

2 October 2024

FOI Ref 17226

Request - You asked us the following:

Since 1st April 2011, how many no-body murders (i.e., at the time you declared it was a murder, the victim's body had not been recovered) has your police force recorded? For each homicide, please state (1) the financial year the homicide was recorded, (2) what the suspect/s outcome was or whether no suspect has been charged, (3) the financial year in which any suspect/s outcome was obtained, and (4) whether, and in what financial year, a body was subsequently recovered.

We received your request on 04/09/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

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Staffordshire Police discloses/withholds the following information.

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Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional offences may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.



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As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.

If you would like us to carry out a review of our response, please let us know within two months of the date of receipt of this email, review requests should be addressed to:

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Or by Post to:

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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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