| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-0652  Responded to: 12 March 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am seeking data on the types of weapons used during robberies in convenience stores. I believe there is a strong public interest for this information to be published due to the safety risk posed to both businesses and members of the public.**

**Please can you supply the following information:**

**1) The number of businesses who were victims of reported robberies for the periods of 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023.**

**2) The key search terms I am seeking in relation to the type of business are; convenience store, corner shop, grocery store, supermarket, newsagent, symbol group, tobacconist, off licence and independent retailer.**

**The key search terms I am seeking in relation to the weapon used are guns, knives, needles, unarmed and blunt weapons (baseball bats, clubs, etc).**

**3) Could you also provide the name the businesses traded under and their address.**

**4) Whether the robber was arrested and their conviction/sentence.**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, we cannot search Crime Reports based on the nature of the locus. We would therefore have to review all robberies for relevance.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.