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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/03628

I write in connection with your request for information received on 4th June. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. **Total number of offences which can be classified as 'Business Victim' or "commercial goods" or "commercial theft", or attended by, Bedfordshire Police for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 years calendar years**
2. **Total value stolen of offences which can be classified as 'Business Victim' or "commercial goods" or "commercial theft", or attended by, Bedfordshire Police for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 years calendar years**

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 Crime: Business Crime 01.01.2015 - 22.05.2018					
Crime Group	2015	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
Burglary Other	583	594	809	328	2314
Criminal Damage	1007	1102	945	400	3454
Domestic Burglary	13	18	40	25	96
Drugs	1	1	3		5
Other Notifiable Offences	45	35	33	12	125
Other Theft	5148	5811	6153	2358	19470
Robbery	68	57	71	28	224
Vehicle Crime	418	418	440	227	1503
Grand Total	7283	8036	8494	3378	27191

Source data: Beds report CMS

Recorded Crime: Business Crime 23.05.2018 - 31.12.2018	
Crime Group	2018
Damage And Arson Offences	749
Misc Crimes Against Society	65
Robbery	47
Theft Offences	5741
Grand Total	6602

Source data: Beds Report Athena

Bedfordshire Police do not hold 'total value stolen' for each individual crime recorded and some information is never captured.

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

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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.