

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**22 May**

### **Palace Riverside SN team clean-up riverbank**

Palace Riverside Safer Neighbourhoods team from Hammersmith and Fulham Borough working in partnership with Fulham Football Club and Thames 21 took part in a cleanup of the riverbank behind the famous football club located on the River Thames.

The team had left flyers in local schools, cafe's, shops and at other prominent locations. There was a good turn out of volunteers on the day that joined forces to remove litter, old bicycles and a variety of other items dumped on the riverbank. Many local residents, staff from Fulham Football Club, Thames 21 and members of the SN team took part in this community event, some bringing their families to assist.

All participants were given refreshments both before and after the event courtesy of Fulham Football Club and also received a safety briefing from Thames 21 who are an environmental charity who promote various events of this kind along the banks of the Thames in London.

PC Nick Ferris, Palace Riverside SN team, said:

"It was wonderful to see so many people from across the local community roll up their sleeves and put on their boots before getting down and dirty on the foreshore, to help reduce the amount of rubbish that pollutes the River Thames."

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### **Croydon Borough's initiative to reduce knife crime**

The Safer Croydon Partnership have recently funded the purchase of two portable search arches, which police will be using on pro-active operations across the borough, specifically aimed at tackling and reducing knife crime.

As part of Operation Blunt, Croydon officers will be joined and supported by colleagues from the British Transport Police. Those travelling through both East and West Croydon will be routinely scanned for knives and other offensive weapons on their possession.

In addition to carrying out pro-active operations at transport hubs, officers intend to use the portable arches throughout the town centre and outside schools.

Safer Neighbourhood teams will also be raising awareness of the dangers of carrying knives by visiting schools and colleges.

Chief Superintendent Mark Gore, Croydon Borough Commander, said:

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"The funding by the Safer Croydon Partnership of these two portables search arches is further evidence of our joint commitment with the local authority to continue to tackle and reduce knife related crime and associated disorder.

"In addition to detecting offensive weapons being carried, the arches should send out a clear message of reassurance to those in Croydon that we are continuing to use every available police tactic to continue to reduce crime in Croydon whilst making it a safer place for those who live, work and visit this town."

### **21 May**

#### **Man receives five months' imprisonment for breach of ASBO**

A man was recently released after being convicted for breach of his ASBO after threatening the staff at a project for drug and drink problems.

After his release, Jerry McDonagh returned to the project and threatened to throw acid in the faces of staff who he believed got him arrested.

The staff reported the matter to police, but due to the nature of the threats they were unwilling to pursue the allegation, which meant that the police could not arrest McDonagh for breaching his ASBO.

However, officers from the Shepherds Bush 24/7 Safer Neighbourhoods team researched the conditions of the ASBO, which were set by magistrates in Waltham Forest. One condition was that he was not allowed to consume intoxicating liquor with the M25.

Whilst on patrol earlier this week, PC Sean Carpenter and PC Tim Hunkin spotted McDonagh drinking a can of beer whilst walking along the street. He was immediately arrested for breaching his ASBO and received five months' imprisonment when found guilty at magistrates' court for drinking the can of beer.

The staff members at the project are now safe and his movements will be monitored very carefully upon his release.

Inspector Bill Heasman, Hammersmith and Fulham, said:

"Arresting this man had become a priority for the Shepherds Bush Green 24/7 Safer Neighbourhoods teams. He is a persistent street drinker who constantly harasses innocent people and more recently had made threats of violence to staff at a support centre who try and help individuals in his position.

"His quick arrest by Safer Neighbourhoods officers for breaching his ASBO and subsequent detention for the next five months will make a significant difference to a lot of people living and working in this part of west London."

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### **Cannabis gang jailed**

On Friday 18 May, Tung Nguyen, Ngoc Ha Vu, Ha Thi Pham Ham, Binh Thi Pham and Huyen Van Tran, all of Woolwich, London SE18 were sentenced to over 21 years' imprisonment for their involvement in large-scale cannabis production.

The gang were arrested as part of a successful operation to crack down on organised criminal networks cultivating cannabis.

On Wednesday 15 March 2006, officers the Territorial Support Group (TSG) and Specialist Crime Directorate (SCD) executed a search warrant at a residential property in Woolwich. Inside the house, officers found a total of 494 cannabis plants and the equipment to cultivate it.

