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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20182032

REQUEST

Could you please tell me for each of the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date, how many ATM raids and attempted raids have been recorded in South Yorkshire. Could you please break the figure down by region (Sheffield, Doncaster, Rotherham, Barnsley).

For 2017 and 2018 to date could you please break the figures for Sheffield down by district and could you say whether explosives were used or another method was employed to break in to the machine.

Please note, I am interested only in thefts where thieves took or attempted to take the entire contents of a cash machine, not thefts or robberies where individual users have been targeted.

CLARIFICATION

South Yorkshire Police has received a number of similar requests to yours in the past.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/atm-raids-ref-20181789/>

RESPONSE FROM THE REQUESTER

This only appears to include incidents up to December 2017 and does not give an address.

I would like to get details of any incidents in the intervening period, and the location of those incidents, if possible.

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with your request. The CMS system and Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She conducted a search of the two crime management systems. (CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4th December 2017 and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from that date onwards)

For FOI requests such as this, we access the two separate systems and the retrieval and data extraction varies greatly dependant on the search capabilities and the inputted data. The information you receive therefore may be in two different formats depending on your time parameters, and the data we can provide which will be dependent on the search capabilities of each system. All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

The Administrator has provided me with data to fulfil your request, I have checked each incident record provided by them and compiled the attached spreadsheet, which includes all incidents that fit the criteria of the request.

The following is the explanation by the Administrator of her search.

CMS(II) Data

Included is a count of offences recorded on CMS(ii) crime register between 01-Jan-2015 and 04-Dec-2017 where the Property Sub class is ATM (cash machine) or Meter type is Cash Dispenser where either has been recorded as stolen or damaged, where the premise type is not like Dwelling. However, the circumstances of each offence free text field need to be reviewed to establish if relevant to the request. 17 offences were returned.

CONNECT Data

Included is a count of offences recorded on for CONNECT crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Oct-2018 where the Property Class 3 is Cash Machines where the property status is either Stolen, Damaged or Destroyed. However, the initial MO free text would have to be reviewed to establish if relevant to the request. 28 offences were returned.

We have had to take a slightly different approach to extracting the data from CONNECT as the data is not recorded in the same format as the legacy system CMS(ii). SYP have changed their central crime management system in December 2017. Therefore data from the new system cannot be used as a direct comparison due to the different ways in which crimes are recorded. However, the data has been given to comply with original request and displayed here to show an outline trend.