



Response Date: 26/02/2026

2026/205 - Making off without payment

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please can you provide me with the following information for 'making off without payment' offence under the Theft Act 1978.

Q1: Provide me with the full list of 'making off without payment' offences reported to the force which contained the word 'pub' or 'restaurant' in the summary in 2025.

For each report, include the date, summary and outcome.

Q2: Provide me with the full list of 'making off without payment' offences reported to the force which contained the word 'pub' or 'restaurant' in the summary in 2024.

For each report, include the date, summary and outcome.

Q3: Provide me with the full list of 'making off without payment' offences reported to the force which contained the word 'pub' or 'restaurant' in the summary in 2023.

For each report, include the date, summary and outcome.

Making Off Without Payment Offences + Outcomes - Location Subtype as "Restaurant" or "Public House" OR Occurrence Summary includes "Pub" or "Restaurant"

Reported Date	HO Code	HO Description	Location Subtype	Outcome	Summary
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Jan-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Group of 6 people have come for a meal and made off without paying, caller recognised one of them from not paying previously. Total bill £184.34.
Jan-23	053/25	Making off without payment		16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Additional crime - Known offender made off from restaurant without paying for meal and drinks.
Feb-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	01. Charged / Summonsed / Postal Requisition	OFFENDER ATTENDED RESTAURANT, ORDERED FOOD WHICH HE CONSUMED BEFORE INFORMING STAFF THAT HE HAD NO MEANS TO PAY.
Feb-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Suspects have attended the location, ordered food and drinks to the value of £74.30 and then left making no attempt to pay.
Mar-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	family have attended at the location and the food they have ordered was £76 they have refused to pay for the food and will only pay for the drinks
Apr-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Caller reporting that a group of females had eaten at the restaurant and only paid £80 of their bill which was £153. They had stated they had left £73 cash on the table but no cash was found.
Jun-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Staff at restaurant reporting that elderly couple have failed to pay for a meal, made excuse that they were going to cash point and then drove off in linked vehicle.
Jul-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Unknown suspects have attended the location and had a meal to the value of £61. They have then left making no attempt to pay.
Jul-23	053/25	Making off without payment		16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	ON 5.7.23 UNKNOWN OFFENDERS TOOK PLATES AND CUTLERY FROM THE CAFE. THEY RETURNED ON 6.7.23 AND FAILED TO PAY FOR THE FOOD THEY HAD EATEN.
Jul-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Group of customers have left the restaurant and not paid their bill

Jul-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Customers have made off without paying for their food bill.
Jul-23	053/25	Making off without payment		16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Making off report, party of 24 booked tables at restaurant, only 6 have paid, details of person booking and supposed to arrange payment given. Amount owing £410.
Aug-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Unknown offenders have failed to pay for food and run out of the restaurant. Business has located the suspects and they have now paid in full. As a consequence the business no longer wishes to make a formal complaint.
Aug-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	FAMILY OF 4 HAVE JUST WALKED OUT WITHOUT FROM LOCATION WITHOUT PAYING THEIR BILL
Aug-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	FAMILY HAS DINED AT THE RESTARUANT AND THEN LEFT WITHOUT PAYING THE BILL - £200 BILL
Aug-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	report of 2 females in the location who have been drinking and have then left making no payent and driven off
Sep-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	A couple have attended and had a meal to value £67 and then made off without making payment.
Nov-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Family have made off without paying the bill.
Nov-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	A group of males and females have attended the location, ordered food and drinks and then left making no attempt to pay.
Dec-23	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Unknown suspects have attended the location, ordered and eaten food and then walked out making no attempt to pay.

Feb-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Inft reporting that the subject has attempted to pay a bill using several methods of payment which have declined however the inft believes she is delaying paying back the bill advising the informant she will pay in the next 5 minutes. The Inft states she has been saying this all day. Subject has left her name and contact details so that she may be contacted.
Mar-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Offenders unknown attend at restaurant, consume three course meal and then leave making no attempt to pay.
Mar-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Males have left the location without paying for food and drinks.
Mar-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Unknown offenders have attended at location ordered food to the value of over £200 and left making no attempt to pay
Apr-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	Informant (pub landlord) reporting an unknown female has ordered food and then her bank card has declined, he believes it to be a fake card and that she has done similar previously, totalling around £200.
Apr-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Group of eleven persons have failed to pay for bill.
Apr-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	***** ADDITIONAL CRIME***** KNOWN OFFENDER HAS LEFT THE LOC ADDRESS , WITHOUT MAKING ATTEMPT TO PAY FOR THE FOOD THEY HAD ORDERED AND CONSUMED WHILST AT THE LOC ADDRESS.
May-24	053/25	Making off without payment		18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	The same male has eaten in the restaurant two days in a row and has failed to make payment
May-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Caller reporting a couple have just had food at the location and then left with no intention of paying the bill.

