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Dear Mr Plough

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 374/09

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 9th of July 2009, in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1. In the last 5 years, how many warrants for arrest have been issued for an individual who has broken their probation licence conditions?*
- 2. Out of this figure, how many were considered high priority, and/or considered to pose a risk of harm to others?*
- 3. Out of the total number of warrants issued per year, as stated in answer to (1), how many of those individuals have been re-arrested?*
- 4. Out of the warrants consider high priority, as stated in the answer to (2), how many of those individuals have been re-arrested?*
- 5. Out of the total number of warrants issued, as stated in the answer to (1), how many of those individuals have re-offended while a warrant for their arrest was active?*
- 6. Out of the total number of warrants issued, as stated in the answer to (2), how many of those individuals have re-offended while a warrant for their arrest was active?*
- 7. Referring to the individuals stated in answer in question (5), what crimes have they committed while a warrant for their arrest was active?*
- 8. Referring to the individuals stated in answer in question (6), what crimes have they committed while a warrant for their arrest was active?*
- 9. Please provide the following information about any individual who is the subject of a warrant for arrest for breaking their probation licence conditions, but who has not as yet been re-arrested:*

Extent of Searches to Locate Information:

To locate the information relevant to your request, searches were conducted within the Criminal Justice Services Department, and the Intelligence Directorate Department of the Norfolk Constabulary.



Result of the Searches to Locate Information Relevant to your Request.

The Norfolk Constabulary will be notified on a daily basis of warrants for arrest issued for a variety of different reasons. With warrants being issued and executed on a daily basis, the information relating to the number of warrants active at any one time will be dynamic.

Due to the way in which this information will be held by the Norfolk Constabulary, we do not have the facility to conduct automated searches of the Constabulary's warrant management system, or the Police National Computer, to extract statistical data covering the past 5 years that would satisfy your request.

To attempt to retrieve any such data would require the Norfolk Constabulary to manually trawl the Police National Computer for records containing a 'recall to prison' notice to identify the relevant records, and then we would have to conduct the research to establish the circumstances relating to each warrant.

Such an exercise would require the manual examination of hundreds of individual records and would take far in excess of 18 hours to complete. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests, in terms of costs, and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act applies.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act states that a public authority is not obliged to:
"...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit."

The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations, defines the 'appropriate limit' for the Norfolk Constabulary as £450, and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work at a standard rate of £25 per hour.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this letter serves as a Refusal Notice.

Additional Advice

Although the Norfolk Constabulary is not able to assist you further with your enquiry, the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) may hold information that is relevant to your request, and I would suggest that you contact the MOJ to establish what information they may be able to provide.

Should you wish to do so, you can contact the Ministry of Justice via the following email address:
dgcorresponxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xxx.uk

Alternatively, further contact details can be found on the Ministry of Justice web-site via the following web-link:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/>

I would like to thank you for your interest in the Norfolk Constabulary, and I can confirm that a copy of this response will be published in the "Disclosure Log" section of the Norfolk Constabulary's web-site under the category "Crime Related Statistics". You can access the disclosure log via the following web-link:

http://www.norfolk.police.uk/foi_disclosurelog.cfm?bctrail=0,540

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number shown above.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Kindleysides
Freedom of Information Department

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

The Norfolk Constabulary is not responsible for the content, or the reliability, of the website referenced. The Constabulary cannot guarantee that this link will work all of the time, and we have no control over the availability of the linked pages.

Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask the Norfolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal request for a review, you are welcome, and encouraged, to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask the Norfolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by the Norfolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker
Professional Standards Department
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW*

In all possible circumstances the Norfolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your complaint within 2 months.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with the Norfolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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