

## **Operational Good News**

**14 July 2006**

### **Two men sentenced for stealing mail from postal workers**

Unemployed 23-year-old Daniel Karim, Northolt, and his long-term accomplice, 24-year-old Michael Wilson, also unemployed, Wembley, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal from the Royal Mail on 26.6.06 at Isleworth Crown Court. Both have been sentenced to 4 years imprisonment. The judge has recommended they each serve a minimum of 2 years.

Detectives believe Karim and Wilson were responsible for over 40 different theft offences involving valuable items of post. They became adept at identifying and stealing packages and letters from postbags containing chequebooks, credit and debit cards, bank and utility bills, cash or items useful to commit fraud. Often an entire postal sack was stolen.

Targeting postmen or women making their daily rounds, they stole from them after they had left their bags unattended for a moment. Sometimes they would follow a postman from the sorting office to find a convenient point to snatch a mailbag. They also broke into vehicles to steal mail, and on occasions wore stolen Royal Mail jackets to conceal their crime. They used a number of getaway cars but in most cases a red X- registration VW Golf.

**14 July 2006**

### **17-year-old youth and 30-year-old man have been sentenced to life imprisonment for brutal murder**

17-year-old youth Imran Mohammed and 30-year-old Azhar Nazir have been sentenced to life imprisonment for the brutal murder of 25-year-old Samaira Nazir from Southall on 23.4.05.

On 15.6.05 the jury reached a unanimous verdict against Imran Mohammed.

On 16.6.05 they reached a majority verdict of 11 to 1 against Azhar Nazir.

Detective Inspector John Reid, Homicide West, officer in charge of the investigation said:

"This was a brutal and most appalling murder of a young girl who was killed in the name of so called honour simply because she fell in love with someone her family did not approve of. In their view he was not suitable because he did not come from an affluent family".

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### **Crime blitz on London knife crime**

During a six week blitz on knife crime to coincide with the national amnesty the Metropolitan Police Service carried out hundreds of pro-active operations and education initiatives resulting in over 1000 arrests and over 9000 knives surrendered or seized.

The MPS conducted these robust activities, under Operation Blunt, in support of the amnesty to target those who chose not to hand their knives in.

On Friday 14th July, the knives surrendered or seized are to be recycled at one of the largest metal recycling plants in Europe, H Williams and Sons Ltd in Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

**13 July 2006**

### **Man found guilty of the murder of his wife and her two children**

The verdict was unanimous.

Veadon McEwan - aged 52 of NW10 - killed Beverly McEwan (42 yrs), Donna Smart (15 yrs) and Junior Oden-Gordon (6 yrs) in their home on 9/11/04.

Police were alerted to the murders when Veadon McEwan attended hospital for treatment. A member of staff became concerned for the welfare of McEwan's family after overhearing conversations between him and his companion.

Officers forced entry to the address in Northwick Road at approx 08:40 where they discovered the three bodies. All three were confirmed dead at the scene.

Later that morning officers attended Central Middlesex hospital and arrested McEwan on three counts of suspicion of murder.

Post mortems held at Northwick Park Hospital mortuary gave Cause of Death for Beverly and Junior as shock and haemorrhaging resulting from a stabbing, and as asphyxiation by manual strangulation for Donna.

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**13 July 2006**

### **Police Bravery Awards**

Eight Metropolitan police officers were nominated for Police Bravery Awards which were awarded at a ceremony on Thursday 13 July 2006 for their bravery and dedication to duty in detaining and disarming a suspect armed with a gun and for bravery and professionalism when saving the lives of two men trapped in a burning car.

PC Michael Pinder (39 yrs) and PC Anthony May (46 yrs) were on duty on Christmas Eve in 2004 at approximately 02.40, when they came across a Mini Cooper car which had crashed. A man was hanging out of the window unconscious. Both officers got out of their dog van and moved towards the car when it burst into flames, extremely close to the unconscious man. PCs Pinder and May immediately ran to the Mini and tried to pull the man from the burning wreckage. However, the damage to the car was so bad that they could not pull the man free. PC Pinder held the man's head clear of the fire with his own right leg in the flames, whilst the heat from the fire burnt the hair on his arms and hands.

PC May then ran around to the other side of the car to try to get in from that side. He realised at this point that the victim was being wedged in by a second unconscious man. PC May managed to drag him out. However, PC Pinder still could not pull out the first unconscious man. So, PC Pinder ran around to the other side of the Mini and pulled him out that way. As the officers dragged the two men away from the car, the tyres began to explode and the car was engulfed with flames. PCs Pinder and May carried out first aid on both men until an ambulance arrived. Both officers lost hairs on their hands, arms and legs and suffered from smoke inhalation, as well as having been in danger of being caught in the explosion.

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**12 July 2006**

### **Man sentenced for two attempted rapes**

On 12 July 2006 at Southwark Crown Court Abdi Issi Aden, 34 years, unemployed, of no fixed abode, has been sentenced to six years and three months imprisonment for two attempted rapes, and one count of GBH with intent, committed in Tower Hamlets in September and October 2005.

On 25.9.05 a lone 26-year-old woman [victim 1], was attacked as she made her way home from work. The victim was forced to the ground and Aden attempted to rape her; following a struggle Aden eventually ran off.

The second attack took place on 23.10.05. A lone 24-year-old woman [victim 2] got off a bus in Whitechapel Road. He dragged her to a communal bin storage area near residential flats, forced her to the ground, punched her in the face and attempted to rape her. The victim screamed for help, gaining the attention of a local taxi driver. Aden ran off.

Following the second attack, police were alerted and the area was searched and Aden was sighted near the scene location. At 05.30 on 23.10.05 Aden was arrested and subsequently charged with both attempted rapes.

**11 July 2006**

### **Officers from Barking and Havering catch building society robbers**

On 7 July 2006, in a joint operation, officers from the Flying Squad at Barking and officers from Havering, arrested three men who had just committed an armed robbery at the Halifax in Elm Park. Earlier the same day the men committed an attempted armed robbery at another building society in Chingford.

