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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01321

I write in connection with your request for information received on 10th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to you to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding crime statistics.

I am specifically looking at statistics regarding electronic car thefts, that being the electronically-assisted theft of cars rather than the theft of electronic cars.

For a time period covering the calendar years 2015 to 2017 (although please limit this to just 2017 if FOIA response statutory limits apply) please may you provide me with:

- 1. The number of electronic car thefts recorded by the force over this period.**
- 2. A breakdown on details of these thefts, noting the model of the car and the type of theft - for instance, [Mercedes, C-Class] and [Relay theft].**

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.

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Vehicle Make/Model	2015	2016	2017
Audi			
RS3		1	
BMW			
320		1	
320D	1		
525D	1		
530 D Estate		1	
D Se Auto 520			1
Ford			
Fiesta		3	
Ranger			1
Land Rover			
Evoque		1	
Range Rover			1
Mercedes-Benz			
Glc220 Am			1
<i>Unspecified</i>			1
Vauxhall			
Vivaro		1	
Mini			
Cooper		1	

In all these cases the Modus Operandi is given as Unknown. Where the crimes may well be 'Relay Thefts' involving remote access to the Key Fob signal – without clear video evidence (as may be seen on-line) or it remains conjecture at this stage.

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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Hertfordshire Constabulary 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 Hertfordshire Constabulary 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.