Vu and Pham were found on the premises. Nguyen, Pham and Tran were arrested in an adjoining house.

A search revealed documents showing that Pham had transferred in excess of £200,000 to Vietnam through several bank accounts. Vu and Pham are husband and wife, and also the owners of a nail bar in Southend On Sea, which they used as a front to launder the proceeds of their cannabis production.

Further investigation by the electricity board estimated that over £11,000 worth of electricity had been used to power the 'factory', and in order to make the electricity supply to the premises safe again, the residential road had to be dug out.

At the conclusion of a 10-week trial, PC Lee Davison and PS Gerry Allen, were commended by the judge.

PS Gerry Allen, Territorial Support Group said:

"This part of the operation was extremely successful and brought to an end the activity of this gang and disrupted others supplying cannabis throughout south London.

"The work continues, as this gang have laundered in excess of £200,000 from their drug profits. We have already served notices in order to recover the money under the Proceeds of Crime Act."

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### **Man sentenced to life for attempted murder**

A man was sentenced at the Old Bailey for the attempted murder of Shane Johnson.

Tony Adetunji was sentenced to life imprisonment with a recommendation that he serve a minimum of 15 years.

Adetunji admitted the offence prior to sentencing and intimated it was gang related. He said that he had been told that the victim intended to kill him. The judge, however, pointed out that during his trial, Adetunji supplied two false alibis and also tried to coerce others to pay off witnesses and the victim.

In his summation the judge described Adetunji "a dangerous offender."

DS Rhys Willis, Operation Trident, said:

"Trident is extremely pleased with the sentence as are the victim and his family. We feel it sends out a clear and concise message that having possession of a firearm and in turn using it will not be tolerated.

"The victim and his family have been extremely brave in providing evidence along with other members of the local Hackney community. Without their assistance there can be no justice in cases such as this"

**21 May**

### **Operation Maxim charges**

Detectives from Operation Maxim have charged two people with conspiracy to make passports by submitting false passport applications. Following a long-term joint operation with partner agencies Identity and Passport Service and the Border Immigration Agency, over 40 separate applications were identified leading to the suspicion of a number of people who have entered the UK illegally to obtain genuine British passports.

The two charged were John Ewrierhoma, 56-year-old, a solicitor/immigration advisor from Lewisham and Kerry Ann Shaw, 29-year-old, hairdresser from Peckham.

DI Nick Downing, Head of Operations for Maxim said,

" This operation targeted an organised criminal network abusing the Identity and Passport Service systems to obtain passports fraudulently for illegal immigrants. We, at Maxim, are committed to working with our partners from the Identity Passport Service and Border Immigration Agency in targeting those criminal networks responsible for these type of crimes."

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### **18 May**

#### **Drug Dogs operation in Walthamstow**

On 15 May officers from Higham Hill Safer Neighbourhoods team (Waltham Forest), supported by officers from the Borough Tasking Unit, Hoe Street SNT and the Dog Support Unit (DSU) conducted a passive drugs dog operation at Walthamstow Central Station.

During the relatively short deployment officers secured 12 warnings for possession of cannabis and searched 40 people.

This very effective deployment was made possible as a result of the dedication and hard work of the DSU officers and their very effective dogs, Woody and Jake.

Sergeant Martin Kirby, Waltham Forest Borough, said:

"I am very pleased with the level of professionalism and enthusiasm displayed by all involved in this operation. The increased police presence was widely welcomed by travelling members of the public and we received positive feedback to this effect.

"Walthamstow Central is a busy transport hub and is at the centre of a very busy shopping area. As such it has previously been targeted by those intent on committing street crime. This is a fine example of SN teams co operating with each other, other BOCU units and specialist assets in deterring and disrupting street crime at a cross ward level."

### **17 May**

#### **Money laundering arrests**

The Specialist Crime Directorate's Special Intelligence Section (SIS), SCD11 has arrested three practicing solicitors on suspicion of money laundering and perverting the course of justice.

Their arrests are part of Operation Iberus, a drug trafficking enquiry, involving drug trafficking over a two-year period by a prominent organised criminal network. Since the arrest of others from the network for conspiracy to supply cocaine and heroin, seven people have been charged with drug trafficking and money laundering and are due to appear at Blackfriars Crown Court on 8

June 2007. Detectives from SIS believe the network's empire has scoped between £10-£20 million and 10 further people have been arrested.

