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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/04890**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 30th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

**Van theft FOI**

1. The number of commercial vehicles reported stolen across Bedfordshire between January 2014 – July 2019 broken down by month
2. The number of commercial vehicles (reported stolen across Bedfordshire ) successfully recovered between January 2014 – July 2019 broken down by month
3. The number of commercial vehicle owners who have reported theft of tools or other items from their vehicle across Bedfordshire between January 2014 – July 2019 broken down by month.

**CLARIFICATION REPLY - 1. The number of vans reported stolen across Bedfordshire between January 2014 – July 2019 broken down by month**

2. The number of vans (reported stolen across Bedfordshire) successfully recovered between January 2014 – July 2019 broken down by month
3. The number of vans owners who have reported theft of tools or other items from their vehicle Bedfordshire between January 2014 – July 2019 broken down by month

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

**RESPONSE** - Following enquiries conducted by Bedfordshire Police and their crime recording systems within the Force please see our response below: -

Bedfordshire Police made a significant investment in a new ICT system, Athena, in May 2018, when fully implemented, will help keep Bedfordshire safe, bring more offenders to justice and improve outcomes for victims. Updating our ICT was absolutely necessary to ensure Bedfordshire Police remains as effective and efficient as possible. The public should be reassured crime continues to be reported and investigated as normal but whilst colleagues become more comfortable and familiar with how Athena works Bedfordshire Police has some concerns around data quality for which reason some of the data provided concerning events recorded after 23 May 2018, may include some inaccuracies. We apologise for the situation and are working to resolve it as soon as possible.

Recorded Crimes, Vehicles Stolen Dates between: 1.1.2014 and 22.5.2018			
YEAR / Month	Y	N	Grand Total
<b>2014</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>1269</b>
Jan	63	27	90
Feb	58	21	79
Mar	56	38	94
Apr	70	49	119
May	70	34	104
Jun	66	38	104

Jul	77	55	132
Aug	74	43	117
Sep	72	34	106
Oct	72	50	122
Nov	77	29	106
Dec	69	27	96
<b>2015</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>1360</b>
Jan	70	44	114
Feb	56	42	98
Mar	72	32	104
Apr	59	39	98
May	66	36	102
Jun	70	59	129
Jul	76	42	118
Aug	80	33	113
Sep	60	39	99
Oct	85	46	131
Nov	105	42	147
Dec	67	40	107
<b>2016</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>1411</b>
Jan	71	53	124
Feb	71	38	109
Mar	62	41	103
Apr	64	47	111
May	66	29	95
Jun	47	40	87
Jul	70	62	132
Aug	62	45	107
Sep	61	45	106
Oct	76	60	136
Nov	101	52	153
Dec	94	54	148
<b>2017</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>1576</b>
Jan	87	35	122
Feb	68	35	103
Mar	73	58	131
Apr	59	58	117
May	102	50	152
Jun	66	54	120
Jul	91	70	161
Aug	89	61	150
Sep	95	46	141
Oct	85	56	141
Nov	77	42	119
Dec	74	45	119
<b>2018</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>671</b>

Jan	79	59	138
Feb	64	40	104
Mar	80	66	146
Apr	96	85	181
May	58	44	102
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3878</b>	<b>2409</b>	<b>6287</b>

\*Source data: CMS (BedsReports)

<b>Recorded Crimes where Tools were Stolen from Vans</b>				
<b>Dates between: 1.1.2014 - 22.5.2018</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>TOOLS HAND</b>	<b>TOOLS POWER</b>	<b>TOOLS SUNDRY</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>139</b>
Jan	1	12	1	14
Feb	4	13	4	21
Mar	1	3	1	5
Apr	2	10		12
May	2	8	1	11
Jun		3	1	4
Jul	1	3	1	5
Aug		10	1	11
Sep	2	14		16
Oct	2	12	2	16
Nov	2	13	3	18
Dec	1	5		6
<b>2015</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>276</b>
Jan	2	10	2	14
Feb	1	17	2	20
Mar	5	24		29
Apr	2	21	4	27
May	7	11	5	23
Jun	3	9	1	13
Jul	5	12	3	20
Aug	5	11	2	18
Sep	2	17	3	22
Oct	5	16	6	27
Nov	7	22	3	32
Dec	4	21	6	31
<b>2016</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>354</b>
Jan	6	23	3	32
Feb	11	25	7	43
Mar	7	29	2	38
Apr	5	23	2	30
May	2	17	1	20
Jun	1	17	1	19
Jul	2	14	7	23
Aug	2	21	1	24

Sep	2	20	1	23
Oct	5	19	4	28
Nov	8	36	3	47
Dec	3	23	1	27
<b>2017</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>321</b>
Jan	4	19	2	25
Feb	3	11	1	15
Mar	6	23	1	30
Apr	3	23	1	27
May	9	41	6	56
Jun	2	22	4	28
Jul	5	14		19
Aug		16	1	17
Sep	2	14	3	19
Oct	3	20	1	24
Nov	7	32	4	43
Dec	4	12	2	18
<b>2018</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>165</b>
Jan	5	23	4	32
Feb	7	22	8	37
Mar	8	28	3	39
Apr	5	34	3	42
May	3	12		15
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1255</b>

Recorded Crimes, Vehicles Stolen Dates between: 23.5.2018 and 31.7.2019			
Vehicle Type / Year / Month	Y	N	Grand Total
<b>Van</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>26</b>
May	1		1
Jun	3	2	5
Jul		4	4
Aug	2	5	7
Sep	1		1
Oct	1	1	2
Nov	1	3	4
Dec	1	1	2
<b>2019</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>
Feb		1	1
Mar		3	3
Apr		2	2
May	1	2	3
Jun	2	3	5
Jul		3	3

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>43</b>
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\*Source data: Athena (BedsReports\_Stolen Vehicles)

<b>Recorded Theft of ANY PROPERTY, from vehicle type = VAN Dates between: 23.5.2018 - 30.7.2019</b>			
<b>Offence / Vehicle Type / Year / Month</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>328</b>
<b>Van</b>			
<b>2018</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>230</b>
May		24	24
Jun	1	32	33
Jul		26	26
Aug	2	41	43
Sep		21	21
Oct		23	23
Nov		34	34
Dec		26	26
<b>2019</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>98</b>
Jan	1	14	15
Feb		18	18
Mar		17	17
Apr	3	12	15
May		10	10
Jun		9	9
Jul		14	14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>328</b>

\*Source data: Athena

Bedfordshire Police are unable to establish 'Commercial Vehicles' from vans as the "vehicle type" is not entered in 75% of vehicle records. With regards to theft from vans we are unable to specifically extract tools as property stolen, it is not always recorded in the property table and the value of the stolen items is rarely entered.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

#### Information Rights

Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.