

**Our Ref:** FOI: 23017  
**Your Ref:** FOI: 22900  
**Date:** 23 June 2026

### **Internal Review**

**Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, original request first notified to Staffordshire Police on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**SP refers to the above request which was expressed in the following terms:**

1. The top 5 individuals with the highest number of recorded shoplifting offences (Home Office classification:) within your police force area for the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025
2. For each individual, please provide:
  - Number of recorded shoplifting offences attributed to them
  - Number of those offences resulting in:
    - a) charge/summon
    - b) caution
    - c) no further action

Please anonymise individuals by assigning a unique identifier (e.g. Offender A, Offender B).

For your help shoplifting has the Home Office Code 046/00 and designates Theft from shops and stalls, commonly referred to as shoplifting.

**Further to the above, SP also note the following comments made within your request for Internal Review.**

Please can I ask for a review of the data you have sent?

As it is presented it would appear that almost no charges have been brought against shoplifter and in most cases NFA was taken? This seems strange and if true a story in itself. Please see below for a typical response - other forces have been much more thorough within the foi budget....

### **SP Response**

**Upon review of your request for information under the Freedom of Information provision referenced above, SP are of the opinion that the response issued fully answers the terms of your request.**

**The method used to research this request (an interrogation of the SP crime/occurrence database) has been double checked and the figures disclosed are correct.**



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**It is worthy of note that you asked for data pertaining to the top 5 individuals with the highest number of shoplifting offences per calendar year, not for the total number of shoplifting offences and outcomes for all offenders.**

Please be advised that all FOI requests and response letters are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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