



## Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission

### Freedom of Information Act Request Response No. 13022016-1

#### Question

Dear Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Section 10 of the theft states:

THEFT ACT 1968 SEC 10(1).

A person is guilty of aggravated burglary if he commits any burglary and at the time he has with him any firearm or imitation firearm, any weapon of offence, or any explosive.

However as of April 2015 there is a document by the Home Office titled "Home Office counting rules for recorded crime" which states:

Example 5: A person enters a house as a trespasser armed with a knife and confronts the male and female occupiers. They are both threatened with violence and as a result hand over their watches before the suspect leaves.

Two crimes of robbery (class 34B).

The document states "with effect from April 2015"

Am I right in believing:

(1) As of April 2015 the Home Office has added counting rules that can consider part of an aggravated burglary described above at example 5 as robbery under class 34b

and:

(2) Before the Home Office counting rules came into effect on April 2015, the offence described by the Home Office above at example 5 would be aggravated burglary

#### Answer

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this Department.

Northamptonshire Police's Information Unit may hold some of the information you are seeking. If you have not already done so, then you may wish to write to Ian Kelly, Freedom of Information and Data Protection Team Leader, Information Unit, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: John Neilson, Acting Chief Executive, Office of the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner, West Wing, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF