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Dear Mr Hambly

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 0215/2010

I refer to your request for information dated 20 March 2010, which was received by Strathclyde Police on that date. Your request has now been considered and on 22 April 2010, a decision was made to grant your request in full.

Could you please advise the number of convictions or warnings for speeding issued as a result of information from the Average Speed Cameras fitted on the A77 Between Maybole and Symington in either direction for the the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 to date.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can advise you that Strathclyde Police does not hold the information requested by you. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation the SPECS Average Speed Camera System on the A77 runs between Bogend Toll (North of Ayr) to Ardwell Bay (South of Girvan). Contraventions of the speed limit detected by the SPECS system are progressed by means of a Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty being issued to the offender. Where an offender does not comply with the terms of the fixed penalty notice a report is sent to the Procurator Fiscal to progress a prosecution through the courts. Strathclyde Police are not routinely informed of disposals in relation to any of these matters which are referred to the Fiscal and therefore do not hold information on convictions. Warnings are not issued in respect of contraventions detected by the SPECS system.

By way of assistance, the statistics shown overleaf provide the number of Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalty issued in relation to contraventions of the speed limit detected by the SPECS system in the years that you have stipulated. They also provide the number of Conditional Offers which have been paid.

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Year	Conditional Offers issued	Conditional Offers paid
2008	1312	1098
2009	367	303
2010 (start)	24	5 *

*Please note that the 2010 figure is that which is held at the time of your request but is subject to time lag between issue of the Conditional Offer and notification of payment by the Scottish Court Service.

By way of further assistance, it may be of interest for you to know that information on the SPECS system and other safety cameras situated within the Strathclyde Police force area is available on the website of the Strathclyde Safety Camera Partnership at the following link;

<http://www.strathclydecameras.com/>

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.

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 1204 quoting the reference number given.

Yours sincerely

John Cameron
Freedom of Information Officer