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Tēnā koe Jonathon

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 23 July 2024. You wrote:

I am writing to request the statistics and data on stolen vehicles in Upper Hutt.

Specifically I would request an "excel spreadsheet" containing the following columns from the date range - 01/06/2023 - 31/05/2024.

- Date stolen*
- Date victim reported it as stolen*
- Date of first correspondence from police to the victim after report was made.
- Location stolen from*
- Make/Model & Year
- Vehicle Found (Y/N)*
- Date recovered?*
- Location recovered?*
- Date victim advised of recovery?
- Suspects found?* (Y/N)
- Suspects charged?* (Y/N)
- What was the charge? and punishment?*
- Specifically any reparations? (Y/N)
- Specifically any Suspension of licence? (Y/N)

If this date range is too wide. please shorten this to the most recent 6 month period ending at the most recent date available.

I have limited this data to specifically Upper Hutt to reduce the required workload in acquiring this data.

All above requested data is highly valuable and would be greatly appreciated if it can be provided. However, I understand something may not have been recorded in a manner that is accessible within reason on request. details marked with a () are of the highest priority.*

Vault uploads and suspects charged is of key interest into this enquiry.

Police National Headquarters

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Information you requested is provided in the attached spreadsheet, except for the following:

- Vehicle registration is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of those vehicle's owners. While the vehicle registration is provided on the Police website, this is a six-month snapshot of data which it is in the public interest to release to help identify and locate stolen vehicles. It is provided at District level and without any other accompanying details listed in your request. This same over-riding public interest does not apply when considering releasing this information in response to your request.
- For the same privacy reason, the scene and recovery locations are provided at Station level¹.
- This information is not provided under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information is not held. Each case would need to be reviewed manually to create this information.
 - Specifically any Suspension of licence? (Y/N)
- The offence and court outcomes are summarised in this letter separately. These tables address the following questions:
 - Suspects found?* (Y/N)
 - Suspects charged?* (Y/N)
 - What was the charge? and punishment?*
 - Specifically any reparations? (Y/N)

The summarised tables below show the number of offences in occurrences where vehicles were recorded as stolen, not the number of vehicles. The explanation for these tables was provided in the response to your previous request IR-01-24-23966 and not repeated here.

Table 1. Offence outcomes for vehicles reported stolen between 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024 in Upper Hutt, as at 23 July 2024.

Offence outcome as at 23 July 2024	Offences in occurrences where a vehicle was recorded as stolen
Duplicate	1
Error	1
No further line of enquiry	141
Not an offence	4
Offender identified	33
Police discretion	3
Victim Uncooperative/Unavailable	7
Under investigation	50
Total	240

¹ <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/structure/police-districts>

Table 2. Outcomes in offences where offender was identified for occurrences with stolen vehicles between 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024 in Upper Hutt, as at 23 July 2024.

Offence Outcomes where offender was identified as at 23 July 2024	Sentence Type as at 23 July 2024	Offences in occurrences where a vehicle was recorded as stolen
Prosecution - Case Proved and Sentenced (Youth Court)	Social Welfare Supervision	2
Prosecution - Case Proved and Sentenced (Youth Court)	Supervision With Residence	2
Prosecution - Convicted and Sentenced	Community Detention	2
Prosecution - Convicted and Sentenced	Imprisonment	5
Prosecution - Convicted and Sentenced	Intensive Supervision	2
Prosecution - Convicted and Sentenced	Supervision (SA2007)	1
Prosecution - Discharged under Section 282 CYPF Act	Reparation/Restitution	6
Prosecution - Discharged under Section 282 CYPF Act		5
Prosecution - Disch. WOC. S106 Sentencing Act		1
Prosecution - Dismissed S147 CP Act		1
Prosecution - Withdrawn By Leave		6
Prosecution - Proceedings in progress		4
Youth Referral		5
	Unique Total	33

Data in this response is drawn from a dynamic operational database and is subject to change as new information is recorded or updated.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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