

Request Reference: 518A/22

**1. How many reports of bilking (driving off without paying for fuel) have been made to West Midlands Police for the following months please - January 2022, February 2022 and March 2022.**

TABLE 1 - Count of Making off without payment offences (Home Office Code: 53/25), relating to 'driving off without paying for fuel', by Month - Jan to Mar 2022

Month	Total
January	390
February	368
March	392
Grand Total	1,150

**2. Could the figures please be broken down by month with any possible information on locations referred to also included if possible.**

TABLE 2: Count of Making off without payment offences (Home Office Code: 53/25), relating to 'driving off without paying for fuel', by Location and Month - Jan to Mar 2022

Neighbourhood Policing Unit	Month			Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	
Not Recorded	8	5	3	16
Birmingham East	96	82	86	264
Birmingham West	77	92	105	274
Coventry	24	18	18	60
Dudley	32	16	6	54
Sandwell	33	39	39	111
Solihull	31	22	29	82
Walsall	57	65	78	200
Wolverhampton	32	29	28	89
Grand Total	390	368	392	1,150

**3. Of these reports how many resulted in an arrest or charge being made, or an alternative outcome? Can this again be broken down month by month please.**

TABLE 3: Count of Making off without payment offences (Home Office Code: 53/25), relating to 'driving off without paying for fuel', by Outcome and Month - Jan to Mar 2022

Outcome	Month			Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	
Blank	7	6	11	24
Evidential Difficulties - Victim Based - Named suspect not identified	165	154	106	425
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified	214	200	267	681
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (no victim support)	2	4	4	10
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Grand Total	390	368	392	1,150