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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000180/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 13 January 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. Please could you provide figures for the number of weapons that were seized or taken by the police
2. Please could you provide this information broken down to what weapons (gun, knife, etc) were seized and the year they were seized.
3. Could I have this info for 2010-2015,

Norfolk Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

A search has been completed by the Constabulary's Joint Criminal Justice Service Command Department for all weapons recorded within the Electronic Property System (EPS) concerning knives or guns seized.

The information provided in the table below relates to those occasions where either a knife or a gun was seized. Please note that the information pertains to any occasions where a knife or gun were seized, which may not have been as a result of an offence, for example safekeeping during the course of a complaint etc.

| Year | KNIFE | GUN | TOTAL |
|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 2010* | 273 | 187 | 460 |
| 2011 | 600 | 542 | 1142 |
| 2012 | 522 | 660 | 1182 |
| 2013 | 562 | 998 | 1560 |
| 2014 | 634 | 1529 | 2163 |
| 2015 | 566 | 1205 | 1771 |

* Please note that EPS was introduced during 2010 however wasn't used by the entire police force until April 2011, which clarifies the lower figures for that calendar year.