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Our Ref: FOI2019/06381

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/06381**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 3rd October. I note you seek access to the following information:

**Please could you provide the numbers of reported cases and outcomes for Disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress under section 33 of Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2016/22/part/1/crossheading/disclosure-of-an-intimate-photograph-or-film/enacted>) for the years 2018 (from September) to 2019 so far where the victim is 18 or over. We would also like this to include threats to share**

**Also for Voyeurism (under Voyeurism (Offences) Act 2019- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2019/2/enacted>) under the same conditions for**

**And Exortion (under section Section 21 of the Theft Act 1968 - <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1968/60/section/21>) Under the same conditions for:**

- **Cases of the crimes and subsequent outcomes:**
  - o **Arrests**
  - o **Cautions given**
  - o **Offenders charged and number of charges**
  - o **Community resolution**
  - o **Cases marked No Further Action**

**CLARIFICATION REQUEST: - Please clarify what you mean by "include threats to share" and if possible provide the specific HO Offence code.**

**REQUESTORS CLARIFICATION REPLY: - Threats to share, and the sharing of intimate images will both be considered under the Home Office codes as follows:**

**8/71 E2V - Violence Against The Person      Stalking and Harassment - 8R Malicious Communications -  
 Disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress      Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015  
 Sec 33 (1) & (9)**

**Also, voyeurism's Home Office codes are as follows:**

**88/10 E2V - Sexual Offences - Other sexual offences - 88E Exposure and Voyeurism - Voyeurism - Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 67**

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: -

Recorded Crime: Disclose private sexual photographs/Blackmail/Voyeurism 01.09.2018 - 30.09.2019			
OUTCOME/OFFENCE	2018	2019	Grand Total
CHARGED/SUMMONS	3	9	12

[REDACTED]		1	1
035/00 - Blackmail	1	5	6
088/10 - Voyeurism	2	3	5
<b>CAUTION</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
[REDACTED]		1	1
<b>COMMUNITY RESOLUTION</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
[REDACTED]		1	1
<b>UNSOLVED</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>213</b>
008/71 - Disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress	13	30	43
[REDACTED]	2	1	3
035/00 - Blackmail	46	94	140
088/10 - Voyeurism	6	21	27
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>227</b>

<b>Recorded Crime: Arrest Data 01.09.18 - 30.09.2019</b>			
<b>ARRESTED = Y / OUTCOME/ OFFENCE</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>CHARGED/SUMMONS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>
Offences – Blackmail, Disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress and Voyeurism	3	11	14
<b>CAUTION</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
[REDACTED]		1	1
<b>COMMUNITY RESOLUTION</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
[REDACTED]		1	1
<b>UNSOLVED</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>
Offences – Blackmail, Disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause dis-tress and Voyeurism	2	12	14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>

Bedfordshire Police can confirm that it holds additional information in relation to your request however, I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested and as a result I have had to redact some information from the above tables to avoid persons being identified. Such information is exempt under the following exemption: -

**Section 40(2) – Personal Information**

The Section 40 exemption is a class based absolute exemption - 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.