Two women ages 35 and 45-years-old and one man age 35-years-old were arrested. They have all been bailed to return a West London police station on 11 June 2007.

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As well as the three residential addresses, detectives from SIS also searched three solicitors' offices in Ilford where the suspects worked. The individuals were suspected of laundering millions of pounds of criminal proceeds through property in the UK and abroad and believed to use their professional status to conceal their illegal origins.

DI Martin Ford, Specialist Intelligence Section (SIS) part of SCD11, said:

"This is a complex investigation whereby professional persons have applied their knowledge and skills to undermine the legal system and assist prolific drug traffickers to protect and conceal their assets.

"The dedication and perseverance of the Financial Investigation Unit and Criminal Networks Teams of the SIS will continue to ensure that those committing organised crime are deprived of their assets and their criminal networks dismantled making London a safer place.

"Operation Iberus will confiscate millions of pounds worth of criminal assets from defendants who regarded themselves beyond the reach of the law."

### **16 May**

#### **Southwark Borough**

#### **Crimes involving mobile phones drop**

The latest joint operation between officers in Southwark and officers from the National Mobile Phone Crime Unit targeted individuals suspected of committing robbery and other offences. It is because of this joint that Southwark has seen a decrease in crime involving mobile phones.

Year on year total notifiable offences involving mobile phones are down by 23 per cent since October 2006.

Tactical Assessment figures show robbery reducing from 115 offences in October 2006 to 75 in March 2007; and in the case of snatches the drop is even more significant with a 60 per cent reduction.

Southwark Borough is currently the best performing borough in the MPS with officers and staff using the National Mobile Phone Register to search records when on routine business: stops, searches, warrants, in custody and dealing with property found.

T/Detective Superintendent Mick McNally, National Mobile Phone Crime Squad (NMPCU), said:

"My thanks go to all the staff in Southwark Borough for their professionalism and commitment in all areas of this work - whether carrying out searches on the database when dealing with found property, investigations involving mobile phones, promoting the National Register scheme to school students, completing stop and searches with the IMEI data recorded or taking part in joint operations with the NMPCU officers.

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"The commitment of the Southwark Command Team has been a key driver to the success displayed in these stunning results."

Detective Superintendent Nick Ephgrave, said:

"I am extremely proud of the results that Southwark officers have achieved, working in co-operation with the National Mobile Phone Crime Unit (NMPCU). With them, we recognised the potential to reduce mobile phone crime by maximising the intelligence available and every team on the borough has contributed to our success."

**16 May 2007**

### **Operation Bustag makes 80 arrests**

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) Transport Operational Command Unit's Operation BusTag team made a total of 80 various arrests for criminal damage to buses during April 2007.

Operation BusTag is the MPS's Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) crime investigation unit, which tackles crime and criminal damage being committed on London's buses, and is part of the Transport Operational Command Unit.

The Transport Operational Command Unit itself was set up in partnership with Transport for London (TfL) to tackle crime on buses, illegal taxi touts, and assist with the control of traffic congestion.

Criminal damage to buses can take the form of graffiti, window etching, seat and window damage, and arson, all of which costs bus companies millions of pounds each year to repair.

BusTag officers are skilled and effective in CCTV identification. Since BusTag's inception in November 2004, they have been responsible for arresting over 1488 offenders of criminal damage on buses.

During April's many arrests, the team identified and arrested a suspect of arson to a bus within five hours of taking possession of CCTV images. The damages amounted to £49,600.

Another suspect was a prolific offender of bus graffiti who was recently sentenced for eight counts of bus criminal damage. He carried acts of graffiti, which amounted to over £1500 in damage. He was rapidly identified and arrested through BusTag's well-established structure of compiling evidence and circulation of CCTV images to borough police colleagues.

Chief Superintendent Michael Humphrey, Transport Operational Command Unit said:

"These arrests are another significant achievement for Operation BusTag. It sends out a clear message to people who commit acts of vandalism, that they

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are committing a crime and they will be caught with the help of CCTV pictures from buses and prosecuted."

