



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003975-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 04th November, 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

“The number of incidents recorded by Suffolk Constabulary in which the terms ‘Santa’, ‘Father Christmas’ and ‘grotto’ were used between December 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

Please break down each incident to include the date, name of town or village, a brief description of what was reported, and what action was taken.

For example, 24/12/2018; Ipswich; Common assault at Santa’s grotto; male charged”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 05th November, 2019.

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary’s call system for all incidents recorded, which include the words Santa’, ‘Father Christmas’ or ‘grotto’.

The information provided below confirms the total number of calls received containing one or more of the keywords, including a brief description and any action that was subsequently taken.

Date	Town	Incident Code	Summary	Outcome (Linked Investigation)
11/12/2018	Halesworth	Sus Circs/Insecure Prem/Veh	Both wearing Santa hats	N/A
28/12/2018	Bury St Edmunds	Harassment	Picked up plastic Santa from outside and threw is against door	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties
20/12/2018	Ipswich Central	Sus Circs/Insecure Prem/Veh	W/M carrying a guitar and a Santa hat and a ASDA carrier bag	N/A
22/12/2018	Ipswich Central	Concern For Safety	White male - very drunk wearing a Santa hat	N/A
20/12/2018	Newmarket	N/A	Male - white wearing Santa outfit	N/A
03/12/2018	Beccles	Theft - Shoplifting	A customer advised a sales assistant the man had put Lego stock into a	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.



			large Santa sack	
02/12/2018	Bury St Edmunds	Found Prop/Pers/Smv	Has found a stolen purse near Santa's grotto	N/A
15/12/2018	Sudbury	Nuisance	Inft is concerned because there is a Santa run coming through @ 16:30	N/A
04/12/2018	Hadleigh	Rtc - Damage Only	Is wearing a Santa Claus outfit	N/A
07/12/2018	Ipswich Central	Burglary - Other	This contained approx 30 x secret Santa presents	Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition
02/12/2018	Bury St Edmunds	Found Prop/Pers/Smv	Has found a stolen purse near Santa's grotto	N/A

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