



Response Date:22/01/2024

2024/065 - Machete

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1. For the months of November and December 2023 how many crimes were logged by your force where a machete was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO of crimes for the words "machete" or variants of the spelling to include "machette" and "machetes".**
- 2. Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 1 that are `linked` to machete/s by its mention in the MO.**
- 3. Taking the month of December 2023 please provide me with copies of the first 5 MOs that mention machetes. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted].**

Reported Date	HO Code	HO Description	Weapon used	Weapon used subtype	Summary
08/11/2023	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	;Bladed implement (possession);		KNOWN AND UNKNOWN OFFENDERS HAVE ASSAULTED I.P. BY PUNCHING HIM REPEATEDLY WHILST IN POSSESSION OF MACHETES. NO REPORT OF ANY INJURY CAUSED. I.P. INTOXICATED.
18/11/2023	019/08A	Single Offender: Rape of a female aged 16 or over	;No weapon used;		Crime transfer. Known suspect rapes victim multiple times over the course of their relationship. He has also assaulted her multiple times over the course of the relationship including threatening her with a machete, strangling her multiple times ...

19/11/2023	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	;No weapon used;		IP reporting that she has just been assaulted by her partner. IP said her boyfriend came to her house with a machete and took her phone. She has followed him back to his to get her phone when he has come out and hit/punched her in the face. IP said she had blood all over her and has sustained bruising to the cheek
25/11/2023	125/11	Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	;Bladed implement (used/threatened);		Report from a member of door staff at licenced premises of an intoxicated male suspect in the area who was aggressive and telling the informant to call his work colleague to come outside. The male walks off and can then be seen to brandish a machete and shout incoherently at the informant who had now been joined by his colleague. The informant reports feeling scared by the suspect as he was in possession of a machete and was aggressive. The male is later seen to enter an Off Licence and reappears carrying bottles of beer. A lone police officer attends and confronts the suspect who starts to strip off. Further police arrive and the suspect is detained and searched and a knife with a 4 inch blade is seized from him. A review of CCTV later shows the suspect wearing a Balaclava and carrying a machete on the street and a subsequent search of his home recovers a machete and a Balaclava.
12/12/2023	003/01	Threats to kill	;Bladed implement (used/threatened);		IP reports two males have chased him, one had a loaded crossbow the other a machete.
12/12/2023	197/21	Possession of an offensive weapon in a private place; Criminal Justice Act 1988 Sec 141 (1A)			Suspect has entered the location with a machete style knife and given occupants abuse prior to leaving.

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 16/01/2024