Jeroen Weimar, TfL's Director of Transport Policing and Enforcement said: "Operation BusTag has gone from strength to strength and its arrest rate is continuing to go up every month. Graffiti and vandalism on London's buses creates an intimidating atmosphere, which we do not believe our customers should have to put up with. With CCTV cameras on every vehicle anyone intent on causing damage to our buses should be warned that we will catch them and they will be prosecuted."

**14 May 2007**

### **2 Officers to face misconduct tribunal following Peter Woodhams stabbing investigation**

The Independent Police Complaints Commission has decided that a Detective Sergeant and a Detective Constable involved in the Metropolitan Police Service investigation into the non-fatal stabbing of Peter Woodhams will face a misconduct tribunal.

Additionally, three MPS officers, two Police Sergeants and one Detective Sergeant, will receive written warnings and a Detective Constable will receive words of advice for their failings in the investigation. A further three MPS officers have been cleared of wrongdoing but will be given guidance.

The IPCC conducted an independent investigation into the way the MPS investigated the stabbing of Peter Woodhams. The investigation examined the actions of the nine officers in relation to complaints received from Peter Woodhams' family after he was fatally shot in August 2006.

The IPCC decisions on misconduct agree with the recommendations put forward by the Metropolitan Police Service and Derbyshire Constabulary, to which one of the officers who will face a tribunal has since transferred.

IPCC Commissioner Deborah Glass said: "I have agreed that two of the officers who worked on the MPS stabbing investigation should face a misconduct tribunal, and three more should receive written warnings which, if accepted, will stay on their records for the next twelve months.

"The tribunal panel will comprise three members: a Chair from the MPS, a Superintendent from Derbyshire Constabulary and an independent member to be provided by the Metropolitan Police Authority.

"Our investigation was concluded within weeks of the end of the murder trial, and copies of our investigation report were sent to the MPS and Derbyshire Constabulary.

"The report contains a number of lessons that the Metropolitan Police Service should learn from mistakes that were made when they were investigating the



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stabbing. The Metropolitan Police Service has assured me that these recommendations will be progressed immediately.

"We will be in a position to provide Mr Woodhams' family with a copy of our report following the conclusion of the misconduct tribunal. At that point we will also publish a summary of the report on our website. This delay in publication is necessary in order that the proceedings of the misconduct tribunal are not prejudiced.

"Mr Woodhams' family has suffered a terrible loss in his death. Despite this, they have acted with the utmost dignity throughout this sad time, and I hope that the IPCC investigation and misconduct proceedings, at which members of the family will be expected to give evidence, will be able to answer some of the questions they may have about the way the police investigated the stabbing."

### **11 May 2007**

#### **172 Gangs broken up by Scotland Yard**

Scotland Yard has broken up 172 criminal gangs over the past year, it has been revealed.

They included 10 terrorist organisations and 30 involved in gun crime, as well as 66 which primarily dealt in drugs.

One contract killing network, two kidnap organisations and 12 people-smuggling gangs were also successfully tackled.

The details are revealed in a Metropolitan Police report on its disruption activities in the 2006/07 financial year.

Most of the networks operate in London, but also have an impact across the country, according to the document.

The report states that 11 networks were disrupted by Special Operations officers.

"In doing so they have prevented a terrorist attack on London," it says.

A criminal network is considered to have been disrupted when it is "unable to operate at its normal level of activity for a significant amount of time".

Examples of police operations included undercover officers infiltrating a Turkish network believed to be supplying drugs and firearms.

The gang leader was arrested and eventually sentenced to seven years in prison.

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**11 May**

**Wandsworth**

**Two teens sentenced**

Richard Lawrie, a 19-year-old from Battersea, was sentenced to 18 months detention in a young offenders institution for unlawful wounding and ABH as well as three months for affray. Lawrie's sentences are to run concurrently.

Dean Barnes, an 18-year-old also from Battersea, was found not guilty of unlawful wounding and actual bodily harm, but was found guilty of affray.

Barnes received a community sentence, which stipulates he must carry out 120 hours of unpaid work and is under a supervisory community order for 18 months with the probation service. He must also participate in the Think First Programme.

On 15 April 2006, Lawrie and Barnes walked over to a group of young men and women walking along Lavender Hill.

The two women from the group separated from the group and were outside the post office in Battersea Bridge Road, when Lawrie and Barnes approached them.

