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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190285

REQUEST

BACKGROUND:

Sheffield tree protesters win wrongful arrest payout Seven protesters arrested between November 2016 and February 2017 win £24,300 from South Yorkshire police In a statement, South Yorkshire police said: “The upheld appeals were not based on an error in law and rightly, no officers were found to have a case to answer for misconduct ... No formal apology was requested as part of the civil claim.”

REQUEST:

- 1.How much have you agreed to pay in claimant costs?***
- 2.How much were police legal costs, provide all invoices etc.***
- 3. Provide the 'upheld appeals'.***

RESPONSE

I have approached our Legal Department for assistance with similar questions in the past and they have provided the following:

- 1&2 . £24,300 in compensation for 7 claimants.
Legal costs are still outstanding and this information is not available.*

I have checked to see if there are any updates to this and have been advised that costs are still outstanding and the information is not available.

3.

Disclosure of full appeal information in regards to this question may well make it possible to identify individuals from that data, and/or other information in the possession of a data controller. And therefore be exempt from release under Section 40(2) *Personal Information* of the FOI Act. However, I believe the below details will provide you with meaningful data whilst upholding the privacy of the people involved.

South Yorkshire Police Professional Standards Unit have advised that 6 of the Tree Protestors appeals were upheld.