David Manton, 24 years, of E6 was charged with six counts of Armed Robbery, Two attempted armed robberies and possession of an imitation firearm.

Robert Naidoo, 22 years, of no fixed abode, was charged with six counts of armed robbery, two attempted armed robberies and possession of an imitation firearm.

Darren Gillard, 31 years, of E16, charged with one armed robbery and possession of an imitation firearm.

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**11 July 2006**

### **Brothel closed in Haringey**

Northumberland Park Safer Neighbourhoods team became aware of a premises in Denmark Street that was being used as a brothel. The activity generated around this address was bringing misery and disruption to local residents at different times, both day and night.

The team posted flyers to every resident in Denmark Street asking them to report on any anti-social behaviour connected to the brothel. The team also invited residents to a public meeting to voice their concerns. The response was initially tentative as people were afraid to contact the police directly. The team galvanised support of the residents by encouraging anonymous reports. In the end, the team received 19 reports. The officers then confronted the brothel management about the activity telling them to close down their activity or face prosecution.

Working with the Haringey Anti-social Behaviour Team (ASBAT) video evidence of the ASB taking place outside of the premises was collected. The landlord of the premises was shown this evidence and he has now evicted the tenants from his property for breaches of their tenancy agreement.

**11 July 2006**

### **Criminal damage suspect arrested**

The Townfield SN team (Hillingdon borough) showed that local police with local knowledge can really make a difference.

Through their local knowledge they were able to identify a suspect from CCTV images who had been seen to defecate in the entrance of the Hayes Mosque. This incident was one of a number, which caused a considerable amount of distress and heightened tension within the Muslim community of Hayes. Understanding the implications this could have, PCs Fawkes and Boyden carried out observation on the Mosque but were also able to use the CCTV footage to make a follow up arrest.

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**11 July 2006**

### **Robber caught by PCSOs**

A victim of a robbery, who chased her attacker after he snatched her mobile phone, was relieved when two PCSOs arrived.

PCSOs Ben Cowen and Helen Bezer from the Perry Vale SN team (Lewisham borough) were patrolling on their bikes when they came across the victim chasing the suspect around the block in Woolstone Road. They apprehended the suspect and called colleagues to arrest him.

**PCSO Helen Bezer**, said:

*"When the victim saw us she couldn't stop thanking us and was just so relieved. It's rewarding to be able to help people in their hour of need. Being out on the bikes is great as you get to cover more ground and residents recognise us. People say how nice it is to see us out and about."*

**11 July 2006**

### **SN team catch £53m robbery suspect**

The Shooters Hill SN team (Greenwich borough) used their local knowledge to help catch a suspect involved in Britain's biggest ever cash robbery.

The £53 million pound robbery at a Securitas Depot in Kent in February this year, received worldwide publicity. Officers from the Shooters Hill SN team assisted detectives from Kent Police's Serious Crime Group.

Through his extensive network and knowledge of local contacts, PC Bill Smart was at the forefront of delivering Greenwich borough's response to the enquiry.

PC Smart concentrated on the connection between one of the main suspects, Lee Murray, and his relatives and associates around Greenwich. At one stage, rumours reached the national media about Murray's alleged involvement and speculation began to circulate that he had fled the UK and was in hiding in Venezuela.

With speed and discretion he found out Murray's father had suddenly left his council flat and made excuses to travel to Morocco with a brand new passport, a sizeable amount of money and recently purchased airline tickets. Detectives from Kent then travelled to Morocco almost immediately, locating Murray and part of his criminal network.

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**10 July 2006**

### **Lone PC confronts burglary suspects**

A robbery victim was reunited with her property after a SN officer confronted a group of suspects single-handedly.

PC Agatha Sherriff from the Nightingale SN Team (Wandsworth) was called to a reported fight on a bus in Balham. A woman claimed her handbag had been robbed and the six suspects had run off towards Balham Hill.

PC Sherriff called for assistance, ran after the suspects and detained them. PCSOs Hales, Bunn, Patel and Saunders later joined her and after a violent struggle, two suspects were arrested and the property was recovered.

**10 July 2006**

### **Man sentenced to eleven years for a violent armed robbery**

Joe Farnan, aged 26 of no fixed abode, was found guilty on 31.5.06 at Harrow Crown Court of the following offences: -

Conspiracy to rob  
Aggravated vehicle taking  
Escaping from Lawful Custody

At the time of the offence Farnan was an 'escapee' having absconded from HMP Standford in Kent where he had been serving an 11 year term of imprisonment for a series of armed bank robberies.

On Tuesday 15th November 2005, Farnan and a number of as yet unidentified males went to Trans European Carriages Ltd, N1 threatened and assaulted staff whilst armed with a firearm and made off with property including a number of high value; and other property valued in excess of £100,000.

Farnan fled the scene in a stolen Land Rover Discovery but was seen minutes later by patrolling officers at the Old Street roundabout. Farnan rammed vehicles in an attempt to escape, injuring innocent members of the public, but was detained by police officers from the City of London Police who acted with great bravery.

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**8 July 2006**

### **17-year-old sentenced to 14 years in prison for GBH**

A 17-year-old youth who was convicted of stabbing a 34-year-old man in south London whilst attempting to rob him was sentenced at the Inner London Crown Court on Friday 7/7/06 to 14 years imprisonment.

The youth was found guilty on 25.5.06 of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, attempted robbery and possessing a knife.

On Friday 18.11.05 police were called to reports of man who had been stabbed. On arrival officers found a man suffering from a serious stab wound to his neck. The stab wound cut an artery in the victim's neck which required immediate hospital treatment.

As he walked along Devonshire Road he was approached by a young man who asked him for directions.

