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**2026/230 - FoIA request for 2023 to 2025 inclusive, Vehicle LoS notifications**

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

**Thank you for your response to request 2026/014 and for providing the breakdown by HO code.**

**I would be grateful for clarification regarding the differentiation applied between:**

- **048/01 – Theft of a motor vehicle, and**
- **130/01 – Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle**

**As you will appreciate, the current *Crime Recording Rules for Frontline Officers and Staff (2025/26 update)* (November 2025, [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/693313d80cf0b7e681ff4345/crim-e-recording-rules-for-frontline-officers-and-staff-2025\\_26-november-2025-update.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/693313d80cf0b7e681ff4345/crim-e-recording-rules-for-frontline-officers-and-staff-2025_26-november-2025-update.pdf) at p.72) define Code 48 as:**

**“Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle.”**

**The same document states:**

**“Only the unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle is notifiable. Driving or being carried is not notifiable.”**

**The November 2025 guidance does not appear to reference “130” as a separate notifiable classification, whereas earlier summary offence documentation (e.g. 2022 summary non-motoring classifications) again links 130 codes to both theft/unauthorised taking.**

**Against that background, I would be grateful if you could assist with the following:**

- 1. Is 130/01 a separate notifiable offence within your crime recording system, or does it map internally to HO Code 48?**

130/01 is the sub class code and 48 is the category code.

- 2. What factual criteria determine whether a vehicle taking is recorded as 48/01 rather than 130/01?**

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**3. Is the distinction based on:**

- **Evidence of intent to permanently deprive (Theft Act 1968 s.1), or**
- **Section 12 "taking without consent" considerations, or**  
Both these 2 elements are considered as part of the recording decision.
- **Administrative/system coding architecture?**

**4. Is there any time-based threshold (e.g. recovery period) used operationally when determining whether a vehicle is recorded as theft or unauthorised taking?**

No time consideration is just based on the circumstances.

**\*I am not seeking case-level detail, but rather clarification of the recording methodology so that aggregate figures can be properly understood.**

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