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**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 004077/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many weapons which emit high voltage charges and were described as stun guns, stun devices or tasers have been used in offences in your force area in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016?

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

**Response to your Request**

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

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes which contain any of the followings words within the summary:-

- 'Stun Gun'
- 'Stun Device'
- 'Taser'

The results have then been reviewed to see if one of the devices was used in the offence. Please note, where the offences were possession, importation or conspiracy to sell Tasers/Stun Guns/Stun Devices we have included these as a 'Yes' but separated them under sub categories. We have also included two occasions where a victim was threatened with such a device via phone/social media.

For those crimes/investigations where it was unclear from the recorded information if one was used we have recorded these as a 'No'.

Weapon Used in Offence	Year					Grand Total
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
No	12	23	40	53	27	155
Yes		1	1		1	3
Yes (comms threats)			1	1		2
Yes (conspiring to sell)			2			2
Yes (importation)				1		1
Yes (possession of)	5	9	5	7	8	34
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>197</b>