As the victim continued to walk the offender threatened to stab him and then attempted to get his bag which contained a laptop. As a struggle ensued, the offender stabbed the victim in the neck with a small samurai sword. The victim managed to stagger home where his partner contacted the emergency services.

The victim received hospital treatment and subsequently made a full recovery.

**8 July 2006**

### **Man to be sentenced for rape committed in 1986**

James Herbert GALLOWAY from Islington appears at Snaresbrook Crown Court on Wed 12.07.06 to be sentenced for a rape he committed in 1986.

Galloway appeared at Snaresbrook Crown Court on 31.5.06 and pleaded guilty to the rape of a female on 16.3.86 in Islington. The rape was fully investigated at the time of the attack but no suspect was identified.

The Rape Cold Case Investigation Team reinvestigated the rape and a fingerprint from the scene identified Galloway as the attacker.

On Wednesday 15 March 2006 James Herbert Galloway was arrested at Endsleigh Gardens, WC1 at 06.35. Exactly 20 years after the rape took place, Galloway appeared at Highbury Corner Magistrates Court charged with the rape.



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**7 July 2006**

### **Firearms arrest in east London**

Two men, aged 33-years-old and 28-years-old, were arrested in Tottenham following an armed stop on their car. The 26 year-old man was found in possession of a loaded semi-automatic handgun.

Both men have been taken to separate East London police stations on firearms offences.

**DCI Neil Hibberd**, in charge of the operation from SCD7(7) Central Task Force East, said:

*“With the support of CO19 and SCD11 the Central Task Force have arrested two significant men of violence. Their arrest will have a positive impact on the prevention of organised crime in the Turkish speaking community.”*

**06 July 2006**

### **Man found guilty of conspiracy to commit forgery.**

After a three-week trial at Snaresbrook Crown Court, 33-year-old Mahmood Zahid, a Pakistan National, was found guilty of Conspiracy to commit forgery and having equipment under his custody and control to produce false instruments. He has been sentenced to seven years imprisonment for Conspiracy to commit forgery and 4 years for having equipment under his custody and control to produce false instruments.

This case was unusual in that Mahmood Zahid had two prosthetic arms. This disability did not affect his criminal enterprise.

On Wednesday 15th December 2004, officers from the Metropolitan Police's Operation Maxim, which tackles organised immigration criminal networks, executed a search warrant at Mahmood Zahid's home address in Leyton.

On entry to the Manor Road address, Mahmood ZAHID was found surrounded by numerous pieces of component parts of counterfeit Indian and UK passports in varying stages of production, counterfeit blank DVLA driving licences and a laminator. A completed UK forged passport was found between a large book clamped into a vice to ensure the pages of the passport closed properly.

## **Operational Good News**

**6 July 2006**

### **Robbers jailed for life after targeting sex workers**

A violent trio of men who routinely targeted workers in the sex industry, to rob them, were sentenced to life imprisonment, on 5 July 2006, having been found guilty at the Old Bailey yesterday of the murder of Niphan Trikhana in July 2004.

The three men, Darren Marcus Johnson, a 29-year-old was sentenced to life imprisonment, with a recommendation that he should serve a minimum of 35 years, a 26-year-old man was sentenced to life imprisonment, with a recommendation that he should serve a minimum of 25 years and Muhammed Nduka, a 25-year-old was sentenced to life imprisonment, with a recommendation that he should serve a minimum of 22 years.

They were also convicted of robbery and assault (GBH) following three other vicious attacks around the time of the murder.

A fourth man, Thomas Girmay, was also found guilty of robbery and assault for his role in one of the attacks that took place in Fulham on in 2004. He was not charged with the murder but was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment.

**6 July 2006**

### **Murderer jailed for life**

Joseph Turnbull was jailed for life for the murder of Paul Wharton following an investigation by the Homicide Command MIT6 and Flying Squad.

Turnbull stabbed Paul Wharton in the heart after tying his wrists, feet and gagging him. He then stole his post office account card and withdrew the victim's money the following day.

Turnbull was also charged with three armed robberies for which he received three further life sentences to be served concurrently.

A further two armed robberies were taken into consideration by Judge Hone at the Central Criminal Court.

## **Operational Good News**

**5 July 2006**

### **Dealers and drugs removed from streets of Newham**

Ozer Ibrahim pleaded guilty to three counts of possessing heroin with intent to supply and was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment. Helal Miah pleaded guilty to two counts of possession with intent to supply and was sentenced to six years imprisonment.

Following a covert operation, officers from the Newham squad arrested Ibrahim on 4/3/06. He had been transporting three kilos of heroin from his home address in Battersea through to Tower Hamlets borough. Officers carried out a search of Ibrahim's flat and discovered a further 68 kilos of heroin. The search also led officers to an address linked to Miah in E1 where they discovered 6.65 kilos of heroin.

A third address in Stratford was finally searched and officers uncovered a false wall in the kitchen concealing £26,000 in cash, 30 grams of heroin and measuring equipment. Due to the meticulously planned operation both men admitted dealing significant amounts of heroin in Newham and across the capital.

**05 July 2006**

### **Premises 'used by drug dealers' closed**

Following another successful operation, the total number of premises closed down in Lewisham using the Anti Social Behaviour Act has risen to seven, as police continue their effort to rid the borough of drug dealers and anti social behaviour.

Tuesday 4 July 2006 saw the closure of the Rising Sun Public House, Catford SE6, after police gathered evidence to show the premises was being used by drug dealers to supply class A drugs and had become a magnet for anti social behaviour.

Following the raid officers served a closure notice on the licensees which meant the premises was closed immediately for up to 48 hours pending an application for a Closure Order to the local magistrates court.

The court considered the closure notice and was satisfied the premises have been used in connection with the unlawful use, production or supply of Class A drugs and was associated with the occurrence of disorder or serious nuisance to members of the public. Therefore, a closure order closing the premises altogether for a period of three months, with a possible extension of up to six months, was granted.