Lawrie assaulted the two, causing one of them to lose consciousness. They were taken to Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, where the woman who was knocked unconscious was treated for a broken nose, fractured cheekbone, and laceration to her face.

**11 May**

**Westminster school burglary initiative**

To combat school burglary in Westminster, which was costing over £ 40,000 per year, officers from the Westminster Crime and Disorder Reduction Team attended every primary and secondary school in Westminster throughout the summer of 2006.

The team marked school IT equipment with SmartWater - a highly sophisticated, clear, forensic solution.

Each bottle of SmartWater carried its own unique DNA type code that could be detected by the police and used to identify where stolen property came from. It was hoped that this would make it difficult for the equipment to be sold on and therefore be a powerful deterrent against theft.

The results of the initiative show a significant reduction of 41 per cent in school burglary in the financial year of 2006/07.

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**10 May**

**Fulham**

### **Man sentenced for domestic related assault**

A 38-year-old man with a long-standing domestic violence record was sentenced to 20 months imprisonment and received three years on license.

In April 2007, Carl Bradford went the victim's house in Fulham and when she asked who was at the door, he said he was a police officer.

The victim opened the door to be confronted by Bradford carrying a chair leg. She managed to close the door on Bradford but not before a struggle, where she sustained several injuries including being punched in the ribs four times.

Bradford was subsequently arrested and charged with ABH, possession of an offensive weapon and remanded in custody.

On the 4 May this year he was sentenced at Blackfriars Crown Court.

**9 May**

**Barking and Dagenham**

### **Flying Squad recovers Firearms**

On 8 May 2007 officers from the North East Flying Squad in Barking and Dagenham executed search warrants and arrested a man in connection with a series of armed robberies at a Bingo Hall in London and the Home Counties.

During the course of the search a stolen a motor vehicle and a Cherokee Jeep were recovered to the value of approximately £25,000.

Also recovered during the course of the searches was a loaded sawn off shotgun, a loaded revolver and a stun gun.

The man was later charged with a total of nine offences including armed robbery at Gala Bingo in Enfield and aggravated vehicle taking whilst making his way from the scene of the offence. He was also charged with firearms offences and handling stolen vehicles.

**9 May**

**Clubs and Vice Unit**

### **Woman jailed for preying on young girls**

A woman who preyed on young girls and encouraged them to have sex with men in exchange for drugs has been jailed for 10 years.

Fiona Walsh, a 32-year-old woman from the Paddington area, pleaded guilty to supplying two girls with Class A drugs and causing a child (under the age of 16) to engage in sexual activity.

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Walsh was originally arrested in March 2006 after information was passed to the Met's Clubs and Vice Unit that she had been supplying young girls crack or heroin in return for them having sex with men.

She befriended the young girls and introduced them to drugs. One victim was only 12-years-old when the offences started.

The victim stated that Walsh would advertise her sexual services in phone boxes around the Paddington and Bayswater areas and arrange for her to have sex with the men who made contact.

### **9 May**

#### **Counter Terrorism Command**

#### **Four people arrested in connection with July 7 attacks**

Officers from the Counter Terrorism Command arrested four people in connection with the terrorist attacks in London on July 7 2005, in a pre-planned, intelligence-led operation involving Counter Terrorism Units in West Yorkshire and the West Midlands.

Two men and a woman were arrested at around 7am at addresses in West Yorkshire and another man was arrested at an address in the West Midlands.

The four people were arrested on suspicion of the commission, preparation, or instigation of acts of terrorism under the Terrorism Act 2000.

They were taken to a central London police station where they will be kept in custody and will be interviewed.

### **9 May**

#### **Met's Paedophile Unit**

#### **Man sentenced for distributing indecent images online**

A man responsible for distributing indecent images of children to an online paedophile network was sentenced to three years imprisonment on 8 May.

In addition, he has to pay £1,500 in court costs, be on the sex offenders register for life and was given a sexual offender prevention order for one count of making indecent images of children and 18 counts of distributing indecent images of children.

Karl Lindon, a 26-year-old civil servant from Camberwell Road, SE5 was arrested when his details were found on a computer seized in a separate arrest.

The Met's Paedophile Unit began an investigation and on 24 March 2006 and arrested Lindon at his home address and seized his computer. On it they found 2,500 indecent images of children and established he had been sharing images with a network of 47 other online paedophiles.

