



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

Freedom of Information Request Reference No:

I note you seek access to the following information:

How many people were arrested in 2017 under section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 in your Police Force Area.

How many of these arrests led to prosecutions.

Also, if possible, please provide me with the same numbers for the years 2016, 2015 and 2014.

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 take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the Metropolitan Police Service.

Information Rights Unit

Arrests under sec 127

2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

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Ad-Hoc Reference Number	Lumberjack Reference Number: 12089
Summary	Arrests and prosecutions in relation to Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003
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This report uses LIVE DATA extracted from: NSPIS

Date Live data was extracted: 04 June 2018

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Request

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The deadline date for my response to the requestor is the 19th June.

Notes

Data taken from NSPIS (Custody) system.

Dates based on **Arrest Date** and covers 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017

Two (2) reports provided

Report

Report (outcomes)

Have shown the number of Arrests for Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003

Details provided give numbers where Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 were used in part or in total when looking at the offence details

Under the Communications Act Section 127, the following CJS codes were referenced:

CA03001 Obtain electronic communications service with intent to avoid payment

CA03002 Possess a thing for fraudulent use of a communications service

CA03004 Offer to supply a thing to fraudulently use an electronic communications service

CA03005 Send by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter

CA03006 Cause to be sent by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter

CA03007 Send false message by public electronic communication network to cause annoyance, inconvenience or anxiety

CA03008 Cause to be sent by public communication network a false message to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety

CA03009 Persistently make use of public communication network to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety

Both reports show two (2) tables

First table gives number of detainees who have been arrested for at least one offence under the 2003 Act

Second table gives the total number of Offences - some detainees have been arrested for more than one (1) Offence under the Act

Report

Gives number of detainees arrested under Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003

First table gives number of detainees where at least one Offence was under the Act

Second table gives the total number of Offences the detainees were dealt with (some detainees charged more than once under the Act)

Report (outcomes)

Has the same two table structure as the main Report sheet

Relates to all Offences that were charged - these include:

Charged and Bailed To Court

Charged and Detained For Court

Community Resolution

Fixed Penalty Notice Issue

Simple Caution

To Court (Postal Requisitions)

In the first table there is no way to order seriousness of the Offence

As such it takes the first Offence / Outcome as listed in the data output form NSPIS

Arrests relating to Communications Act 2003, Section 127					
Detainee Numbers where at least one charge relates to Section 127					
CJS Code	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
CA03001 Obtain electronic communications service with intent to avoid payment	1			1	2
CA03002 Possess a thing for fraudulent use of a communications service		1		1	2
CA03004 Offer to supply a thing to fraudulently use an electronic communications service	2				2
CA03005 Send by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter	301	503	548	498	1,850
CA03006 Cause to be sent by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter	66	91	121	69	347
CA03007 Send false message by public electronic communication network to cause annoyance, inconvenience or anxiety	28	36	24	26	114
CA03008 Cause to be sent by public communication network a false message to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety	51	97	110	86	344
CA03009 Persistently make use of public communication network to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety	86	93	73	59	311
Total	535	821	876	740	2,972

Arrests relating to Communications Act 2003, Section 127					
Offence Numbers - detainees may have multiple charges under Section 127					
CJS Code	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
CA03001 Obtain electronic communications service with intent to avoid payment	1			1	2
CA03002 Possess a thing for fraudulent use of a communications service		1		1	2
CA03004 Offer to supply a thing to fraudulently use an electronic communications service	2				2
CA03005 Send by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter	319	520	565	520	1,924
CA03006 Cause to be sent by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter	73	95	122	73	363
CA03007 Send false message by public electronic communication network to cause annoyance, inconvenience or anxiety	28	39	25	26	118
CA03008 Cause to be sent by public communication network a false message to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety	51	100	120	88	359
CA03009 Persistently make use of public communication network to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety	95	105	77	71	348
Total	569	860	909	780	3,118

CJS Code CJS Wording			2014					2015					2016					2017									
			Charged and Bailed To Court	Charged and Detained For Court	Fixed Penalty Notice Issue	Simple Caution	Total	Charged and Bailed To Court	Charged and Detained For Court	Community Resolution	Fixed Penalty Notice Issue	Simple Caution	To Court (Postal Requisitions)	Total	Charged and Bailed To Court	Charged and Detained For Court	Fixed Penalty Notice Issue	Simple Caution	To Court (Postal Requisitions)	Total	Charged and Bailed To Court	Charged and Detained For Court	Community Resolution	Fixed Penalty Notice Issue	Simple Caution	To Court (Postal Requisitions)	Total
Detainee Numbers where at least one charge relates to Section 127	CA03001	Obtain electronic communications service with intent to avoid payment	1				1																1		1		
	CA03005	Send by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter	77	64	2	58	201	113	96	1		72	1	283	103	83		82	1	269	89	111	2		55	5	262
	CA03006	Cause to be sent by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter	15	9		15	39	22	13		1	18		54	14	19		17		50	9	9			7	4	29
	CA03007	Send false message by public electronic communication network to cause annoyance, inconvenience or anxiety	6	5	2	2	15	10	3		3	5		21	5	4		2		11	3	3		1	2	1	10
	CA03008	Cause to be sent by public communication network a false message to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety	7	10	5	5	27	8	11			21		40	7	10		19		36	1			1	10		12
	CA03009	Persistently make use of public communication network to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety	25	30	3	14	72	32	34		1	7		74	7	19	3	10		39	17	14		4	3	2	40
	Total			131	118	12	94	355	185	157	1	5	123	1	472	136	135	3	130	1	405	119	137	2	6	78	12
Offence Numbers - detainees may have multiple charges under Section 127	CA03001	Obtain electronic communications service with intent to avoid payment	1				1																1		1		
	CA03005	Send by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter	86	71	2	59	218	125	100	1		72	2	300	110	91		82	1	284	97	123	2		56	6	284
	CA03006	Cause to be sent by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter	17	13		15	45	23	15		1	18		57	14	19		17		50	9	12			7	4	32
	CA03007	Send false message by public electronic communication network to cause annoyance, inconvenience or anxiety	6	5	2	2	15	10	6		3	5		24	5	4		2		11	3	3		1	2	1	10
	CA03008	Cause to be sent by public communication network a false message to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety	7	10	5	5	27	8	11			21		40	7	11		20		38	2			1	10		13
	CA03009	Persistently make use of public communication network to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety	30	31	3	14	78	38	37		1	8		84	7	21	3	10		41	26	16		4	3	2	51
	Total			147	130	12	95	384	204	169	1	5	124	2	505	143	146	3	131	1	424	137	154	2	6	79	13