| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-3042  Responded to: 07 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Could you please search provide me with details of reported crimes where a search of the MO section of your crime database refers to "onlyfans" or "Only Fans". My request relates to crimes reported during the last five years from November 2019 to November 2024.

## I would like to know the number of crimes reported over this period.

## Can you please also provide me with the copies or summaries of the MO section of the incident report, with any personal data removed or redacted?

I must stress that Police Scotland do not consider keyword searches for specific words/ phrases to be an accurate means of analysis.

There may have been crimes of relevance to your request which do not include the specific word/ phrase that you have listed.

Similarly, spelling errors can skew the results of any analysis based on the presence of keywords.

It would however be nigh on impossible to come up with a list of comprehensive search terms - hence why we would not recommend the approach.

Although a phrase appears in a crime report, it cannot be assumed on that basis that the crime was directly related to the subject matter as per the context of your request.

For the reasons above, we would therefore take the view that the data below does not accurately reflect crimes relevant to ‘Only Fans’.

However, I can confirm for the period November 2019 to November 2024, 19 crime reports included ‘Only Fans’ or ‘OnlyFans’ in the Modus Operandi (MO) field of the crime report, as detailed in the table below.

As you have stated you *are not* requesting personal information, I will not formally exempt the information marked ‘redacted’, but for the avoidance of doubt, sections 34(1)(b), 35(1)(a)&(b) and 38(1)(b) of the Act would apply.

## Lastly, could you tell me the outcome of each case - whether there were any arrests, prosecutions and convictions, or whether they were NFAed?

I have included whether or not the crime was detected in the table below.

Detected crimes are those where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

Police Scotland does not hold criminal conviction/ prosecution data and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and/ or the Scottish Courts Service.

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.

**Appendix A - Crime data including MO field/ whether Detected**

| **Date** | **Crime Classification** | **MO text** | **Detected** |
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| Nov 2020 | Failure to notify police provision of false information | Did fail to register a name used by him on only fans which is a subscription service. | Yes |
| Apr 2021 | Disclosure of an intimate image | Did post explicit image of complainer on only fans without consent causing her distress. | Yes |
| Jun 2021 | Communications Act 2003 (sexual) | With the complainer's consent, did film the reporter performing a sexual act on you and did thereafter upload said footage to only fans for monetary gain without the consent of the reporter. | No |
| Jul 2021 | Communications Act 2003 (sexual) | Unknown Suspect Did Set Up Fake Onlyfans Page Using The Complainer's Name Then Did Upload Explicit Images Perpetrating To Be The Complainer | No |
| Nov 2021 | Threatening to disclose an intimate image | You did send a message via imessage stating you'd create an onlyfans account and share images and videos of the complainer. | Yes |
| May 2022 | Breach of sex offender order | Breach SOPO by using snapchat breach SOPO by failing to notify use of onlyfans social networking site breach SONR by failing to notify username [redacted] | Yes |
| May 2022 | Failure to notify police - provision of false information | Breach SOPO by using snapchat breach SOPO by failing to notify use of onlyfans social networking site breach SONR by failing to notify username [redacted] | Yes |
| May 2022 | Breach of sex offender order | Breach SOPO by using snapchat breach SOPO by failing to notify use of onlyfans social networking site breach SONR by failing to notify username [redacted] | Yes |
| Jan 2023 | Disclosure of an intimate image | Creating instagram account name [redacted] with link to only fans account [redacted] and posting intimate images of victim | No |
| Jan 2023 | Threats and Extortion | Contacting complainer [redacted] via twitter, asking if she would provide explicit content via her onlyfans account, agreeing to pay 300.00 gbp for 1 hour of video content from complainer, engaging in conversation with both complainers, causing them to provide explicit video content, thereafter threatening to disclose said footage to their friends and family unless they provided further sexually explicit content | No |
| Mar 2023 | Disclosure of an intimate image | 1 - you did share explicit images of the complainer [redacted] without her consent and create a fake only fans account portraying to be her.  2 - did receive intimate images of self from suspect | No |
| Mar 2023 | Communications Act 2003 (sexual) | 1-you did share explicit images of the complainer [redacted] without her consent and create a fake onlyfans account portraying to be her.  2 - did receive intimate images of self from suspect | No |
| Jul 2023 | Failing to appear after undertaking to police | Messages sent via onlyfans to the witness who lives and received the messages at the stated address | Yes |
| Sep 2023 | Communications act 2003 (sexual) | Send intimate photo and video taken from victim's 'onlyfans' account and email this to victim and others causing alarm/distress | Yes |
| Sep 2023 | Threats and extortion | Did threaten to disclose intimate conversation unless complainer subscribed to onlyfans and tipped £1000 | No |
| Oct 2023 | Disclosure of an intimate image | Did share explicit video of yourself and complainer onto only fans without his consent | Yes |
| Dec 2023 | Threatening or abusive behaviour | Did create an onlyfans account using complainers email address with the apparent intent to distribute indecent images of complainer. | No |
| Feb 2024 | Threatening or abusive behaviour | Did shout [redacted - highly offensive language] get back on only fans [redacted - highly offensive language] at police officers | Yes |
| Oct 2024 | General post office telecommunications offences | Did Sent Offensive Messages Via Only Fans Messaging Service | No |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 11/12/2024   
Recorded Crimes are extracted using the Date Raised.   
Detected crimes are a subset of these recorded crimes.   
Keyword searches of the crime MO text within National UNIFI were carried out for 'ONLY FANS' and 'ONLYFANS'.   
Data for the 2024/25 period covers up to November 2024 only and returns no records.