



**HERTFORDSHIRE  
CONSTABULARY**

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Dear Mr Dewsbury,

Thank you for your request for information on the Sexual Offences Act 1985. Your specific correspondence is as follows.

For your future guidance I have included below sections 1 and 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 1985 that deals with people arrested for what is referred to in common parlance as kerb crawling.

Records of such offences are kept. Please could you supply the information requested in relation to this.

**Sexual Offences Act 1985**

**Soliciting of women by men 1 Kerb-crawling**

(1)A man commits an offence if he solicits a woman (or different women) for the purpose of prostitution—

(a)from a motor vehicle while it is in a street or public place; or

(b)in a street or public place while in the immediate vicinity of a motor vehicle that he has just got out of or off, persistently or, F1. . . in such manner or in such circumstances as to be likely to cause annoyance to the woman (or any of the women) solicited, or nuisance to other persons in the neighbourhood.

(2)A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale F2. . .

(3)In this section “motor vehicle” has the same meaning as in [F3the Road Traffic Act 1988].  
Annotations: Amendments (Textual)

F1Words in s. 1(1) repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993, c. 50, s. 1(1);Sch. 1, Pt. I Gp. 1

F2Words in s. 1(2) repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993, c. 50, s. 1(1);Sch. 1, Pt. XIV

F3Words substituted by Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Act1988 (c. 54, SIF 107:1), s. 4, Sch. 4 para. 29 2 Persistent soliciting of women for the purpose of prostitution

(1)A man commits an offence if in a street or public place he persistently solicits a woman (or different women) for the purpose of prostitution.

(2)A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale F1. . . Annotations: Amendments (Textual)

F1Words in s. 2(2) repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993, c. 50, s. 1(1); Sch. 1, Pt. XIV

On July 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 a request for clarification in relation to your request was sent to you. To date you have not responded. I have therefore provided you with information as it is recorded and held by Hertfordshire Constabulary.


Following enquiries within the Constabulary the analyst has advised that the crime system has been checked and there are no recorded offences for 'Kerb Crawling' as defined by Home Office code 165/01 (see code 27 of the H.O. sexual Offences pdf document).

Therefore the figures provided in the attached spreadsheet are based on Prostitute related offences between 01/04/2000 and 31/03/2009. Please see codes 24 & 72 of the Home Office Sexual Offences pdf document attached.

I have also provided the web link to the document.

<http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs08/countsexual08.pdf>

Yours sincerely,



Alice Duarte

**Freedom of Information Assistant**

Hertfordshire Constabulary provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. If you decide to request such a review and having followed Hertfordshire Constabulary's full process and you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.