



Response Date:06/08/2024

2024/739 - Romance Fraud

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Q1. I would like to know how many reports of romance fraud the force has received this year and broken down for 2023, 2022 and 2021 please.

This crime type is described as the engineering of a supposed friendship or relationship for fraudulent/financial gain.

Q2. For each case, can I see if any arrests / charges were brought please.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

NFIB1D - Dating Scam Offences	2021	2022	2023	2024
10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest	0	1	0	0
14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	0	3	4	1
15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	3	0	1	1
16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	2	1	1	0
18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	23	35	38	15
22. Checkpoint	1	0	0	0
Outcome Not Yet Assigned	0	1	8	8
Total	29	41	52	25

Calendar Year	Arrest Count
2021	0
2022	0
2023	0
2024	0

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 01/08/2024