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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00804

I write in connection with your request for information received on 14th February. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to apply for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. How many sex offenders are registered in your force area whose whereabouts are unknown as of 14th February 2018?

2. Of the registered sex offenders whose whereabouts are unknown, when did each one go missing?

3. What were the convictions that resulted in each one being placed on the sex offenders' register?

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

Q1 – In relation to the number of registered sex offender whose whereabouts are unknown, Hertfordshire Constabulary, has as of the date of your request 3 RSOs currently recorded as wanted because their whereabouts are unknown. This total is only valid for the date in question because the information is dynamic and will change as arrests are made or new cases come to light through proactive intelligence led policing or routine visits to registered offenders.

Q2 - The dates in relation to missing offenders are exempt information under the Freedom of Information Act by virtue of;

- Section 40(2) – Personal Information
- Section 40 is a class based absolute exemption. This means that the legislators have identified that there would be harm in disclosure and there is no need to evidence this or carry out a public interest test.

Q3 - The related offences are listed below

3, indecent images of children for 2 of the defendants and sexual assault non-penetration for the third defendant

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.