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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002
SUBJECT: Road Rage

I refer to your email dated 4th February 2015 regarding the above which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

QUESTION

How many crimes were recorded in your constabulary that were related to traffic crimes identified as 'road rage' incidents, in the years 2014, 2013 and 2012 (PLEASE SPLIT BY YEAR).

By 'road rage'. I refer to either a crime that was described at the time of the police report as 'road rage' or any assault or damage to a property that followed a road traffic accident. These could also be incidents where the offence was identified as 'driving aggressively' or 'driving in a panic'.

RESPONSE

Unfortunately, on this occasion I am unable to be as helpful as I would like to be. There is no specific crime type as 'road rage' and therefore I am unable to interrogate police systems for this. Likewise, when a vehicle accident is

recorded, the 'causation factor' is not a mandatory field, and therefore this cannot be searched in an accurate manner.

To provide information regarding possible 'road rage' incidents would require a manual search of all crime records and also all vehicle accident records across Scotland for the period you have requested. Due to the volume of reports, this exercise would take a significant length of time to complete to a reliable standard and would exceed the cost limits as set out in the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act. I therefore must respond to your request in terms of Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act: Excessive Cost of Compliance.

I trust that the information available is of assistance and should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me on 0131 311 3901 quoting the reference number given.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance and within 40 working days of receiving this letter to request a review of the decision made by the Service. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; Police Scotland, FOI Central Processing Unit, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH. (Or email foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

Once informed of the review decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. The contact details are: Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610. Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Yours sincerely,

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