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## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 000375/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

In 2019 1st Jan to 31st December (inclusive)

During 2019 How many incidents were recorded where the word Grindr, Plenty of Fish, POF Tinder, Fabswingers, Fabguys was mentioned by the person reporting the incident.

Please brief details of the nature of the incident and whether a crime was recorded and if so what.

### Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below:

Research has been undertaken of recorded incidents, reported to the Constabularies, which contain one or more of the words listed in your request. Please note, the reports have *not* been reviewed to see how the site mentioned is relevant to the incident reported.

The incident opening codes have been provided below:

| Incident Opening Code             | Grindr | Fabswingers | Plenty of Fish / POF | Tinder |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------------|----------------------|--------|
| <b>NORFOLK</b>                    |        |             |                      |        |
| Abscnd/Wanted/AWOL/Order/Bail     | -      | -           | 1                    | -      |
| Administration                    | 1      | -           | -                    | 1      |
| ASB - Nuisance                    | -      | -           | -                    | 1      |
| ASB – Personal                    | 3      | -           | 2                    | 3      |
| Blackmail                         | -      | -           | -                    | 1      |
| Civil Dispute                     | -      | -           | 1                    | -      |
| Concern for Safety                | -      | -           | 2                    | 3      |
| Crime – Other                     | 1      | -           | -                    | -      |
| Domestic Crime                    | -      | -           | 3                    | 3      |
| Domestic Incident                 | -      | -           | 10                   | 20     |
| Firearms                          | 1      | -           | -                    | -      |
| Fraud & Forgery (Incl. Deception) | -      | -           | 2                    | 2      |

|                                    |           |          |           |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Harassment                         | 1         | -        | 3         | 1         |
| Hate Crime                         | -         | -        | 1         | -         |
| Missing Person                     | -         | -        | -         | 3         |
| Rape                               | -         | -        | 3         | 2         |
| Sexual Imagery Youth Produced      | 1         | -        | -         | 1         |
| Sexual – Online                    | -         | -        | 2         | 1         |
| Sexual Offence                     | -         | -        | 2         | 1         |
| Sus Circs/Insecure prem/veh        | 1         | -        | 5         | 6         |
| Theft – Other                      | -         | -        | -         | 1         |
| Violence Against The Person        | 1         | -        | -         | 3         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>10</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>53</b> |
| <b>SUFFOLK</b>                     |           |          |           |           |
| Abandoned Calls                    | -         | -        | -         | 1         |
| Abscnd/Wanted/AWOL/Order/Bail      | -         | -        | -         | -         |
| Administration                     | -         | -        | -         | -         |
| ASB - Nuisance                     | -         | -        | -         | 1         |
| ASB – Personal                     | -         | 1        | -         | 1         |
| Blackmail                          | -         | -        | -         | -         |
| Civil Dispute                      | -         | -        | -         | -         |
| Concern for Safety                 | -         | -        | 2         | 2         |
| Crime – Other                      | -         | -        | 2         | 1         |
| Domestic Crime                     | -         | -        | -         | -         |
| Domestic Incident                  | -         | -        | -         | 1         |
| Firearms                           | -         | -        | -         | -         |
| Fraud & Forgery (Incl. Deception)  | -         | -        | 4         | -         |
| Harassment                         | 1         | -        | 3         | 7         |
| Hate Crime                         | -         | -        | -         | -         |
| Missing/Absent                     | -         | -        | 2         | 3         |
| Missing Person                     | -         | -        | -         | -         |
| Police Generated Resource Activity | -         | -        | -         | 1         |
| Rape                               | -         | -        | 1         | 4         |
| Road Related Offence               | -         | -        | -         | 1         |
| Sexual Imagery Youth Produced      | -         | -        | -         | -         |
| Sexual – Online                    | -         | -        | -         | -         |
| Sexual Offence                     | -         | -        | 2         | 2         |
| Sus Circs/Insecure prem/veh        | -         | -        | 6         | 2         |
| Theft – Other                      | -         | -        | -         | -         |
| Vehicle – Theft of                 | -         | -        | 1         | -         |
| Violence Against The Person        | -         | -        | -         | -         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>27</b> |

Based on the above incidents, the following crimes have been linked to the reports. Please note, a separate search of all crimes has not been undertaken.

The crime types have been provided below:

| <b>Offence Description</b>   | <b>Norfolk</b> | <b>Suffolk</b> |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Action Fraud   | 1              | 2              |
| Aggravated vehicle taking (driving / being carried) offences causing damage to vehicle and / or property under £5000 | 1              | -              |
| Assault without injury – Common assault and battery  | 3              | -              |
| Attempted Burglary – Residential – Dwelling  | -              | 1              |
| Blackmail  | 3              | -              |
| Breach of non-molestation order  | 2              | -              |
| Disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress  | 1              | -              |
| Harassment – without violence (course of conduct)  | 11             | 8              |
| Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)  | 1              | -              |
| Rape   | 6              | 7              |
| Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1988                      | 13             | 2              |
| Sexual Assault   | 3              | 2              |
| Stalking   | 1              | -              |