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**5 July 2006**

### **Met Special Constabulary work with Court Enforcement Officers**

Officers from the Met Special Constabulary (MSC) took part in a joint operation with Court Enforcement Officers from Highbury Corner Magistrates Court on last week.

Working with the Probation Service, Crown Prosecution Service and the Court, officers visited addresses in the Camden and Islington areas in the early hours seeking to gather intelligence and arrest offenders who had breached Community Punishment Orders.

Three offenders, who had previously been convicted of theft and offensive weapons charges, were brought before the magistrates, and intelligence gained fed back into boroughs.

**5 July 2006**

### **Paedophile jailed for 15 years**

Peter Chenery has been jailed for 15 years for a series of paedophile offences.

Chenery was charged with the following offences, pleading guilty only to the charges of making indecent images:

- Indecent assault on a girl under 16 years
- Buggery with a girl under the age of 16
- Indecent assault of a girl under 16 years.
- Rape of a woman between 30 May 2001 and 1 July 2001
- Two counts of attempting to incite a child to partake in sexual activity
- Several counts of sending by public communication network an offensive, indecent, obscene, menacing message
- Ten charges of making indecent images of a child

The Jury returned a guilty verdict in relation to all but one count of indecent assault for which they found him not guilty and one count of buggery.

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**4 July 2006**

### **New unit in Southwark targets guns and drugs**

On Thursday 29 June 2006, officers from the Southwark Gun Crime and Drugs team carried out an armed operation against drug dealing in Bethwyn Rd, Camberwell, SE5. A large quantity of drugs and cash was seized along with an imitation handgun and ammunition.

Four people were charged.

**DI Andy Trevan**, said;

*“This is another excellent piece of work by this newly formed unit that operates against gun crime and drug dealing in Southwark Borough. We have recently taken a total of four guns off the street and will continue to target criminals in this way in order to make Southwark a safer place for everyone.”*

**4 July 2006**

### **Seven jailed following Flying Squad investigation**

Seven men have been jailed for over 35 years in total after the Flying Squad foiled a multi-million pound attack on a warehouse in Gloucestershire on Christmas Eve 2005.

The gang had intended to raid Comstor UK Ltd warehouse in Cirencester of millions of pounds worth of computer equipment and had spent months meticulously planning their attack.

Around £26m worth of computer equipment was in the warehouse. Examination of the two vans indicated that they would have been able to carry approximately £4.5m worth of equipment.

All the men pleaded guilty and were sentenced as follows:

- David Thomas was sentenced to seven years for conspiracy to rob and two and a half years for perverting the course of justice
- Lyndenn Willoughby was sentenced to seven years for conspiracy to rob.
- Atilla Kadir, John Tripp, Tyrone Brown and Paul Lewis was jailed four-and-a-half years for conspiracy to commit burglary
- Anthony Diop was sentenced to three and a half years for conspiracy to commit burglary

## **Operational Good News**

**4 July 2006**

### **Three PCs from Peckham receive High Commendations**

Three officers from Walworth Police Station received the Metropolitan Police Service's highest commendation for bravery from Commissioner Sir Ian Blair.

It was in recognition of their actions on Sunday 24 August 2003 when PCs Gordon Mackenzie, Davey Campbell and Matthew Cane responded to information of a man with a large knife threatening the public.

On seeing the suspect PC Campbell started to get out of the car. The man approached quickly, brandishing a large knife and attempted to slash the officer across the face and neck. PC Cane quickly drove away from the danger area.

All three officers then left the vehicle and again approached the suspect. As the man wandered down a busy area filled with pedestrians officers continually attempted to restrain him but were kept back by his advances with the knife. CS spray was used but had no effect. As he charged at PC Cane, PC Campbell ran at the suspect and hit him with his asp.

The suspect then headed towards a lone woman who had stopped her car nearby. The officers shouted to the female to lock her doors and drive off, just before he attempted to get into the car.

Other officers joined PCs Campbell, Cane and Mackenzie while the man continued to evade arrest. He was struck by a response car and eventually restrained and handcuffed. It was later revealed that he had taken illegal substances.

As a result of the actions of the team the suspect appeared at the Central Criminal Court on 28 May 2004 where he was detained indefinitely under Section 41 Mental Health A

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**3 July 2006**

### **Safer Neighbourhoods teams execute drugs raids**

The Mapesbury SN team led Operation Skarmer with the assistance of the Brondesbury Park and Dollis Hill SN teams and uniformed public order officers from Kilburn and Harlesden Police Stations.

Two addresses in Windmill Court were simultaneously raided on 29 June 2006, by a total of 19 officers and a drugs dog.

14 wraps of a white substance believed to be crack cocaine, a quantity of cannabis including two cannabis plants, drugs paraphernalia and a machete were recovered at the addresses.

A 24-year-old woman was arrested for production of cannabis and has been bailed to return next week.

A 32-year-old man was arrested for possession of a Class A drug with intent to supply and possession of cannabis. He was bailed to return at a date in August.

**3 July 2006**

### **Havering armed robber jailed**

A man in Havering has been sentenced to eight and a half years imprisonment following a linked series of armed robberies committed in the Romford area in March and September 2005.

Scott George Rabeiro handed himself into police after seeing his image circulated on Crimewatch. The six offences comprised of attacks on local commercial premises including Threshers, McDonalds, William Hills, Victoria Wines and Ladbrokes. On each occasion Rabeiro entered the premises before producing a handgun and demanding cash.

Imagery of Rabeiro was obtained from several of the attacks, however, extensive circulation of those images throughout the MPS, local and national press resulted in no positive leads for the investigating officers from the Flying Squad at Barking, until Rabeiro saw himself on television.

On Wednesday 4 January 2006, Scotland Yard received a phone call from Rabeiro in which he admitted the spree saying he was depressed and wanted to hand himself in. As a result of that call PC's Stephen Hobday and Steve Chown went to Trowbridge Rd Harold Hill, where they arrested him.