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All 47 people, the majority from the US, have now been identified. Some have now been dealt with through the courts and the others' details have been given to relevant UK forces and to US law enforcement agencies.

### **8 May**

#### **Hammersmith and Fulham**

##### **24-hour SN team nets 40 arrests in first month**

Hammersmith and Fulham launched two 24/7 Safer Neighbourhoods teams in March of this year. This was the first of its kind within the MPS.

The Shepherds Bush Green Team, in their first month, saw 40 arrests, 450 Stop and Search forms, 310 alcohol seizures, eight cannabis seizures and 160 CrimInt reports.

In comparison to the same four-week period this time last year, crime figures have also fallen dramatically with robbery down over 50 per cent and residential burglary down 80 per cent.

There have been several Quality of Service Reports for various PCSOs on the team from their supervisor and also from response team officers who have recognised some of the good work being done.

### **8 May**

#### **Morden**

##### **SN team work with BTP for crime prevention on transport**

35 officers from local Safer Neighbourhoods teams and British Transport Police officers worked alongside Revenue Protection Inspectors from London Transport.

The aim of the operation was to prevent and detect robbery, disorder and anti-social behaviour towards London Transport staff by local youths who pass through the town centre.

A search arch placed outside Morden Tube Station was used to detect those who may have been in possession of knives or other weapons.

The operation also aimed to tackle enforcement of revenue protection, ensuring that those who tried to evade their fare were identified and dealt with at the time by the Revenue Protection Inspectors who took their details and then verified them, when necessary, by a police officer.

In total there were two arrests, one for possession of a class 'A' drugs and one for criminal damage.

Revenue protection officers dealt with 18 people for offences relating to travelling on the incorrect ticket. A further 16 people were also stopped.

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**8 May**

**TP Intelligence Unit**

**Two jailed for distraction burglary**

Two men have been jailed for a total of 19 years for a string of distraction burglaries committed against the elderly.

Martin Maloney was sentenced to 12 years and John Casey was sentenced to seven years having pleaded guilty to conspiracy to burgle.

They were arrested after the TP Intelligence Unit highlighted a series of distraction burglaries where a bogus police warrant card was used.

The men would claim that an arrested individual had been found in possession of the homeowner's details and that it was believed that they would be targeted.

The suspects asked if they could enter the home to ensure that owner's valuables were secure. Once in the house, they offered to place the victim's money in a safe place (usually a cupboard) and then stole it.

**4 May**

**Tower Hamlets**

**Transport OCU arrests**

The Transport OCU, which targets crime on buses and along the bus red routes, has made over 1,495 arrests for theft and 154 arrests for robbery committed along the Transport for London Road Network since April 2006.

The Transport OCU North East B Route Team recently made four arrests in one night – two for pick pocketing and two for robbery, while patrolling Tower Hamlets.

The officers were called to a theft on board a bus along the Aldgate East Route 25. A passenger had seen a girl steal a purse from a passenger's bag. The passenger reported it to the driver who called for the police. The arrival and subsequent investigation by Transport OCU North East B Team found the girl to be operating with her mother and a friend. All three were arrested.

While conveying the three suspects to the police station, they were flagged down by a man who had just been attacked by two robbers.

The victim was able to give a description and due to the vigilance of the officers, the suspects were soon spotted and arrested. They were found to be in possession of £130, two mobile phones and jewellery belonging to the victim.

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**4 May**

**Queensbury SN team**

**Tagger convicted of criminal damage**

A 16-year-old has been convicted of criminal damage at Brent Youth Court and has received a six-month referral order, £70 costs and was asked to repay £1,150 in compensation.

The Queensbury Safer Neighbourhoods Team noticed a graffiti tag appearing across the borough and obtained a search warrant for the suspects home address.

He was charged with 10 counts of criminal damage and a further 27 other accounts were also taken into consideration.

**4 May**

**Serious Crime Directorate**

**23 years imprisonment for cocaine suppliers**

Three men have been sentenced to 23 years imprisonment today for conspiracy to supply cocaine with a street value of £500,000.

38-year-old David Robert Ladds, 40-year-old John Kelly and 32-year old Andrew Lloyd Cunningham, were sentenced to eight, six and 10 years' imprisonment respectively.

