	0	0	21
2018/19	14	2	86
SUFFOLK			
2017/18	2	0	17
2018/19	2	0	51

Please note:-

In 2018/19, there are 8 Norfolk crimes that are included in the figures for both 'video' and 'Webcam/Web Cam'.

In 2018/19, there are 2 Suffolk crimes that are included in the figures for both 'video' and 'Webcam'.

Age Band	Webcam	Web Cam	Video
NORFOLK – 2017/18			
Under 16	-	-	-
16 to 18	-	-	2

Over 18	-	-	17
Not Recorded	-	-	2
NORFOLK – 2018/19			
Under 16	-	-	2
16 to 18	1	-	8
Over 18	13	2	73

Age Band	Webcam	Video
SUFFOLK – 2017/18		
Under 16	-	-
16 to 18	-	1
Over 18	2	16
SUFFOLK – 2018/19		
Under 16	-	2
16 to 18	-	6
Over 18	2	42
Not Recorded	-	1

Outcome	Number
NORFOLK 2017/18	
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	1
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	7
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	2
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	9
Type 21 - Further investigation resulting from crime report which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action against the suspect is not in the public interest - police decision.	2
NORFOLK 2018/19	
Type 3 – Caution Adult	1
Type 9 – Prosecution Not in the Public Interest (CPS)	1
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	2
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	18
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	6
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	3
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending	69

Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	
Not Recorded / Under Investigation	2

Outcome	Number
SUFFOLK 2017/18	
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	16
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	1
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	2
SUFFOLK 2018/19	
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	2
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	49
Not Recorded / Under Investigation	1

Please see incident summaries below:-

NORFOLK 2017/18 Video

Threat to publish video to contacts
Demand for money not to publish video
Cash demanded or will send video to family and friends
Victim blackmailed following sexual offence
Threat of violence unless image sent
Threat to distribute video to family & friends unless money sent
Demand for money or video will be sent to family and friends
Victim has been blackmailed or images will be sent
Money requested to prevent a naked video being posted on the internet
Threat made to distribute images
Money demanded in order not to share video
Threat to post video on social media
Engaged in sexual video and later blackmailed
Demand for money or video will be distributed
Threat to post video to internet unless money paid
If money not paid, will post video to social media
Demand for money or video will be sent to contacts
Suspect has threatened to post pictures on internet if money not paid

Suspect demands money or will post video to internet and social media
Threat to share images and video unless further are sent
Video recorded and victim blackmailed to pay money

NORFOLK 2018/19 – Webcam

Threatened to send naked pictures to family members
Blackmailed victim into sending money or they would send the video to family
Email threat to release video footage of the IP
Demand for money or explicit video would be shared with friends and family
Suspect has captured footage and threatened to publish it
Demand money is sent via link provided in order that video of the victim is deleted
Online suspect threatens to share pictures of victim accessing porn website
Email sent demanding money to prevent the release of footage
Victim has communicated over webcam and then been blackmailed
Email demanding money or they will publish a video
Emails sent stating that data will be erased if money is not transferred
Emails demanding money or footage would be forwarded to friends and family
Suspect has threatened to publish images on the internet if money was not paid
Demands for money were made threatening to distribute sexual images if not paid

NORFOLK 2018/19 Web Cam

Threat to send recording to friends and family if victim did not send money
If money not paid threat to send footage to all contacts.

NORFOLK 2018/19 Video

Threat of assault if victim didn't give money to suspect
Demand for money or altered image would be distributed
Threat to send video to others if further video not received
Demand for money or video would be shared
Demand for money or video would be shared
Demand for money or explicit images would be distributed
Images would be sent to family if money not paid
If money not paid images would be shared to family and internet
Video would be sent to family if money not paid
Threat from suspect following images being sent
Video would be posted to social media unless money paid
Video footage would be released if money not paid
Video footage would be shared with friends and family if money not paid
Threat to share video unless money paid

Demand for money or video would be uploaded to internet
Demand for money or screenshots would be shared
Demand for money to delete screenshot
Threat of sending video to victim's friends unless money paid
Demand for money to be paid
Threat to share video online unless money paid
Email demand for money to delete video
Threat to share pictures unless money paid
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be distributed
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Demand for money or video would be shared
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Demand for money or video posted to Facebook
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released

Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Demand for money or video will be sent to contacts
Video used to demand money
Threat to share video with family, friends and via social media
Threat to show video to relative
Demand for money or sexual videos would be distributed
Threat to post video on line if money not received
Email requesting money after accessing pornographic site
Threat to post video to Facebook and family if money not received
Money demanded after claims that images and videos have been obtained
Text received demanding money in exchange for a video not to be distributed
Email demanding money or video would be disclosed
Video would be sent to family and friends if money not paid
Threat to distribute video if money not paid
After video sent money was demanded
Demand for money or footage would be shared with contacts
Demand for money or video would be published
Demand for money or video would be sent to contacts
Explicit videos requested or images would be shared publicly
Demand for money or video would be posted to social media
Demand for money or video would be posted to social media
Demand for money or video would be posted to the internet
Demand for money or video posted to internet
Threat to send screenshots to family if money not paid
Video would be posted to internet if money not paid
Images exchanged and then a threat to post to social media if money not paid
Threat to share video unless victim continues

SUFFOLK 2017/18 Webcam

Demand for money or images would be posted to Facebook
If money not paid images would be posted to internet and shared with family and friends

SUFFOLK 2017/18 Video

Threat to send video to others unless money paid
Threat to send video to friends unless money paid
Email demanding money to stop video being sent
Demand for money or video would be published
Demand for money or video would be sent to family and friends
Money demand or video would be sent to Facebook contacts
Threat to post video unless money paid
Threat to post video to internet unless money paid
Threat to disclose images
Blackmailed in relation to a video
Demand for money or video would be sent to family and friends
Screenshot would be sent out unless money paid
Victim subject to blackmail and money demanded
Money demanded or video would be sent to Facebook
Money paid and video distributed
Money demanded or video would be distributed
Money demand

SUFFOLK 2018/19 Webcam

Video would be sent to contacts if money not paid
Naked images would be circulated unless money paid

SUFFOLK 2018/19 Video

Demand for money or images would be sent to friends
Demand for money or would post video to social media
Demand for money or video would be sent to contacts
Demand for money or video would be sent to contacts
Demand for money or video would be sent to friends
Demand for money or video would be shared
Demand for money or video would be released
Demand for money to delete video
Demand for money or video shared with contacts
Video recorded and victim blackmailed
Demand for money or video would be published to internet
Demand for money or video would be shared with contacts
Victim blackmailed over video
Email demanding money or video would be sent to contacts

Email demanding money or video would be sent to contacts
Demand for money to delete video
Demand for money or images sent to friends and family
Demand for money or images sent to friends and family
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Video posted on Facebook
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Email demanding money or video would be released
Demand for money or video sent to friends and family
Demand for money following video recording
Demand for money or video to be posted to social media
Threat to send video to friends and family
Demand for money or video would be shared with friends
Request for further images in order not to release images
Demand for money or video would be released
Blackmailed over video footage
Demand for money over a video
Request for further images in order not to release images
Demand for money or video would be released
Demand for money in relation to recordings of victim
Demand for money to prevent images being circulated
Demand for money via social media
Demand for money or images will be posted to social media
Blackmailed for money in relation to a video
Threat to share video unless further images received
Threat to share video unless more images are sent

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/>

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies are not responsible for the content, or the reliability, of the website referenced. The Constabulary cannot guarantee that this link will work all of the time, and we have no control over the availability of the linked pages.

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*

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 or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700