## **Operational Good News**

**29 June 2006**

### **Two youths sentenced after attack on police officer**

Two 17-year-old youths have been sentenced at Croydon Crown Court for grievous bodily harm with intent following an unprovoked attack that left an off duty Lewisham police officer with a serious head injury.

Lance Samuels, aged 17 of Downham, Kent, was sentenced to eight years imprisonment for GBH with intent. Jack Turner, aged 17 of Eltham, was sentenced to 9 years for GBH with intent, plus two and a half years for a further GBH on the officer.

Both were also given an extended licence of 4 years by the judge.

Regrettably, PC Coffill has remained in a coma following the attack in July 2005 and now requires round the clock care.

Detective Chief Inspector David Garwood, who led the investigation said:

"In just a matter of seconds, Daniel's life was irrevocably changed. The two youths responsible have left a young and promising police officer totally debilitated, and in need of permanent care.

**29 June 2006**

### **Woman jailed for murder of 85-year-old**

Kemi Adeyoola was sentenced to serve a minimum of 20 years for the murder of 85-year-old Anne Mendel in Golders Green.

Adeyoola was found guilty of stabbing Mrs Mendel at her home in Elmcroft Crescent, Golders Green in March last year.

She had written a document about her plans to murder an elderly victim in October 2004 while in custody at Bullwood Hall Young Offenders Institution for breaching bail and theft. Later she told detectives the document was the plot for a thriller she intended to write.

Once charged with murder she began to concoct a devious alibi to explain why she could not have carried it out, assisted by the 16-year-old girl.



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**28 June 2006**

### **Operation Maxim arrests**

On 28 June 2006, officers from Operation Maxim arrested a number of professional people who have fraudulently countersigned UK passport applications for people they do not know.

During this operation 11 addresses were searched and three people arrested for a variety of organised immigration crime offences.

The key arrests were a 27-year-old man from Tooting and a 41-year-old woman from New Cross for facilitation of illegal immigrants into and out of the UK and for forgery offences. They are believed to have falsely countersigned in excess of 30 British passport applications. Some of the individuals in receipt of these are believed to be in the United Kingdom illegally.

The third arrest was a 39 year-old woman from Clapham for facilitation of illegal immigrants into and out of the UK.

**28 June 2006**

### **Knife amnesty in Ealing**

Residents of Ealing Borough have handed over 170 unwanted and illegal knives to police during the recent knife amnesty. The knives handed in to police have included a bayonet, large machetes, meat cleavers, hunting-commando style knives, ceremonial knives, lock knives and a quantity of domestic knives.

Knife Surrender Bins were placed at Ealing, Acton and Southall police stations, which offered residents a secure environment to anonymously dispose of their unwanted or illegal knives. Other tactics, which were adopted by the police in Ealing, were Bin a Knife not a Life poster campaign, proactive high visibility policing operations in the town centres and the use of portable metal detectors in planned operations outside licensed premises.

Officers also showed a mock computer game demo on DVD, named Knife City, which is aimed at discouraging young people from carrying knives, to over twenty five groups of children in schools and youth clubs across the borough.

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**28 June 2006**

### **Cannabis factory raided in Lambeth**

On 31 May 2006, officers from the Met's Drugs and Firearms Unit in Lambeth executed a warrant under Section 23 Misuse of Dugs Act 1971 on Hillworth Road, Tulse Hill.

Inside the premises, over 500 cannabis plants in various stages of development were recovered along with 12kg of recently harvested cannabis. The entire house had been converted into one large cannabis factory, leaving only one small room on the first floor for the occupants to sleep.

All rooms being used to grow cannabis had been rewired to include a new distribution board, lighting, fans and an extraction system that was linked to the house chimney.

Three suspects were charged with production of cannabis and were remanded into custody.

**27 June 2006**

### **Gang of computer virus writers arrested**

A gang of computer virus writers have been arrested today in a joint operation between the Metropolitan Police and the Finnish authorities.

The Met's Computer Crime Unit, the Finnish National Bureau of Investigation (NBI Finland) and the Finnish Pori Police Department, have arrested a 63 year man in Suffolk (A), a 28 year old man in Scotland (B) and a 19 year old man in Finland (C) for an international conspiracy to infect computers using viruses attached to unsolicited commercial e-mail (spam). The men are all suspected of being members of the online M00P group.

This highly organised group are suspected of writing new computer viruses in order to avoid detection by anti-virus products. They have been primarily targeting UK businesses since at least 2005, and during this time thousands of computers are known to have been infected across the globe.

The computer viruses run in the background on an infected computer without the knowledge of the computer's owner, but allow the criminals behind the virus to access any private and commercial data stored on the computer.

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27 June 2006

### National Mobile Phone Register arrest results

Throughout May and June the National Mobile Phone Crime Unit (NMPCU), worked with all boroughs and TSG Units to highlight the importance of using the National Mobile Phone Register (NMPR), to trace stolen phones and arrest offenders.

Every borough has staff with access to search the register, which is being supplemented by additional training from the NMPCU, particularly for CAD and IBO staff.

A search of the register, by inputting the IMEI number of a phone, will check across a number of databases. When someone registers a mobile or other property on <http://www.immobilise.com> (this is an external site and may not be accessible via an AWARE terminal), it will provide details of the name, address, contact numbers and date of registration, for the owner of the phone.

The check will also search through crime reports from the MPS and other forces throughout England, Wales and Scotland. It also searches through the database of blocked phones, maintained by the UK mobile networks.

The following are excellent examples of use of the register on boroughs and the results that can be achieved.

**Lewisham** - On 16 May 2005 a victim was travelling on a route 124 bus, when he was robbed at knifepoint of his mobile. On 20 June 2006 a man was stopped and searched and IMEI checks showed he was in possession of the stolen phone. He matched the suspect's description and was arrested and charged with the offence of robbery and handling stolen goods and remanded in custody to appear at Greenwich Magistrates' Court.

