

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003275-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 10 September 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"Please state the number of offence records listed in your crime database that contain each of the following phrases: "smart device"; "smart TV"; "smart home"; "Alexa"; "Google Home"; "Nest" (thermostat).*

Please identify these by conducting a free text search of your crime database, and provide information for each of the last five years (starting January 1 2014), and the current year to August 31.

2. *Please provide a breakdown of the kind of offences recorded that contain these keywords.*
3. *Please provide an anonymised copy of the crime report for each incident recorded. If this is too onerous, please focus on areas around domestic abuse and stalking."*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 26 September 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences that contain one or more of the terms "smart device"; "smart TV"; "smart home"; "Alexa"; "Google Home"; "Nest" (thermostat).

The information provided below confirms that 15 offences were located during the 2014 – 2019 (to date) calendar year.

Please note that freetext searches are by their very nature, unreliable and consequently there may be additional relevant offences recorded that have not been provided owing to the words being misspelt or not being included within the crime text.

Year	Keyword	Offence	Free text
2014	Smart TV	Burglary Dwelling	Have removed a Samsung 32-inch smart tv offenders have then gone upstairs and have taken 100 ukp from a purse located next to the victim whilst she slept
2015	Smart TV	Burglary Dwelling	Causing no damage to house upon entry and stole



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			rented smart tv ipad and other electrical items
2015	Smart TV	Burglary Dwelling	Gained entry making a search of the downstairs rooms removing a Samsung smart tv soundbar and various iphones and ipads
2015	Smart TV	Dwelling Burglary	Once inside search made and items, including smart tv, taken from within.
2015	Smart TV	Dwelling Burglary	Overnight a rented smart television and attached coin box has been taken from an empty secured rental property
2016	Smart TV	Dwelling Burglary	Amongst items taken were a 422 smart jvc flat screen tv, a number of Christmas presents that had been wrapped, toiletries and other household items.
2016	Smart TV	Threats To Kill	Chucked a plastic bottle at victim leaving a bruise has caused extensive damage inside the property including smashed doors, wet paint over the lounge, smashed a smart television, smashed a mobile tablet, chucked items in the house everywhere and chucked paint over the master bedroom then since leaving the address sent abusive texts
2018	Alexa	Theft In A Dwelling Other Than From Automatic Machine Or Meter	Suspect has entered victims locked room and taken without consent an Alexa speaker and two bottles of alcohol
2018	Google home	Theft From Shops & Stalls	Suspect enters store conceals items within a bag including google home speakers and exits without paying
2018	Smart speaker	Theft If Not Classified Elsewhere	Suspect has sold ex-partners items including smart speaker
2018	Smart TV	Engage In Controlling/Coercive Behaviour In An Intimate / Family Relationship.	Has controlled her money and has monitored her phone and deleted and sent various message from her phone pretending to be her he has stolen her rental smart tv
2018	Smart TV	Theft In A Dwelling Other Than From Automatic Machine Or Meter	A smart tv has been stolen from inside females dwelling. Tv is rented
2019	Smart TV	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	Gained entry once inside made a search of cupboards and drawers in various rooms throughout the house stealing items including smart tv
2019	Smart TV	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	49 inch IG smart tv and an Xbox one stolen
2019	Smart TV	Theft If Not Classified Elsewhere	Victim reporting suspect refusing to hand back his Hitachi 32 inch smart tv value â£229.99

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.



Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, 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 Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 working 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
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances 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 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