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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01803**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 4th April. I note you seek access to the following information:

**I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:  
 For each of the past 3 calendar years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 (to date) how many knife crime and/or firearm offences did your police force record which involved any of the websites outlined below?**

- YouTube
- Facebook
- SnapChat
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Periscope
- Kick

**If your records are unable to provide this level of detail without exceeding the section 12 cost limit then I would be happy for you to scale back the scope of my request to use the term 'social media' instead of the websites listed above individually.**

**As far as possible please can you give me the data in in the format of this table below; for each offence listing the year, type of offence and social media platform involved.**

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 within the Constabulary please see our response below.

All offences of the following crime types where a knife or bladed object was listed as the instrument were searched;

- Murder / Manslaughter
- Attempted murder
- Threats to kill
- Assault with intent to cause serious harm
- Endangering life
- Assault with injury
- Racially or religiously aggravated assault with injury
- Assault with injury on a constable
- Sexual assault
- Rape
- Robbery
- Possession of Weapon

Year	Offence	Instrument	Social Media Platform
2015	Assault - Threat to Kill	Knife	Facebook

2016	Assault - Occasioning ABH	Fist - Knife	Facebook
2016	Robbery - Personal	Knife	Facebook
2016	Assault - Occasioning ABH	Fist - Knife	Facebook
2016	Weapon - Have Offensive Weapon in Public	Knife	Snapchat
2017	Assault - Threat to Kill	Knife	Facebook

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.