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Your Ref:

Our Ref: 0834/2009

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Dear Mr Anderson

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 0834/2009**

I refer to your request for information dated 21 October 2009, which was received by Strathclyde Police on that date. Your request has now been considered and on 5 November 2009, a decision was made to grant your request in full. As such, the information you have requested is detailed below.

*I wish to know how many people have sued Strathclyde Police for wrongful arrest since the 1st of January 2005 till present and the cost's incurred in defending this action.*

In the period from 1 January 2005 till 27 October 2009 a total of 70 claims were intimated against Strathclyde Police in terms of wrongful arrest.

In relation to your request for the costs incurred in defending such claims I can advise that a total of £11,159.03 has been paid to claimants. I would ask that you note that claims of this type are handled by the force's in house solicitors and they do not calculate the time spent or attribute costs to work of this nature.

I hope this information is helpful, however, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to request such a review, please write to Mrs Sheena Brennan, Disclosure Manager at the above address within 40 working days of receiving this letter.

Once informed of the Review Panel's decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are; Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Strathclyde Police. Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 0141 435 1262 quoting the reference number given.

Yours sincerely

Lorna Grieve  
Freedom of Information Officer