



Freedom of Information request 01/FOI/24/2370
We received your request on the 15/01/2024.

Request

You asked us:

1. For the months of November and December 2023 how many crimes were logged by your force where a machete was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO of crimes for the words "machete" or variants of the spelling to include "machette" and "machetes".
2. Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 1 that are 'linked' to machete/s by its mention in the MO.
3. Taking the month of December 2023 please provide me with copies of the first 5 MOs that mention machetes. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted].

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

Q1.

BTP do record "weapons enabled" offences but this search will not differentiate machete offences from other bladed articles.

A search has been undertaken for BTP crimes recorded between 01/11/2023 to 31/12/2023 where the CAK Free Text Keywords field contains %machet% (% being a wildcard).

This generates 10 crimes in November 2023 (by recorded date) and 5 in December 2023.

Q2 and Q3.

Recorded Month	BTP Crime Code Desc	Context of Keyword
Nov-23	Robbery (Personal Property) (F00)	
Nov-23	Public Order- Affray (S02)	
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Nov-23	Having An Article With Blade Or Point In Public Place (Z57)	
Nov-23	Possess Offensive Weapon (Z56)	

Nov-23	Public Order - Fear Or Provocation Of Violence (Z77)	
Nov-23	Possess Offensive Weapon (Z56)	
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Nov-23	Robbery (Personal Property) (F00)	
Dec-23	Possess Offensive Weapon (Z56)	Machete found during stop search
Dec-23	Public Order - Racially Or Religiously Aggravated - Fear Or Provocation Of Violence - Section 4 Offence (X09)	Suspect shouted to victim that he had a machete
Dec-23	Possession of an offensive weapon in a private place (Z100)	Machete found on person during search
Dec-23	Robbery (Personal Property) (F00)	Machete produced and used to threaten victim
Dec-23	Possess Offensive Weapon (Z56)	Machete used to threaten victim