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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/06072

I write in connection with your request for information received on 24th October. I note you seek access to the following information:

I'm emailing regarding an FOI request for which I believe you'll have the data available. Please provide me with:

- A) The number of crimes that occurred in the month of December that include the word "Christmas" in the MO or offence description. (Please make sure that this includes phrases like "Christmas tree" and "Father Christmas".)**
- B) The number of crimes that occurred in the month of December that include the phrase "Santa Clause" or in the MO or offence description.**
- C) For both of the above, please provide me with as much of the MO or offence description as possible.**

Please provide data for December 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

A – There were 94 recorded offences in December 2017 that contained the word 'Christmas' in the MO. Please see a breakdown in the table below providing the standard offence descriptions as mentioned in question C.

Standard Offence Description	Number of Offences
ASSAULT – COMMON – WITHOUT INJURY	1
ASSAULT – COMMON BY BEATING/BATTERY – NON-INJURY	10
ASSAULT – OCCASIONING ABH	7
ASSAULT – THREAT TO KILL	2
BURGLARY – BUS AND COMM	2
BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL – DWELL	6
BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL – NON – DWELL	1
DAMAGE OR DESTROY £5000 OR LESS DWELLING	3
DAMAGE OR DESTROY £5000 OR LESS NON DWELLING	1
DAMAGE OR DESTROY £5000 OR LESS OTHER	13
DAMAGE OR DESTROY £5000 OR LESS VEHICLE	1
DAMAGE – THREATEN TO DAMAGE PROPERTY	1
DRIVE – WITH ALCOHOL LEVEL ABOVE LIMIT	1
HARASSMENT – PURSUED COURSE OF CONDUCT LIKELY S2	3
MAL COMMS – SEND COMM/ARTICLE/INDECENT/OFFENSIVE	5
MAL COMMS – SEND LETTER/COMM/ARTICLE IND/OFF MESS	2
MAL COMMS – SEND LETTER/COMM/ARTICLE THREAT MESS	3
P.ORDER – INTENTIONAL HARRASSMENT/ALARM DISTRESS	4

P.ORDER – THREAT, A'SVE, INSULT WD/BEHAV PROVOKE VI	1
ROBBERY – PERSONAL	1
SEX – ASSAULT OM A FEMALE BY PENETRATION	1
SEX – RAPE OF A FEMALE BY PENETRATION	1
SEX – RAPE OF A FEMALE AGED 16 OR OVER	1
SEX – SEXUAL ASSAULT ON A MALE	1
STALKING WITHOUT FEAR/ALARM/DISTRESS	1
THEFT – DWELLING OTHER THAN FRM AUTOMATIC MACHINE	2
THEFT – FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	3
THEFT – FROM SHOP OR STALL	4
THEFT – FROM THE PERSON OF ANOTHER	3
THEFT – NOT OTHERWISE CODED	10
Grand Total	94

B – There were no recorded offences in December 2017 containing the phrase 'Santa Clause'.

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.