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I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 22nd November 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

Please could you tell me (in an anonymised format):

The date and location of each prison escape or abscond from lawful custody and where and when they were re-arrested/found (during the past two years).
Where possible, and if the information, please could you also provide in each instance the reason for the escape/absconson and whether there was any significance in the location in which they were re-captured (e.g home of friends/parents etc)

The purpose of my request, in case it helps, is to establish some idea of where those who escape from custody go, and why.

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

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

The Joint Performance and Analysis Department has undertaken research of recorded crimes for the offence of 'Absconding from lawful custody (Indictable)'. This has returned 6 crimes.

Absconding from lawful custody (Indictable)		
Date/Location	Circumstances	Outcome
October 2015 Thetford	Following arrest for assaulting an officer, pulled free from handcuff and ran off	Located hiding at mother's address
April 2016 Holt	Suspect drove away whilst officers attempting arrest for breach of bail	Arrested at police station the following day
June 2016 Norwich	Whilst held under Mental Health Act, escaped from hospital	Arrested out of County
July 2016 Great Yarmouth	Made off from arresting officers	Arrested shortly after absconding
August 2016 Sheringham	Drove off from officers after being stopped for driving with excess alcohol	Arrested at home address
August 2016 Dereham	Ran off from officer whilst being arrested	Suspect was later arrested