

Request reference: 3111/09

1: The total number of Section 44 stop and searches performed in the West Midlands area.

00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	Total
0	0	0	155	0	0	0	332	0	487

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/arrestsfornotibleoffences.htm>

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs09/hosb0709.pdf>

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/stats-release.html> - RDS

2: Of these, how many were performed because the subject was using photographic equipment (ie camera, tripod etc.).

This information is not centrally recorded. The reasons/ground recorded for the stop search on our database do not specify photographic equipment. Therefore the only way to locate and extract any relevant information would be to examine each individual case. Please note that researching each individual case in this way would exceed the appropriate limit (FOIA, s.12 (1)). This means that the cost of compliance with your request is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond, i.e. the cost of confirming or denying that the information is held would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000. For West Midlands Police, the appropriate limit is set at £450, as prescribed by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, S.I. 3244. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a refusal notice.

3: How many of all West Midlands Section 44 stop and searches have resulted in charges being filed.

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4: How many of all West Midlands Section 44 stop and searches have resulted in charges being filed where the subject was initially stopped for using photographic equipment?

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5: Please provide a breakdown of what initiates the searches. Such as a call from security guards, calls from members of the general public or direct observation by an officer. Could this be split by photography and non photography related searches?

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Ideally all figures would be split by month, year, rough location of search (ie 'Birmingham City Centre') and whether the search was performed by a Police Officer or by a Police Community Support Officer.

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The location of the search is exempt by Virtue of Section 24, Section 30 and Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please sees covering email and separately attached Public Interest Test.

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