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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004290-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 27 November 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

“Please give details of how many reports of people/bodies have been found in the back of a lorry the force has had since 1 January 2014 until the time of answering this FOI request?”

Please include a breakdown of each incident, detailing

- 1) *The location of the incident*
- 2) *The date of the incident*
- 3) *The number of people found*
- 4) *Whether the case was referred to immigration services*
- 5) *Any charges that resulted from the discovery”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 29 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 recorded reports of people or persons located in lorries, where the disposal code is recorded as ‘immigration’.

The recorded information does not confirm whether or not the individual was referred to the immigration services and as there were no crimes raised as a result of these reports, there were no persons charged.

However, please note that the Constabulary does not generally deal with such instances and we would suggest contacting the Port of Felixstowe Police or the UK Border Agency for more comprehensive figures. If the UKBF deal with an incident, the incidents are not crimed by the Constabulary.

The table provided below confirms all instances of occasions where persons have been found either inside a lorry, or have bene located having fled from a lorry. The data will not include reports of persons being in lorries where no evidence or persons were located by the Constabulary.



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Date	Location	People found
05/09/2014	Haverhill	11
09/01/2015	Brandon	8
07/07/2015	Newmarket	3
07/10/2015	Stowmarket	8
22/10/2015	Ipswich South East	13
29/10/2015	Newmarket	12
24/11/2015	Haverhill	20
01/12/2015	Ipswich South East	4
15/02/2016	Haverhill	6
22/03/2017	A11 Barton Mills	1
18/05/2017	Haverhill	7
16/06/2017	St Edmundsbury Rural North	1
10/07/2017	Copdock	4
02/08/2017	Stowmarket	Not Recorded
18/08/2017	Newmarket	2
21/09/2017	Stowmarket	5
28/09/2017	St Edmundsbury Rural North	2
12/04/2018	A143	6
15/08/2018	St Edmundsbury Rural South	6
21/08/2018	Mildenhall	15
23/09/2018	Sudbury	1

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