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2024/700 - Rental Fraud Cases

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

How many police complaints of rental fraud/scam has your police force dealt with in the past ten years years?

Could I have these figures broken down on the following basis:

- 1. Year-by-year**
- 2. Age of alleged victim**
- 3. Result of case (i.e case dropped/charged/conviction)**
- 4. Origin of scam (i.e Facebook marketplace, gumtree, etc)**

- The timescale requested for data: 01/01/2014 - 18/7/2024. Broken down on a year by year basis./

- Rental fraud refers to when would-be tenants are tricked into paying an upfront fee to rent a property when in reality, the property does not exist, has already been rented out, or has been rented to multiple victims at the same time. See Action Fraud definition here: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/a-z-of-fraud/rental-fraud>

- Complaint refers to an incident recorded.

Calendar Year	Occurrence Count
2015	2
2017	2
2019	3

2020	6
2021	8
2022	5
2023	9
2024	2
Total	37

Occurrence #	Calendar Year	HO Code3	HO Description	Victim Age	Outcome	Origin
1	2015	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	55	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	In person
2	2015	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	33	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	In person
3	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	42	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	In person
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	24	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	25	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	29	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	31	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	32	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	33	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	34	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	35	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	36	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	37	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	39	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	40	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	41	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	42	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	44	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	47	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	48	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	50	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	51	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	53	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook

4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	59	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	61	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	65	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
4	2017	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	No DOB Recorded	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
5	2019	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	43	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	In person
6	2019	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	71	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	In person
7	2019	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	39	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Facebook
8	2020	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	19	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook
9	2020	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	61	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook
10	2020	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	32	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	In person
11	2020	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	22	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	In person
12	2020	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	20	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	In person
13	2020	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	No DOB Recorded	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	In person
14	2021	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	36	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook
15	2021	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	29	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook
16	2021	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	16	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Air BNB
17	2021	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	28	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Air BNB
18	2021	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	In person
19	2021	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	32	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook
20	2021	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	52	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Facebook
21	2021	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	87	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	In person
22	2022	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	60	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	In person
22	2022	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	67	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	In person
23	2022	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	27	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Online
24	2022	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	20	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook
25	2022	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	49	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook
26	2022	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	45	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook

27	2023	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	50	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook
28	2023	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	20	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook
29	2023	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	49	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook
30	2023	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	No DOB Recorded	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook
31	2023	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	31	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook
32	2023	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	34	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	In person
32	2023	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	45	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	In person
32	2023	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	57	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	In person
32	2023	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	58	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	In person
32	2023	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	61	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	In person
33	2023	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	61	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	In person
34	2023	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	35	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Facebook
35	2023	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	57	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	In person
36	2024	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	28	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	In person
37	2024	NFIB1G	Rental Fraud	46	Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Facebook

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