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Dear Mr Dewsbury,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 3036/2009

I write in connection with your request for information received by Kent Police on the 20th April 2009. I am very conscious that this response finds you some time after the statutory time limit permitted to a public authority to respond to requests has passed and for the lateness of this response I apologise.

I note that you seek access to information relating to the number of people arrested for soliciting prostitutes or kerb crawling by Kent Police in 2008.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Kent Police to locate information relevant to your request and I can now respond as follows.

Question 1. How many people were arrested for soliciting prostitutes or kerb crawling by Kent police in each month of 2008.

Question 2. Of those arrested in each month the number who were a) released; without charge; b) cautioned; c) charged; d) fined; e) If none of the above can be applied to each arrest I would like to know how the crime was dealt with.

Answer: Kent Police records show that between 1st January 2008 and 31st December 2008, 10 people were charged with kerb crawling/soliciting for the purpose of prostitution and 5 people were refused charge.

The following table shows the month and total numbers of arrests:

Arrest Month	Charge	Refused Charge
February	1	2
March	3	
May	5	3
November	1	
TOTAL	10	5

For your information the definition of a 'charge' is when the individual is charged with the offence and the definition of 'refused charge' is when there is not enough evidence or the custody sergeant decides that no crime has been committed.

Thank you for your interest in Kent Police and I hope that the information we have been able to provide is of use to you. A sheet, which summarised your rights, was enclosed with the acknowledgement sent to you and as suggested therein, should you have any further questions concerning your request, please contact me quoting the reference number shown above.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Potten
Freedom of Information Advisor