

REQUEST

Could you provide me with the number of blackmail crimes, in each of the past two financial years (2019/20 and 2020/21), where a webcam has been involved in some way, i.e. where either webcam, web cam or video are mentioned in the summary of the report. This crimes may also be known as sextortion crimes, if that is an easier way of searching and identifying cases.

A search was completed for the dates 01/04/2019 - 31/03/2021 for the Offence of Blackmail, using the following keywords. Webcam, web cam, video, sextortion.

Financial Year	Total
2019/20	127
2020/21	270
Total	397

Could you provide a summary of each report, including outcome, and state whether the alleged victim was aged under 16, 16 to 18 or over 18.

Outcome

Outcome	2019-2020	2020-2021	Grand Total
CAUTION - ADULT (INC CONDITIONAL CAUTION)		1	1
CHARGE OR SUMMONS	1	5	6
CHARGE/SUMMONS WITH ALTERNATIVE OFFENCE	1		1
EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES VICTIM BASED - NAMED SUSPECT NOT IDENTIFIED: THE CRIME IS CONFIRMED BUT THE VICTIM EITHER DECLINES OR IS UNABLE TO SUPPORT FURTHER POLICE INVESTGATION TO IDENTIFY THE OFFENDER	6	10	16

INVESTIGATION COMPLETE: NO SUSPECT IDENTIFIED. CRIME INVESTGATED AS FAR AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE - CASE CLOSED PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATIVE OPPORTUNITIES BECOMING AVAILABLE	98	225	323
N/A	1	10	11
NAMED SUSPECT IDENTIFIED: EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES PREVENT FURTHER ACTION: VICTIM DOES NOT SUPPORT (OR HAS WITHDRAWN SUPPORT FROM) POLICE ACTION	9	9	18
NAMED SUSPECT IDENTIFIED: VICTIM SUPPORTS POLICE ACTION BUT EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES PREVENT FURTHER ACTION	10	10	20
POSTAL CHARGE	1		1
Grand Total	127	270	397

Age Group

Year	Under 16	16 to 18	Over 18	blank/ Not Recorded	Grand Total
2019/2020	1	20	101	5	127
2020/2021	4	22	241	3	270
Grand Total	5	42	342	8	397

Please be advised that anonymised/summarised crime reports are not routinely made available as the summary of the crime reports contain personal information and details pertaining to any relevant investigation, and therefore the following exemptions would likely apply.

Section 40 Personal Data and Section 30 Investigations and Proceedings conducted by a Public Authority.