



**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004514-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 10 December 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"The number of incidents of criminal damage to vehicles in Ipswich reported to Suffolk Constabulary each month from January 2018 December 2018.*
2. *I also require information on the number of incidents each month of these where an offender was charged, for the period specified above.*
3. *I also require the number of incidents of thefts of or from vehicles in Ipswich reported to Suffolk Constabulary each month for the period specified above, and*
4. *The number of these incidents each month where an offender was charged for the same period."*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 13 December 2018

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

A search has been carried out of the Constabulary's crime information system Athena, for all Criminal Damage to vehicle and Theft of/Theft from vehicles in Ipswich, during the 2018 calendar year.

Please note that we have provided data from January to November as this is the only full months' worth of data we currently hold. To retrieve the full December data, a further request will need to be made in January 2019.

The below data is broken down by relevant offence including attempted Criminal Damage and attempted Theft, then broken down by month.

***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.***

1. The following number of Criminal Damage to vehicle offences were recorded during 2018:

<b>Criminal Damage to vehicles in 2018 (including attempted)</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	67
February	72
March	72
April	82
May	66
June	53
July	52
August	60
September	81
October	82
November	61
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>748</b>

2. The number offenders charged for those offences referred in question1, is as follows:

<b>Criminal Damage Offenders charged</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Count</b>
January	0
February	2
March	3
April	5
May	3
June	3
July	5
August	1
September	0
October	1
November	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24</b>



3. The following number of Theft of or from Vehicle offences were recorded during 2018:

<b>Theft of or from Vehicles 2018 including attempted</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	Attempted - Theft from a motor vehicle	2
	Theft from a motor vehicle	95
	Theft of a motor vehicle	15
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	2
February	Attempted - Theft from a motor vehicle	2
	Theft from a motor vehicle	102
	Theft of a motor vehicle	8
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	5
March	Theft from a motor vehicle	111
	Theft of a motor vehicle	6
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	1
April	Attempted - Theft of a motor vehicle	1
	Theft from a motor vehicle	49
	Theft of a motor vehicle	15
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	4
May	Attempted - Theft from a motor vehicle	2
	Theft from a motor vehicle	30
	Theft of a motor vehicle	10
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	1
June	Attempted - Theft from a motor vehicle	1
	Attempted - Theft of a motor vehicle	1
	Theft from a motor vehicle	26
	Theft of a motor vehicle	9
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	5
July	Attempted - Theft from a motor vehicle	1
	Theft from a motor vehicle	28
	Theft of a motor vehicle	12
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	2
August	Theft from a motor vehicle	45



	Theft of a motor vehicle	8
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	5
September	Theft from a motor vehicle	88
	Theft of a motor vehicle	12
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	3
October	Attempted - Theft from a motor vehicle	2
	Theft from a motor vehicle	138
	Theft of a motor vehicle	15
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	3
November	Theft from a motor vehicle	61
	Theft of a motor vehicle	8
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	1
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>935</b>

4. The number offenders charged with those offences referred in question 3, is as follows:

<b>Theft Offenders charged</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	Theft from a motor vehicle	4
February	Theft of a motor vehicle	1
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	2
March	Theft from a motor vehicle	1
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	1
April	Theft from a motor vehicle	1
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	2
May	Theft of a motor vehicle	1
	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	1
June	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	2
August	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	1
October	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	1
November	Theft of a motor vehicle	1
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>19</b>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.



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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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

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Water Lane  
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