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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 006038/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 10th August 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide me with information about the number of blackmail crimes, in each of the past five years (2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17), where a webcam has been involved in some way, i.e. where either "webcam", "web cam" or "video link" are mentioned in the summary of the report.

Could you provide a summary of each report, including outcome, and state whether the alleged victim was aged under 16, 16 to 18 or over 18.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 25th August 2017.

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

The information you have requested would be held within crimes relating to the offence of Blackmail. Research has been undertaken of these crimes using a keyword search. The words researched are: 'webcam', 'web cam' and 'video link'. Therefore due to the limitations of the search parameters, it is possible that some crimes have not been identified.

Details	Outcome	Age
Financial Year 2012/13		
Web cam, demands for money were made and threats that the footage would be posted online	Undetected	Over 18
Financial Year 2013/14		
Demands for money were made and threats that the footage would be posted online	Undetected	Over 18
Victim has received a calls/texts demanding money and threatening to post video on Facebook	Undetected	Over 18
Victim has received an email demanding money or would disclose details	Undetected	Over 18
Financial Year 2014/15		
Demand for money was made and a threat to post video on internet if not paid	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Contact made via Facebook resulting in victim posting an image via webcam. A demand for money was received with a threat to post footage on internet if not paid	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Friend request on Facebook resulting in contact via Skype. A request for money was received with a threat to post footage on internet if not paid	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Report that victim was being blackmailed after an explicit video was sent on Skype	16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)	Over 18

Demands for money received	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Unknown offender has recorded footage of victim from Skype and threatened to send this to family and friends on Facebook if money not paid	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Contact by unknown person on Facebook resulting in video via Skype. Victim then received messages demanding money and threats to leak video	14. No Suspect. Victim declines/unable to support	Over 18
Contact made on Facebook resulting in video via Skype. Victim then received demand for money and been threatened that video will be posted online	14. No Suspect. Victim declines/unable to support	16 to 18
Contacted via social media. Victim received demand for money or web cam footage would be posted online	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Details exchanged on dating site. Victim received a demand for money or web cam footage would be sent to family	14. No Suspect. Victim declines/unable to support	Over 18
Victim blackmailed following contact via Skype	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	16 to 18
Friend request via Facebook. Victim received demand for money or footage would be published on the internet	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Following recording on Skype, victim has received demand for money and been threatened that footage would be sent to friends	10. Not in the Public Interest (Police)	Over 18
Initial contact via adult dating website and photos exchanged. Suspect claimed to be 14 years old and demanded money from the victim	14. No Suspect. Victim declines/unable to support	Over 18
Victim and suspect met on chat site. Demand for money received or video footage would be sent to friends and posted online	15. Victim supports but evidential difficulties prevent	16 to 18
Victim and suspect met on chat site. Money was later demanded or web cam footage would be published	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Victim contact with unknown suspect via webcam. Video footage sent back to victim requesting payment or video would appear online	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Initial meeting via dating website. Demand for money received and a threat that webcam footage would be distributed online if not paid	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Initial contact via dating website. Demand for money received and a threat that Skype footage would be posted online if not paid	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Threat to post images on the internet by person known to the victim, unless monies paid	01. Charged/Summons	over 18
Demand for money received by victim with a threat that if not paid Skype footage would be sent to Facebook contacts	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Initial contact via dating website. Following Skype video call, a demand for money has been received.	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Victim has received demand for money along with threat that video would be posted onto Facebook	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Financial Year 2015/16		
Image has been sent via SnapChat. This has been altered by suspect who demands further images.	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	16 to 18
Victim has been asked to send photos to person known.	15. Victim supports but	16 to 18

Threatened that, if not sent, footage would be posted on Facebook	evidential difficulties prevent	
A demand for money received and it not paid, footage would be sent to Facebook contacts	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
A threat received that Skype video footage would be circulated if money not paid	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Initial contact via dating site. Footage over a web cam recorded. Credit card details requested or video would be posted online	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Suspect has asked for money or video clip would be posted online	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	16 to 18
Suspect demands money and posts webcam footage online. Further demand received. Site was contacted and video removed.	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Contact made via dating site. A threat received that video call footage would be uploaded to internet if money not paid.	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Phone calls and messages received demanding money. If not paid video would be released	14. No Suspect. Victim declines/unable to support	Over 18
Contact made via dating site. Video and images shared via a web cam. A threat was received that footage would be circulated if money not paid	15. Victim supports but evidential difficulties prevent	Over 18
Contact via Skype/Facebook resulting in a demand for money or video would be placed online	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Contact made via dating site. Victim received a threat that a recording could be sent to Facebook friends and work if money wasn't paid	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Victim was contacted by person unknown online and exchanged an image. A demand for money was received or image would be uploaded online	14. No Suspect. Victim declines/unable to support	Over 18
Demands made for money otherwise a video of victim would be uploaded to Facebook	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Victim has been in contact with suspect via webcam. Suspect has then demanded money or would post pictures and video to friends and family	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	16 to 18
Contact made via a chat site. Following a Skype conversation, suspect asked for money or a video would be sent to victims family	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	Over 18
Suspect threatened to post video on YouTube and to friends & family	Type 18	Over 18
Suspect has demanded money to be sent to an account otherwise footage of victim would be distributed	Type 18	16 to 18
Initial contact via a dating site. Following a Skype video call, a link was sent to the victim and the suspect demanded that this was to be opened otherwise video would be sent to Facebook friends	Type 18	16 to 18
An online relationship was filmed and used to try and extort money	Type 18	Over 18
Online blackmail	Type 18	Not Recorded
Threats to post video to YouTube/Facebook unless money paid.	Type 18	16 to 18
Initial contact via Facebook. A recording of a video chat has been made and a demand for money.	Type 18	Over 18
Threat to post video to YouTube unless money paid	Type 18	Over 18

Blackmail of victim by demanding money in order to delete an explicit video sent to the IP	Type 18	Over 18
Victim has been asked for money in return for pictures not being posted	Type 18	Over 18
Financial Year 2016/17		
Demand for money to be paid otherwise an indecent image would be posted on social media	Type 18	16 to 18
Threat to post video image online unless money paid	Type 18	16 to 18
I/P has met a person online who is blackmailing the I/P for money and using menace	Type 18	Over 18
Victim has been threatened that images will be posted online. Does not know what images these are	Type 18	Not Recorded
Contact made via Facebook. A demand for money was received or video would be sent to family and friends	Type 18	Over 18
A threat has been made to post video online unless money transferred	Type 18	Over 18
Money demanded or recording via a webcam would be published	Type 18	Over 18
Webcam footage recorded and a demand for money received for this to be deleted or otherwise this would be published on the internet	Type 14	16 to 18
Video has been made on posted on Facebook. Demands for money made in order to remove the video	Type 18	Over 18
Suspect has demanded money or video of sexual acts would be posted online	Type 18	Over 18
Victim recorded on webcam and contacted demanding money	Type 18	Over 18
Recording made on a chat portal used to blackmail victim	Type 18	Over 18

Type 14 Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender

Type 18 Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available