West Midlands Police Freedom of Information

All instances where acid attacks were reported over the past five years, including arrests made, convictions, and sentencing.

If possible, please set out your results using this table below as a formatting guide.

Acid attacks are recorded under the weapons list as ACID - BOILING WATER - CIGARETTE-BURNING In the 'Weapons Use' field, we filtered only the data showing 'used' from the raw data, we then searched for the word 'Acid' in the MO notes.

Year	Number of attacks	Arrests made	Outcome	Total
2012	7	0		
2013	4	0		
2014			OC18: Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Investigated as far as possible – Case closed pending further investigative opportunities	1
	4	0	OC1a: Charge/summons	2
2015			OC15: Named Suspect identified: victim support but evidential difficulties prevent further action	3
	4	0	OC16: Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	1
2016	2	0	OC18: Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Investigated as far as possible – Case closed pending further investigative opportunities	2
2017			•	
(to				
date)	0	0		

Please Note: The 'arrests made' data is within the special Interest markers field. This would normally be completed if an arrest was made at the initial point of completing a crime report, however if an arrest is made as a result of further investigation, then the special interest marker within the crime report is not usually updated, which explains the reason for the nil value in the arrests made column in the above table. We do not hold conviction data, this is held by Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service, therefore we have provided offence outcomes.

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