**Paddington** - On 12 May 2006 a burglary took place and property including a Nokia N70 was stolen. On 24 May 2006, police stopped a white BMW and conducted an IMEI check on a phone in the occupants possession. It was found to be that stolen in the burglary. The suspect was arrested and is currently on bail for burglary and robbery matters pending further investigation.

**Croydon** - On 8 June 2006 a youth was arrested for handling stolen goods. He was stopped and searched by a bus stop and an IMEI check was conducted on his mobile, which revealed the phone was the proceeds of a robbery, which took place in 2 February 2006. He was charged with handling stolen goods.

## **Operational Good News**

**26 June 2006**

### **Racial and Violent Crime Pro-active team success**

On Friday 23 June 2006 at Kingston Crown Court Olawaseum Adeyemi was sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment for conspiring to import cocaine into the UK.

On 25 February 2005 officers from the Racial and Violent Crime Pro-active Task Force seized 2.8 kilos of cocaine, which had been sent through the FedEx delivery depot in Vauxhall.

Adeyemi, who was also convicted of conspiracy to supply cocaine, was part of an international criminal network that had been able to utilise the FedEx parcel delivery service over a long period of time to send cocaine to the United Kingdom from the United States.

Adeyemi was at the centre of this organisation and used his contacts in the United States and the United Kingdom to arrange for the drugs to be delivered to the UK by the fraudulent use of FedEx customer accounts.

**26 June 2006**

### **Three jailed for brutal knife attack**

Three men have been jailed for the murder of Daniel Pollen and GBH of Andrew Griffiths.

In July 2005 officers were alerted to a stabbing the Brewery Shopping Centre car park in Romford. On arrival officers found two young men, Andrew Griffiths and Daniel Pollen, who had both been stabbed. Daniel later died in hospital.

The two young men were sat on bicycle railings waiting for a lift when three men violently attacked them. Andrew suffered a punch to his face, breaking his jaw and further blows to the head and several stab wounds.

Daniel suffered a two-inch stab wound which pierced his heart. He also suffered a broken jaw and collapsed never regaining consciousness.

Michael Lynch was given life imprisonment with a recommendation he serve a minimum of 15 years for murder. He was 16 years old at the time of the offence.

Timmy Sullivan and Michael Onokah both received six years for GBH with intent on Daniel Pollen and 10 years for the wounding with intent of Andrew Griffiths.

## **Operational Good News**

**26 June 2006**

### **Cocaine trafficker issued with confiscation order**

An Albanian cocaine trafficker has been issued a confiscation order under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 of £9,890.

Denis Xhelili has to pay the order within three months or he will serve one month's imprisonment, and still owe the money.

On Wednesday 23 November 2005 in Edmonton police stopped a red Vauxhall Vectra. A search of the vehicle was conducted during which 13 wraps of cocaine were found in the centre console. Xhelili and another man were in the car and both defendants were arrested on suspicion of being in possession of a class A controlled drug with intent to supply.

Further searches of the defendants' home addresses were carried out and at Xhelili's home address a safe was found in his bedroom. This was seized and opened at Edmonton police station.

In the safe were further drug paraphernalia, more cocaine and a substantial amount of cash, now found to be £9,500. During the interview, Xhelili made 'no comment' to all questions asked of him. He was charged on 24 November 2005.

On 21 January 2006, he pleaded guilty to possession of 44.8 grams of cocaine with intent to supply and subsequently was sentenced to two years imprisonment.

At that hearing the confiscation enquiry was called for and the Financial Investigation Unit (FIU) in Enfield researched the amount of criminal benefit enjoyed by Xhelili and traced his assets.

Xhelili originally came to the UK in 2000 claiming to be seeking asylum but he was unable to prove his case and was deported to Albania, his country of birth, on 28 August 2004.

He returned to the UK authorised by visa in April 2005 and married in July 2005.

## **Non – Operational Good News**

**18 July 2006**

### **Westminster 'Smartwater' Schools Initiative**

Last year over £40,000 worth of property was stolen from schools in Westminster as a result of burglaries. The theft of vital equipment such as computers, not only caused financial loss to the schools, but hours of hard work from pupils and teachers were lost.

With the school summer holidays now approaching, the Westminster Crime and Disorder Reduction Team, in partnership with the Department of Education have launched an initiative designed to reduce the incidences of burglary and theft within Westminster's schools.

All schools will be provided with 'Smartwater' - a highly sophisticated, clear, forensic solution that can be applied to valuable property such as laptops, PC's, audiovisual equipment and much more. Only a small amount is needed to protect the equipment and once applied it is almost impossible to remove.

Each bottle of Smart Water carries its own unique DNA type code that can be detected by the Police and used to identify where stolen property has come from. This in turn makes it very difficult for the equipment to be sold on and is a very powerful deterrent against theft.

The system has already been used in many schools throughout the country and has proved very successful in deterring would-be thieves.

**15 July 2006**

### **Hampton Traffic Cops raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support**

Officers at the Met's traffic garage in Station Road, Hampton are holding an open day on Saturday 15 July 2006 to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The open day will enable those who live, work and visit the local area to see what the officers at the local traffic garage do and how they serve the local community.

Visitors will be able to take a breath test, have a go at the 'seatbelt sledge', see a collection of police vehicles from years gone by, watch a fly past by the police helicopter, meet some police dogs, see a police boat and meet officers from the traffic garage, their local Safer Neighbourhoods teams and the Marine Support Unit amongst others.

There will be lots of interactive displays and stands.

## **Non – Operational Good News**

**14 July 2006**

### **MPS recycle knives as part of national knife amnesty**

The Metropolitan Police Service recycled thousands of knives surrendered or seized in London during the national knife amnesty at one of the largest metal recycling plants in Europe.

Approx. 8,000 knives were placed onto a conveyor belt and taken 50 feet in the air and dropped into a huge machine - which was capable of crushing eight cars in 60 seconds - and crushed. The metal was then sent to Cardiff where it was melted down and made into reinforcement rods for concrete blocks for new buildings.

