



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

Freedom of Information Request Reference No: 01.FOI.20.014751

I note you seek access to the following information:

I'm requesting information in relation to tool thefts from vehicles in your area over the last three and a half years (2017 - 2020 so far)

1. How many crimes of theft from a vehicle, classed as 'van' or 'light commercial vehicle', where 'tools', 'tool', 'tools power' or 'tools sundry' were recorded as stolen has there been in the last three and a half years (2017-2020 - 2020 to the end of May - across the annual year, Jan-Jan) broken down by month?
2. How many of these cases resulted in a police charge?
3. How many of these cases resulted in tools being 'recovered' or 'returned to owner'?

DECISION

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Please find attached information pursuant to your request above.

I would like to thank you for your interest in the MPS.

Information Rights Unit

A Count of Tool Theft Offences

01/01/2017 to 31/05/2020

FOIA/MOPAC Ref Number	01/FOI/20/014751
Summary	A Count of Tool Theft Offences for the period 01/01/2017 to 31/05/2020
Creating Branch / Directorate	MetHQ - Information and Insight
Date Created	22/06/2020
Review Date	22/06/2021

This report uses LIVE DATA extracted from: SAP BI

Date Live data was extracted: 22/06/2020

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Notes

Source System: The live data for this report was extracted from SAP BI on 22/06/2020.

Date Range: The date range for this data was set between 01/01/2017 and 31/05/2020/

Definition: A count of tool theft offences from a van.

Caveats:

The offence code 045/10 of theft from a motor vehicle was used in an offence run.

The vehicle type was filtered to VAN.

The property type was filtered to the following codes to determine 'tools' :

TA	Hand tools powered (electric/petrol etc.) exc. garden tools
TB	Hand tools mechanical/non-powered exc. garden tools
TC	Garden tools/equipment inc. electrical
TO	Tools/building/farm equipment-other/NK

The property status was filtered to the following codes to determine the stolen and recovered status:

SA	Property (inc. m/v) stolen/taken (exc. 'handled' or 'obt by deception').
FB	Property (inc. m/v) obtained by deception.
RA	Property (inc. m/v) recovered in full and undamaged (exc. Property found to have not been stolen)
RB	Property (inc. m/v) fully recovered but damaged.
RC	Property (inc. m/v) partially recovered.
RD	Property (exc. m/v) partially recovered in damaged condition.

The outcome was included in the offence run in order to find out which cases resulted in a charge.

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IMPORTANT: Please ensure that the Notes Page is read in conjunction with the data in this report to ensure that it is interpreted correctly.

A Count of Tool Theft Offences
Recorded between 01/01/2017 and 31/05/2020

Month	Years				Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Jan	509	406	651	570	2136
Feb	496	516	543	550	2105
Mar	557	526	559	459	2101
Apr	552	590	476	209	1827
May	567	514	641	286	2008
Jun	542	519	603	0	1664
Jul	456	595	561	0	1612
Aug	364	546	458	0	1368
Sep	508	580	624	0	1712
Oct	449	603	663	0	1715
Nov	516	661	592	0	1769
Dec	374	481	435	0	1290
Grand Total	5890	6537	6806	2074	21307

A Count of Tool Theft Offences Resulting in a Charge
Recorded between 01/01/2017 and 31/05/2020

Charge with Month	Years				Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Charge/Summons Alternate offen	1	1	2	0	4
Jan	0	0	1	0	1
Jun	0	1	0	0	1
Aug	1	0	1	0	2
Charged/Summonsed	22	24	17	4	67
Jan	2	3	2	1	8
Feb	0	0	1	1	2
Mar	2	1	2	1	6
Apr	2	1	1	1	5
May	1	3	2	0	6
Jun	3	0	0	0	3
Jul	2	1	2	0	5
Aug	6	8	1	0	15
Sep	2	0	2	0	4
Oct	0	5	0	0	5
Nov	2	0	3	0	5
Dec	0	2	1	0	3
Grand Total	23	25	19	4	71

A Count of Tool Theft Offences Recovered
Recorded between 01/01/2017 and 31/05/2020

Month	Years				Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Jan	3	2	2	0	7
Feb	1	3	1	1	6
Mar	3	1	4	0	8
Apr	4	1	1	1	7
May	2	0	2	0	4
Jun	1	0	1	0	2
Jul	3	6	4	0	13
Aug	7	6	2	0	15
Sep	6	1	2	0	9
Oct	1	6	1	0	8
Nov	0	3	5	0	8
Dec	0	7	1	0	8
Grand Total	31	36	26	2	95

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