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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2020/00463

I write in connection with your request for information received on 20th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

1) The number of thefts from motor vehicles logged by your force for the following calendar years:

- 2019
- 2018
- 2017
- 2016
- 2015

2) The number of thefts or attempted thefts of a catalytic converter from a motor vehicle for the following calendar years:

- 2019
- 2018
- 2017
- 2016
- 2015

If the data is not available for all years, then please provide the years for which the data is available.

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 Theft From Motor Vehicle	
Dates between: 1.1.2015 - 22.5.2018	
YEAR	Theft From Motor Vehicle
2015	3376
2016	3915
2017	3946
2018	1840
Grand Total	13077

STOLEN Catalytic Converters	
Data between: 1.1.2015 - 22.5.2018	
YEAR	CATALYTIC CONVERTER
2015	114
2016	25

2017	19
2018	6
Grand Total	164

*Source data: CMS / BedsReports

Recorded Theft From Motor Vehicle Dates between: 23.5.2018 - 31.12.2019	
YEAR	Theft From Motor Vehicle
2018	3299
2019	4039
Grand Total	7356

STOLEN Catalytic Converters Data between: 23.5.2018 - 31.12.2019	
YEAR	Stolen Catalytic Converter
2018	24
2019	133
Grand Total	157

*Source data: ATHENA / BedsReports

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.

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.