**13 July 2006**

### **Diversity Unit holds sports event in Westminster**

Young people from thirteen schools across Westminster will be putting forward sixteen teams of young people from year six to take part in the tournament which has been organised by officers from the Diversity Unit at Westminster Police.

The officers who have all obtained a community sports award have been instructing the teams supported by the Westminster City Guardians and the Rugby Football Union in the art of tag rugby.

The training of over 500 children has taken place at sessions over a period of four weeks.

On the day there will be 16 teams of 10 children in each, representing 13 schools. The aim of the event is to encourage teamwork and fair play amongst young people whilst having fun.

Certificates and medals will be presented by Chief Superintendent David Morgan, Westminster Borough police.

Photo opportunities and interviews with those involved will be available during the event.

## **Non – Operational Good News**

**13 July 2006**

### **Re-Launch of The Crime Museum of New Scotland Yard**

The Metropolitan Police today re-launched their world famous Crime Museum. To mark the occasion, they were formally presented with a book which had original handwritten notes of the senior investigating officer of the Jack the Ripper case in it. This stated the name of who he alleged Jack the Ripper to be - a Polish national called Aaron Kosminski.

At the re-opening, the family of the Chief Inspector Swanson presented Assistant Commissioner Steve House of the Specialist Crime Directorate and the Curator of the Crime Museum Alan McCormick with the book and other papers belonging to him on an 'open-ended loan' to the museum.

Tomorrow the Crime Museum is being re-launched following a re-vamp with new cases added to the museum including some documentation that has come to light from relatives of the original Jack the Ripper investigation. This provides a name suspected to be the killer.

The documents are being loaned to New Scotland Yard's Crime Museum in a **Handover**.

**12 July 2006**

### **Safer neighbourhoods launch in Oxford Street**

Europe's longest High Street will today benefit from having its own dedicated policing team as part the Met's vision to role out Safer Neighbourhoods Teams throughout the capital.

The team, which will comprise of one police sergeant, three constables and 16 police community support officers will be based at Marylebone Police Station. These officers will provide a visible policing presence to reassure businesses - including over 300 shops - and the 200 million visitors who flock to Oxford Street every year.

They will be on hand to deal with criminal activity and anti-social behaviour, without the possibility of being seconded to other operational duties.

Crime in Westminster as a whole has been steadily falling for four years, and SN Teams are playing a key part in maintaining its position as one of the best performing boroughs in London.



## **Non – Operational Good News**

**12 July 2006**

### **The Countess of Wessex visit Family Justice Centre**

Her Royal Highness, The Countess of Wessex visited Croydon on Tuesday 11 July to see first-hand the workings of Europe's first Family Justice Centre.

Following the centre's successful launch in December 2005, more than 800 victims of domestic violence or family violence have used the pioneering, multi-partner service, which aims to reduce family violence and encourage families to seek help.

The initiative is a joint one between Croydon Council, MPS and Croydon Primary Care Trust, and was developed with help from the San Diego Family Justice Center and the New York Family Justice Center in the US.

Before Croydon's centre opened, services designed to help victims of domestic violence (adults, children and extended family) were scattered throughout the community. Now, in a ground-breaking initiative, victims and their relatives have easy access to comprehensive medical and legal services, police officers, probation officers, doctors, counsellors, advocates, social workers, housing providers, benefit advice, education providers, children's services, adult education groups, and others working from just one location, co-ordinated by a single body.

The Countess met representatives from the different agencies as she toured the centre and had a private meeting with several survivors, hearing about their individual experiences.

## **Non – Operational Good News**

**11 July 2006**

### **St Ann's Road Police Station open day**

St Ann's Road Police Station, including the adjoining Identification Suite, will once again open its doors to the public on Saturday 15 July 2006 from 11am to 3pm. This is an opportunity to see behind the scenes of your local police station and meet with some of your local officers.

We hope to build on the success of previous open days, where hundreds of people had an enjoyable time seeing some of things we do to make Haringey Safer.

Simon O'Brien, Borough Commander, said:

*"This is a wonderful event which opens up the police for the public to see some of the things we do. It gives local people an opportunity to see inside one of our stations."*

**7 July 2006**

### **Met wins top HR awards**

The Met are proud winners of two Human Resources (HR) Excellence Awards following the annual ceremony, which was held on Wednesday 5 July at The Dorchester.

Human Resources received the HR Excellence in Recruitment and Retention Award and Excellence in Achieving a Healthy and Effective Workforce.

The awards now in their 11<sup>th</sup> year are the most prestigious awards in the HR calendar and the Met successfully saw off very stiff competition from various other organisations.

The Met received the award for 'Achieving a Healthy and Effective Workforce' for the recent Occupational Health campaigns. The second and last campaign concluded on 30 June 2006 and saw health checks offered to all staff and officers through a series of Occupational Health (OH) visits. A member of the judging panel described the campaign as 'an ambitious, innovative programme'.

The 'highly creative' elements of the Met's Recruitment Campaign stood out for the judging panel, with advertising campaigns shown in Bollywood cinemas, the launch of MetCO-the new police careers office, the recruitment bus and the intromet event aimed at attracting people from various faiths and backgrounds.

## **Non – Operational Good News**

**6 July 2006**

### **Historical Collection receives George Medal**

In May 2006, the MPS Historical Collection became the proud custodians of a George Medal presented to a Met police officer for rescuing four people from a bombed building during World War II at considerable risk to his own life.

John Ernest McKenning was a PC on B Division when he responded to cries for help from the second floor of the building on a night in May 1941 at the height of the London Blitz. He received his George Medal for "showing outstanding courage and resourcefulness."

His daughter, Mrs. Lush, visited the Metropolitan Police Historical Collection at the Resources Directorate site in Charlton and presented her father's George Medal, Defence Medal, Long Service Medal and Elizabeth II Coronation Medal. The Medals will remain on permanent loan.

