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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2017/01799**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 21st December. I note you seek access to the following information:

**This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.**

**I request that a copy of the following information be provided to me: statistics on the number of arrests without charge for the following offences between January 1st 2015 and the date of receipt of this request.**

- **Fraud**
- **Assault (including section 47, section 20 & section 18)**
- **Affray & violent disorder**
- **Murder, Attempted murder and conspiracy to murder**
- **Rape, attempted rape, male rape, sexual assault, historic sex abuse**
- **Sexual Assault, sexual grooming, unlawful sexual intercourse, sex act with a child**
- **Burglary, burglary with intent, aggravated burglary, attempted burglary, theft**

**I also request statistics on the total number of arrests in 2015, 2016 and 2017.**

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.

<b>Crime Type</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Affray & Violent Disorder	169	200	237
Assault	1,694	1,768	2,100
Burglary / Theft	733	763	939
Fraud	77	63	130
Rape	18	13	83
Sexual Assault	20	19	53
Sexual Grooming	1	-	5
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse / Sex Act With Child	-	1	-
<b>Total Arrests (Including Warrants)</b>	<b>18,385</b>	<b>17,835</b>	<b>16,180</b>

*Please note that the offences for which the arrests were made may differ from the offences for which the detained party was eventually charged (or not). The increase in 2017 is due to many cases still being Under Investigation, for example 67 of the 83 arrests for rape.*

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.