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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SOCIAL MEDIA.

We refer to your email dated 2 March 2020 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the same date.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

- “1. How many complaints about crimes related to social media have been reported in the last three years? Please could you provide a breakdown of the type of crime.**
 - 2. How many times have officers been called out to deal with a social media related crime in the last three years? Please could you provide a breakdown of the type of crime.**
 - 3. How many people have been charged for a social media related crime in the last three years?**
 - 4. How many drink spiking cases have been recorded in the last three years?**
- Please note, social media includes: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok and YouTube.**
- Please could you provide a year by year breakdown of the information, for the last three years, up to the date of this request.”**

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

See the attached document.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk).

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office

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Question 1: How many complaints about crimes related to social media have been reported in the last three years? Please could you provide a breakdown of the type of crime.

Offence Type	No of crimes
Harassment	2
Sending Letter or other article conveying indecent or grossly offensive material	2
Take, Make, Distribute or Publish Indecent Photographs	1
Handling Stolen Goods	1
Indecent, Obscene or menacing communications	1
Theft	1

Question 2: How many times have officers been called out to deal with a social media related crime in the last three years? Please could you provide a breakdown of the type of crime.

Ministry of Defence Police Officers would attend all crimes recorded by them. (see above table)

Question 3: How many people have been charged for a social media related crime in the last three years?

No persons have been charged for Social Media related crimes in the last 3 years.

Question 4: How many drink spiking cases have been recorded in the last three years?

The Ministry of Defence Police have not dealt with any drink spiking crimes in the last 3 years. Any such offence reported to them would be handed over to the local Home Office Police Force to deal with.