Mrs. Lush was in the process of moving and had decided that as there was no family member prepared to take the medal from her, she would contact the Historical Collection to see whether the medals could be given a wider audience. She was reassured that the medals would be very well looked after and was pleased to hear that they will eventually go on display on the 5th floor at New Scotland Yard.

**4 July 2006**

### **Brownie points for Belvedere SN team**

PCSOs Jay Worrall and Stuart Campbell have been working with the first Belvedere Brownies to help them gain their crime prevention badges.

The officers from the Belvedere SN Team in Bexley Borough visited the brownies over a three-week period, at All Saints Church in Nuxley Road.

The brownies were taught about crime prevention; including what to tell your parents before you go out, whom they should call when something happens, what to do if a stranger talks to you and what to do about securing their homes or gardens.

The brownies also had to complete drawings and act out a role-play of what they had learnt from the officers, and then they were treated to a tour of Bexleyheath Police Station. They were shown around the custody cells and allowed to sit in a police car.

PCSO Jay Worrall presented the eleven brownies with their badges

## **Non – Operational Good News**

### **4 July 2006**

#### **Talk on crime on London buses**

Metropolitan Police officers from Operation BusTag are giving a talk to secondary school pupils in year groups 7 to 11 (aged 11 to 16) about the adverse effects of committing acts of graffiti, criminal damage, and anti-social behaviour on London bus routes.

The Field Intelligence Officers hope to address up to 1000 pupils during the day with a Powerpoint presentation and questions and answers session in which they will explain:

How Operation BusTag is dedicated to detecting offences on buses by using on-board CCTV systems, operates across London and works closely with bus operators and Transport for London.

### **3 July 2006**

#### **Cabwatch Scheme**

Cabbies are to be texted details of major incidents in an effort to keep central London moving in the event of a major or terrorist incident

The Metropolitan Police's CabWatch scheme is to be rolled out in Westminster and will send taxi drivers up-to-the-minute information about terrorist incidents, security alerts, major road closures or serious crime

This will allow them to avoid areas and so prevent traffic jams that might hinder the emergency services reaching the scene

The service could also be used to give cabbies the opportunity to assist the emergency services during an incident, as they did on July 7 when scores responded magnificently by helping to ferry people left stranded home free of charge.

CabWatch was first tried out in Kingston, Bromley and the City of London and has proved so successful it has been introduced in Westminster.

In those areas road closures due to incidents or public events have been avoided, helping to reduce traffic congestion, and vulnerable missing persons have been found following text alerts sent out via the scheme.

For the first time the Metropolitan Police in the bustling heart of London will be able to direct taxis in a co-ordinated manner, helping keep the city moving in the event of a crisis.

## **Non – Operational Good News**

**3 July 2006**

### **Make A Visible Difference To Your Community**

During the course of the next financial year, the MPS hopes to recruit 1500 more PCSOs to facilitate the roll out of Safer Neighbourhoods Teams across the capital. The teams consist of three police officers and three PCSOs dedicated to a local area.

On Friday 7 July and Saturday 8 July 2006 the MPS hosted open days at Avonmouth House, 6 Avonmouth Street, SE1.

**29 June 2006**

### **PCSO wipes crime alley clean**

Residents have praised a Safer Neighbourhoods PCSO after she helped them to claim back an alleyway at the rear of their homes.

Residents of Chestnut Avenue in Hornchurch, were fed up with youths using an access path at the rear of their homes that was not a public right of way as a cut through. Garage doors were being covered with graffiti, litter, syringes and used condoms were being strewn across the place.

Residents complained to the Hylands SN team (Havering) and with the help of PCSO Mary Madden, they formed a residents association and paid to install gates leading into the pathway at both ends.

**28 June 2006**

### **Three Peaks Challenge**

Six officers from the Metropolitan Police Special Projects Team, DS Bruce South, DC Dave Baxter, DC Phil (Chang) Davis, DC Andrew (Ossie) Osbourne, DC Sam Cailles and DC Ali Young, are taking part in the Three Peaks Challenge for Action Medical Research.

The team which is made up of four climbers and two members who will take on the roles of drivers, support, chefs and medics will attempt to climb the three highest peaks in Britain—Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowden in 24 hours or less.

## **Non – Operational Good News**

**28 June 2006**

### **PCSO's charity walk for cancer**

Telegraph Hill PCSO Aaron Bawden will be participating in a weekend walk for breast cancer. Aaron needs to raise £1,500 so that he can take part in the 60km Aviva Weekend Walk, in aid of the Breakthrough Breast Cancer charity.

The Aviva Weekend to Breakthrough Breast Cancer takes place during the weekend of 15 - 17 September 2006 and will see thousands of women and men walking in aid of breast cancer.

### **PCSO Mary Madden said:**

*"I visited the residents to find out more about the problems. I found out about the Gate-It operation run by the council with funding from the Home Office, but the money had already been allocated. Rather than leave it, I thought I'd*

*see if residents would be willing to contribute to the gates. Everyone was happy to do it, because it had got so bad."*

**28 June 2006**

### **Westminster's successful footie tournament**

A football tournament in Westminster has helped to educate residents about mobile phone crime.

The tournament was put together by Westminster Crime Disorder and Reduction Team, with funding from the National Mobile Phone Crime Unit to increase awareness on combating phone crime amongst young people. A PC or PCSO from each Westminster SN team entered the tournament and was nominated as a liaison officer to encourage positive police and youth engagement.

The league ran over 10 weeks between March and June with the Church Street Boys winning and Lisson Green All Stars runners up. The reward was a tour of Stamford Bridge, match tickets and £50 in vouchers.

Prior to the start of the initiative, only 1114 people on Westminster had registered their phones on the Immobilise database. Post event the numbers registered were up to 16400. It is now anticipated to run and expand the competition later in the year.