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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:04/11/2024

2024/985 - Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to know how many arrests you made for alleged offences under Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 in the following years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and the first nine months of 2024. Please can you provide separate figures for each year.

Please can you also provide the number of arrests made for alleged offences under Section of 1 Malicious Communications Act 1988, for the same time period and in the same year-by-year breakdown.

Communications Act		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cause to be sent by public communication network a false message to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety (recordable)	196/07	0	1	2	3	2	1	0	0
Cause to be sent by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter (recordable)	196/07	0	1	1	4	5	4	2	1
Persistently make use of public communication network to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety (recordable)	196/07	3	11	5	17	13	7	16	14
Send by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter (recordable)	196/07	30	33	60	68	89	109	96	89
Send false message by public electronic communication network to cause annoyance, inconvenience or anxiety (recordable)	196/07	4	2	5	5	1	2	6	1

Malicious Communications Act		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	008/72	0	0	5	9	10	5	2	5
Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	008/72	11	16	13	10	6	7	10	1

Send letter / communication / article conveying false information (recordable)	008/72	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	1
Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	008/72	0	1	4	0	5	2	3	2

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 31/10/2024