Their arrest followed a long term pro-active investigation conducted by detectives from SCD7(2) Projects Team and SCD11.

**4 May**

**Brent**

**Wembley man arrested for drugs offences**

A 17-year-old man has been arrested for possession with intent to supply drugs.

Brent Magistrates Court have issued a Cash Detention Order on allowing police to detain over £2,000 cash.

He was arrested by PC Colin Hobday and PCSO Deep Sanghrajka from the Wembley Central Safer Neighbourhoods team during a routine patrol.

The officers seized suspected cannabis and bundles of cash hidden in his underwear.

Whilst searching his home address, officers discovered a large amount of what is suspected to be cannabis; a white powder substance suspected to be class A drugs, drugs paraphernalia and a substantial amount of cash.

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### **3 May**

#### **Southwark**

##### **Imitation firearm recovered**

An imitation firearm was recovered at a house in Peckham, which was specifically targeted because the man who lived there had been identified as one of the top five robbery suspects on Southwark Borough.

U42, under the Theft Act, executed a search warrant on the house, during which the suspect was detained and the imitation firearm was recovered from his bedroom.

Also recovered was a quantity of what is believed to have been stolen property.

### **2 May**

#### **Specialist Crime Directorate**

##### **Five arrested in connection with proposed kidnap**

Five people suspected of being involved in a proposed kidnap where a loaded firearm was to be used have been arrested following a Metropolitan Police operation.

Officers from the Specialist Crime Directorate's Projects Team acted after monitoring the activities of a criminal network, who were planning to kidnap a man. It is believed they had been hired following a disagreement between criminal networks and that the threat to the man was imminent.

One man was arrested following an armed stop on his car in Rockley Road, W14 during a pre-planned operation by the Projects Team, SCD 11 covert policing and CO19 firearms team.

A second car was stopped by armed officers between Chelsea Bridge and the Embankment, resulting in one man and one woman being arrested.

During both stops Hatton rounds were fired at the tyres to immobilise the cars. No other weapons were used and no one was injured.

Subsequently officers arrested two further men, one in Lewisham High Street and one in Shepherds Bush Road.

A revolver with ammunition was recovered at the scene in Rockley Road.



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### **Animal rights suspects held after raid**

Three people arrested in Greater London in raids targeting animal rights extremists face questioning from police.

They are among 32 people being held in custody following the series of raids carried out on Tuesday across the UK and Europe.

In the Metropolitan Police area, a 52-year-old woman was arrested in Bowater Gardens, Sunbury, Middlesex; a 44-year-old man in Selwood Road, Croydon and a 29-year-old man in Upper Tollington Park, Holloway.

It was the culmination of a two-year investigation into an alleged conspiracy of extremism targeting a variety of organisations and individuals police said.

The operation, described as the largest of its kind, involved more than 700 officers as warrants were executed in Berkshire, Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Glasgow, Greater London, Merseyside, Worcestershire, Lancashire, Northumbria, Yorkshire, south Wales, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Around GBP100,000 in cash, mobile telephones, computer equipment and documents were seized during the raids.

**1 May**

### **Feltham Child Abuse Investigation Team Child protection results**

A man has been jailed for a total of 16 years for a series of sexual assaults against his stepchildren.

The man, who cannot be named for legal reasons, committed the offences between 1989 and 1996 with the investigation taking lines of inquiry as far as Australia.

In a separate case, two brothers (who cannot be named for legal reasons) were jailed for a total of 18 years for rape and indecent assault against five members of their extended family. The offences ranged in date from the 1970s to 1990s.

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### **Economic and Specialist Crime Command Human trafficking charges**

The Human Trafficking Team has made its second arrest and charge within a week on a pro-active investigation.

A 25-year-old woman originally from Bulgaria was arrested and charged by Operation Maxim's Human Trafficking Team on 27 April 2007.

She was interviewed and charged with three offences namely:

- trafficking persons into the UK for the purpose of sexual exploitation
- trafficking persons within the UK for the purpose of sexual exploitation
- controlling prostitution for gain

**1 May**

### **Shadwell SN team Drugs convictions in Tower Hamlets**

Two people have been convicted in two unrelated incidents due to the work of the Shadwell Safer Neighbourhoods team in Tower Hamlets.

