



Response Date:02/10/2026

2026/1006 - Police computer misuse

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. The number of police officers and PCSOs (not staff) in your force convicted of computer misuse, providing the full MO (offence) summary for each one, and, if there is time and it is possible, the outcome of the subsequent misconduct case, since January 1 2021.

2021 - 0
2022 - 0
2023 - 1
2024 - 0
2025 - 0
2026 - 1

2. If possible within cost limits, for each officer/PCSO listed in your answer to question 1, itemise them to show their rank, gender, the year of conviction, status at force now (still serving, retired resigned, sanction).

2023 - Police constable – Male – Convicted 2023 – Resigned prior to proceedings
Allegation

1. On Sunday 27th November 2022 between 17.59hrs and 19.27hrs, you deliberately accessed police systems whilst off duty and not for a policing purpose.
2. The evidence shows that you accessed systems on your police laptop whilst off duty, which included looking at ICAD which then allowed you access to RMS thereby allowing you to view a seized property template which contained the forensic evidence including the name and address of a victim in the case. You also opened the Occurrence log, which would have allowed you to view the investigation strategy and actions undertaken in relation to the incident. You then gained access to the victim's RMS profile which would have allowed you to see his personal information and went on to view a picture of him.
3. On Thursday 1st December 2022, you were arrested on suspicion of Misconduct in Public Office and questioned in relation to the unauthorised access to police systems for a non-policing purpose.
4. Despite being given every opportunity during that interview to provide further details and account for your unauthorised access, you answered No Comment to all questions asked.
5. Upon advice from the CPS you were charged with "On 27th November 2022 at PEN Y CROES, CAERNARFON, GWYNEDD caused a computer to perform a function with intent to secure unauthorised access to a program or data held in a computer or to enable any such access to be so secured. 'Contrary to section 1(1) and (3) of the Computer Misuse Act 1990."
6. On Thursday 14th September 2023 you offered a Guilty Plea to this charge at Llandudno Magistrates court. 7. A memorandum of conviction certificate has been obtained which evidences this conviction.

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8. The absolute requirement for integrity of police information and evidence is key to effective policing and arguably this affects every role and function within the organisation. It is alleged your actions have been dishonest and you have breached confidentiality. Such behaviour discredits the police service and undermines public confidence in it.

Outcome

Would have been dismissed if still serving with police.

2026 - Detective Inspector – Female – Convicted 2026 – Resigned prior to proceedings

Allegation

On 8th July 2026, following a criminal investigation, you were found guilty of the below indictment following a trial at Caernarfon Crown Court:

Between 19/01/22 and 23/09/22 at Colwyn Bay, Conwy caused a computer to perform a function with intent to secure unauthorised access to a program or data held in a computer or to enable such access to be secured.

Legislation Contrary to Section 1(1) and (3) of the Computer Misuse Act 1990

Outcome

Would have been dismissed if still serving with police.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 28/09/2026