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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/05713

I write in connection with your request for information received on 9th October. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

Please provide details of investigations where a drone has led to the arrest of a suspect:

1. For each of the following financial years

- a) 2013/14
- b) 2014/15
- c) 2015/16
- d) 2016/17
- e) 2017/18

please tell me the total number of arrests where a drone has helped with the investigation.

2. For each case, please give brief details of how the drone was used, what the suspect was arrested for and the age and sex of the suspect.

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 – Between the dates of April 1st 2013 and May 22nd 2018 – there were no custody records where the details of the circumstances of arrest mentioned the word Drone in relation to the arrest itself.

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.