

16 November 2021

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 2021-2069**

**REQUEST**

**The number of reported van thefts from 1st August 2016 – 31st July 2021, with the data broken down year by year. - The number of thefts broken down into the form of entry, e.g. keyless theft.**

**CLARIFICATION**

You were directed to a similar request on the disclosure log (link below)

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/van-theft-ref-20191916/>

To which you responded as follows

**Unfortunately, the data you linked to doesn't include what we're looking for.**

**We're looking for the number of reports of van theft made within your area from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021, broken down by each year.**

**The number of thefts can then be broken down into different forms of entry such as:**

- Keyless Theft**
- Break-in**
- Forced Entry (forcing the lock)**

**If the method of entry isn't available, do let me know as we would be happy to received just the number of reports of van theft.**

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Officer for assistance with your request. The CMS system and Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She conducted a search of the two crime management systems. (CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4th December 2017 and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from that date onwards)

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet in response and the following explanation regarding her search criteria:

South Yorkshire Police

In an emergency: 999

Non-emergency: 101

[southyorks.police.uk](https://www.southyorks.police.uk)



*I have provided a count of all offences recorded on CONNECT Crime where a Vehicle Desc Type is equal to any of the following “3 Wheeler Van; Box Van; Car Derived Van; Fitted Van; Insulated Van; Light Van; Luton Van; Motor Caravan; Panel Van; Van; Light Goods” and has been recorded as STOLEN, broken down by HO Description and year, between Incident Created Date 04-DEC-2017 and 31-JUL-2021.*

*A further table has been provided to assist with the request for “form of entry” looking at MO Desc 3. Please note that this field is non mandatory and includes MO’s that are not relevant to what the requestor is asking for. I have therefore listed the MO’s that I believe would be of interest and put everything else into “Other (non-relevant MO’s including blanks)”. These figures will not represent the count of offences as this field is non mandatory. More than one MO may be recorded on an offence and some offences may not have a MO recorded at all.*

*The vehicle quantity fields are not mandated requirements on CONNECT and not recorded for all offences, therefore a count of stolen vehicles cannot be provided.*

*CMS(ii) Data –*

*I have provided a count of all offences recorded on CMS(ii) Crime register where the Vehicle Type is equal to either “VAN” or “PANEL VAN” and is recorded as STOLEN, broken down by HO Description and year, between Statistics Date 01-AUG-2016 and 04-DEC-2017.*

*A further count of stolen vans has been provided broken down by MO Description in order to assist the request for “form of entry”. Please note that the count of stolen vans is expected to exceed the count of offences as more than one van may have been stolen on an offence.*