



# SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

**REQUEST NUMBER:** FOI Request 004496-17

**REQUEST DETAILS:**

*"For the financial years 14/15, 15/16 and 16/17 please provide me with a list of all instances of your force losing a piece of evidence.*

*Please give breakdown including the month/year of the loss, a description of the evidence which went missing, and the outcome of any related disciplinary investigation for staff/officers. If it will not exceed the time limit, please also state the offence(s) the particular piece of evidence had been collected in relation to."*

**RESPONSE:**

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

*This response is correct as of 7 April 2017*

The Constabulary's electronic property system (EPS), in which all seized items are recorded, does not record whether or not the item was used for evidence. Therefore the information provided relates to items seized that have been recorded as 'missing' on the EPS.

Month/Year	Item	Detail	Outcome
April 2014	Clothing	Seized as evidence	Local investigation concluded the item has been returned to the owner but the correct paperwork was not completed.
August 2014	Jewellery	Seized as a result of a sudden death	PSD* investigation resulted in claim being made for the value of the items
October 2015	Cycle	Seized as left unallocated near crime scene	Believed to have been returned to owner but no signed receipt in property store.

No Constabulary employee was disciplined for any losses.

\*Professional Standards Department