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2026/586 - Recorded crimes and weapon seizures

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the following data regarding recorded crimes and weapon seizures within your force's jurisdiction over the past five calendar years, plus the current year to date (from January 1, 2021, to May 31, 2026).

To ensure this request remains within the appropriate cost limit, please apply a two-stage filtering process to your search:

Stage 1 (Cohort): Identify all recorded offences or incidents that feature a "bladed article", "sharp instrument", or "knife crime" marker, OR fall under Home Office offence codes for possession of an offensive weapon.

Stage 2 (Keyword Search): Within that specific cohort, search the Modus Operandi (MO) text, summary, or free-text notes fields for any of the following keywords:

"kirpan"

"ceremonial dagger"

"ceremonial knife"

"religious exemption"

"religious article"

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We have searched for all crime occurrences with knife/blade stats class/occurrence MO or possession offence type, then completed a keyword search on the terms requested.

Recorded Crimes

Reported Date	Offence Category Code	Offence Category Desc	Stats Classification misc.. Weapon used	Kirpan KW	Ceremonial Dagger KW	Ceremonial Knife KW	Religious Article KW	Religious Exemption KW	Summary
Jun-23	10D	Possession of Article with Blade or Point	;Bladed implement (possession);	Y	N	N	N	N	Suspect has been found in possession of a knife at location.
Nov-23	9A	Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	;Bladed implement (used/threatened);	Y	N	N	N	N	suspect has flashed a knife at IP and stared at them, causing IP to feel intimidated and threatened.

Seized Weapons

Year	Gen Prop Classification	Gen Prop Type	Gen Prop Description	Gen Prop Remarks
2022	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	SWD	1 X CEREMONIAL SWORD.
2023	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	KNI	Large Ceremonial Knife with cover and separate knife sheath
2024	;Seized with warrant;	Weapons	KNI	1x Ceremonial dagger, with black coloured bird figure handle, and brown coloured wooden sheath;

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 09/06/2026