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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00044

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

Please could you detail how many charges and convictions your force has had since 2010 of people publishing the names of the victims of a sexual offence, including rape. My questions are below:

1. How many people have been charged by your force with publishing the names of the victims of a sexual offence (contrary to section 1(1) and 5(1) of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992)? Can I have this information broken down by year since 2010?

1a. How many of these were related to publishing on social media? Can I have this information broken down by year since 2010?

2. How many people have been convicted by your force of publishing the names of the victims of a sexual offence (contrary to section 1(1) and 5(1) of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992)? Can I have this information broken down by year since 2010?

2a. How many of these were related to publishing on social media? Can I have this information broken down by year since 2010?

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 – Searches have been made in relation to offences under Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992. These searches failed locate any records / documents relevant to your request. Accordingly I have determined that the information to which you seek is not held by Hertfordshire Constabulary.

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.