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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/06499**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 9th October. I note you seek access to the following information:

**Number of ATM attacks**

Please you can provide me with the following:

- 1) The number of ATM attacks (i.e. gas attacks, ram raids or any other attempts to break into/steal an ATM) that have been reported in your area since the start of the year
- 2) The number of reports of the same thing for the past five years both as a total for the year and for the same period as 1) i.e. from January to 9th October. Please can you send these separated out by year?
- 3) Can you also send over the data broken down by type of attack (gas attack, ram raid etc)?

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 table 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: Free text search ATM/Ram Raid/Gas Attack 01.01.2015 - 22.05.2018					
OFFENCE/ DESCRIPTION	2015	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
<b>03010 BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>4</b>
Attempted theft of ATM	1	1			2
Theft of ATM	1	1			2
<b>03030 BURGLARY - BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
Attempted theft of ATM				1	1
Theft of ATM			2	1	3
<b>05802 CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO OTHER BUILDINGS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>2</b>
Attempted theft of ATM	1	1			2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>

Source data: ibase/Federated search

Recorded Crime: Free text search ATM/Ram Raid/Gas Attack 01.01.2015 - 22.05.2018					
METHOD / DESCRIPTION	2015	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
<b>RAM RAID</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
Attempted theft of ATM	2	2		1	5
Theft of ATM	1	1	2		4
<b>USE OF CIRCULAR SAW</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Theft of ATM				1	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>

Source data: ibase/Federated search

Recorded Crime: Free text search ATM/Ram Raid/Gas Attack 23.05.2018 - 09.10.2019			
OFFENCE/DESCRIPTION	2018	2019	Grand Total
<b>BURGLARY - BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Attempted theft of ATM	1	1	2
Theft of ATM	1		1
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL DAMAGE, OTHER (UNDER Â£5,000)</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Attempted theft of ATM		1	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>

Source data; Athena/Federated Search

Recorded Crime: Free text search ATM/Ram Raid/Gas Attack 01.01.2015 - 22.05.2018			
Count of Serial Number	Year		
METHOD/DESCRIPTION	2018	2019	Grand Total
<b>RAM RAID</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
Theft of ATM	1		1
<b>Angle grinder used/Criminal damage to ATM</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Attempted theft of ATM		1	1
<b>Criminal damage to ATM</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Attempted theft of ATM	1	1	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>

Source data; Athena/Federated Search

There were no 'gas attacks' during this time.

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.