May-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	2 males and 2 females with baby have eaten at location. females and one male have left the table and then the second male left on own shortly after having not paid for the meals
Jun-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	couple have walked in and ordered food valued at £44 they have then left making no attempt to pay
Jun-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Young couple have eaten food and had drinks at the location and then left without making payment.
Jul-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	FAMILY HAVE LEFT THE LOCATION WITHOUT PAYING FOR A MEAL
Jul-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Informant reporting three persons have left the restaurant without paying the £70 bill.
Jul-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Informant reporting that two females have done nothing but complain about things. They have eaten 20 plates of food and said they found a hair in the food. They have walked out without making payment.
Jul-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Caller reporting that offenders have refused to pay for their bill at the location.
Jul-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Restaurant reporting some "travellers" have come into the location and had some drinks and they have left the location without paying.
Aug-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	The informant reporting customers who ordered and ate food at the location had no intention of paying their bill, they left after a disagreement over paying the bill. Approximate value 76.40
Aug-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Offender unknown orders a drink at the bar, drinks it and then leaves without making any attempt to pay.

Aug-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Male and female have attended the location, had food and then left making no attempt to pay.
Sep-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	Informant reporting that a family have attended and refused to pay for food claiming that there was a hair in the food, informant stated that they believe the suspects placed the hair on the food themselves.
Oct-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Male has walked out of the restaurant failing to pay his bill.
Dec-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	A rowdy group have made off without paying for their drinks bill approx £90. They have also taken glasses from the premises and described as being rowdy.
Dec-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Infnt reporting that a customer has left the location failing to pay £49.75 for their food.
Dec-24	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Staff reporting a make off involving a large group some of whom paid after police intervention but a male and female are still outstanding owing £237.
Jan-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	Taxi driver reporting theft of not paying for fare.
Feb-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Fast food	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	UNKNOWN OFFENDERS HAVE STOLEN A QUANTITY OF SOFT DRINKS VALUED AT £10 BY REPEATEDLY REFILLING CUPS FROM SELF SERVICE DISPENSER, AND HAVE EVENTUALLY LEFT RESTAURANT WITHOUT MAKING ANY ATTEMPT TO PAY FOR DRINKS. OFFENDERS HAVE ALSO ROLLED A CANNABIS JOINT AT LOCATION. CCTV AVAILABLE.
Feb-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Group of unknown offenders have made off from the public house without making payment for their meals. Total unpaid is £225.72.

Feb-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	THREE SUSPECTS ATTENDED AT LOCATION AND WHEN PRESENTED WITH A BILL OF £147 WERE REFUSING TO PAY . ALL THREE SUSPECTS WERE INTOXICATED . POLICE LOCATED THE SUSPECTS AND AN AGREEMENT WAS MADE THAT THEY WOULD RETURN TO LOCATION AT A LATER DATE AND PAY THE BILL.
Feb-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	The informant is reporting 4 people have entered the restaurant and ordered food. They have then all made off without paying. Possibly 4 crimes if the CCTV or evidence suggests they have all have food and not paid for it.
Feb-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Inftr reporting that a family have attended and eaten and then snuck out without paying the bill for food.
Mar-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Inftr reporting someone walking out without paying.
Mar-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Two males have left location without paying for meal and drinks
Mar-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Suspects have ordered and eaten a large amount of food, ... make off reported as clearly no intention to pay.
Mar-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	2 males and 1 female have not paid for food and drink at the location.
Jul-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Unknown group made off from location without making payment
Aug-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	Two males have been in bar of restaurant and have left without paying, taking two full glasses of beer with them

Aug-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Six unknown people have eaten in the restaurant and have all left without making payment. They ran out and into a waiting vehicle. No details of vehicle. Informant reports that they are believed to be from the travelling community.
Aug-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Couple have left restaurant without paying the bill
Aug-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	INFT REPORTING THAT TRAVELLER FAMILY ATTENDED AT ESTABLISHMENT AND ORDERED FOOD TO THE VALUE OF £145 .. THEY THEN DISTRACTED STAFF AND LEFT MAKING NO ATTEMPT TO PAY
Sep-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	The IP reports that a known female has made off from his restaurant without paying her food bill.
Sep-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Male Suspect has made off from the location without making payment for the food he had eaten.
Sep-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Three unknown males have eaten at the restaurant. They have all made off making no payment for the food.
Oct-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Caller reporting offenders have racked up a bill of £188.35 at the location and have left the restaurant whilst their server was distracted with another guest.
Oct-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Public house	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Report from restaurant that a couple have left the location without paying for their food and drinks.
Oct-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	4 males attended the location and had a meal and drinks and then left without making payment.
Dec-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	A GROUP OF 23 DINERS HAVE LEFT THE LOCATION WITHOUT PAYING THE BILL OF APPROXIMATELY £250

Dec-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Unknown Offenders have made off without payment by going outside to smoke and not returning to pay, leaving a bill total of £136.95. Intoxicated
Dec-25	053/25	Making off without payment	Restaurant	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Caller reporting unknown offenders have had a meal to the value of £266.30 at the location and have left without making any attempt to pay.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 23/02/2026