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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/04230**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 1st July. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. For each of the following periods, please state how many cases were investigated related to the “Malicious Damage Act 1861” in a property:
  - 2017
  - 2018
  - 2019 (January to June)
2. For each of the following periods, please state how many cases were investigated related to the “Theft Act 1968: Section 13 (for abstraction of electricity)”:
  - 2017
  - 2018
  - 2019 (January to June)
3. For each of the following periods, please state how many of these investigations related to the “Theft Act 1968: Section 13 (for abstraction of electricity)” were suspected to be for the cultivation or manufacture of illegal drugs:
  - 2017
  - 2018
  - 2019 (January to June)

**CORRECTION:**

1. For each of the following periods, please state how many crimes were recorded for criminal damage of a residential property:
  - 2017
  - 2018
  - 2019 (January to June)
2. For each of the following periods, please state how many cases were investigated related to the “Theft Act 1968: Section 13 (for abstraction of electricity)”:
  - 2017
  - 2018
  - 2019 (January to June)
3. For each of the following periods, please state how many of these investigations related to the “Theft Act 1968: Section 13 (for abstraction of electricity)” were suspected to be for the cultivation or manufacture of illegal drugs:
  - 2017
  - 2018
  - 2019 (January to June)

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 in the tables 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.

<b>Criminal Damage to Dwelling; Abstracting Electricity_1.1.2017 - 22.5.2018</b>			
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
(B) ABSTRACTING ELECTRICITY	20	10	30
(B) CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO DWELLINGS	1148	496	1644
(B) CRIMINAL DAMAGE ENDANGERING LIFE-TO DWELLINGS (EXCLUDES ARSON)	1	3	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1169</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>1678</b>
*Source data: iBase			

<b>Abstracting Electricity - Cultivation of Cannabis_1.1.2017 - 22.5.2018</b>			
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>(B) ABSTRACTING ELECTRICITY</b>			
CULTIVATION OF CANNABIS	5	2	7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
*Source data: iBase			

<b>Criminal Damage to a Dwelling recorded between: 23.5.2018 - 30.6.2019</b>			
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
057/00 - Criminal damage to a building other than a dwelling endangering life	4		4
057/00 - Criminal damage to a dwelling endangering life	5	1	6
058/00 - Other criminal damage to a dwelling (£5,000 and over)	59	14	73
149/00 - Attempted - Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	5	2	7
149/00 - Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	702	636	1338
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>1428</b>

\*Source data: Athena

<b>Abstracting Electricity_23.5.2018 - 30.6.2019</b>			
<b>Offence / Cultivation of Cannabis - YES / NO</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Abstracting Electricity</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>47</b>

NO	20	20	40
YES	3	4	7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>47</b>

\*Source data: Athena

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.