The first person was sentenced to three years imprisonment on 16 April 2007 after being charged with possession of drugs with intent to supply.

A search of Abdul Gafur's home revealed documentation that was consistent with drug dealing. He was also found in possession of a quantity of heroin and cocaine.

The second person, who was a youth at the time of the arrest, pleaded guilty to four counts of possession of drugs with intent to supply and was sentenced to an 18-month community punishment and rehabilitation order.

He was found to be in possession of a quantity of Class A drugs and was arrested for possession of drugs with intent to supply. A search of his home address revealed further drugs (heroin, cocaine and cannabis) along with other drug paraphernalia.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**1 May**

**Brent**

### **Man sentenced for GBH**

A 33-year-old man from Watford received seven years imprisonment for assaulting a woman and three years for assaulting a man during the same incident.

Martin McGee was out drinking in the Willesden area with a man and a woman. All three returned to the woman's flat where an argument broke out between them.

McGee armed himself with a large kitchen knife and repeatedly stabbed them both, which resulted in them receiving serious injuries. McGee then drove away from the scene leaving the victims inside the flat.

He was subsequently arrested on 16 June 2006 and charged with GBH on 29 August 2006. He was found guilty at Harrow Crown Court 19 March 2007 and the sentences are to run concurrently.

**1 May**

**Lambeth**

### **Five men arrested for drug offences**

Police in Lambeth made nine arrests on Saturday morning, 28 April, following a crackdown on Class A drugs in a South London nightclub. The arrests follow a three month long intelligence led operation - codenamed Pivot.

Officers entered the Fire Nightclub, Vauxhall shortly after 2am and executed a search warrant. Nine people were arrested inside the club: six on suspicion of supplying Class A drugs; three on suspicion of possession of Class A drugs. They were taken to a central London police station. On Sunday 29 April, five of them were charged with a total of 57 offences relating to supply and possession of Class A drugs.

Three people were bailed to return to Kennington Police Station and a 24-year-old man was released without further action. A quantity of Class A drugs were recovered from the scene. Following the police raid, the club was closed temporarily under the Misuse of Drugs Act. The search inside the club continues.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**30 April**

### **Counter Terrorism Command Operation Crevice sentencing**

Omar Khyam, Salahuddin Amin, Waheed Mamood, Anthony Garcia and Jawad Akbar have been convicted of charges under the Terrorism Act. All the charges relate to Operation Crevice, in which officers recovered 600 kilogrammes of manufactured fertilizer.

All the men were jailed for life with indeterminate (no time limit) sentences: Omar Khyam, Anthony Garcia and Waheed Mahmood will all serve a minimum of 20 years before they are considered for parole (if they were given determinate sentences this would amount to 40 years).

Jawad Akbar and Salahuddin Amin both will serve a minimum of 17-and-a-half years before they are considered for parole (if they were given determinate sentences this would amount to 35 years). If they are ever released they will be on life licences.

**30 April**

### **Counter Terrorism Command Man sentenced for attempting to buy machine guns**

A 29-year-old man who attempted to buy submachine guns, silencers and thousands of rounds of ammunition for acts of terrorism has been jailed for nine years, it can be revealed today.

Kazi Nurur Rahman was arrested by the counter-terrorism detectives in a pre-planned operation in November 2005.

Rahman of Newham, London, was jailed for nine years in May 2006. He had admitted attempting to possess property intended for use for the purpose of terrorism. The plumber's arrest took place at South Mimms service station, Hertfordshire, as he was attempting to take possession of three Uzi submachine guns, three silencers, nine magazines and 3,000 rounds of ammunition.

Rahman ordered a wish-list of weapons from a 'contact' who, unbeknown to him, was an undercover officer. He also asked about purchasing counterfeit notes and passports. He said that when the first transaction had been completed he would pursue a further order for three SAM 7 missiles, two rocket propelled grenades and 15 grenades - costing between £50,000 and £70,000.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**30 April**

### **Chaucer Safer Neighbourhoods team Warrant executed on barbershop**

On 27 April 2007, the North Neighbourhood Task force led by PS Richard Hynes and coordinated by PC Mark Kiely executed a drugs warrant a barbershop in the New Kent Road. 10 police officers supported by PCSOs entered the premises, and detained two men and two women.

The shop had been linked to the supply of drugs to the shops clientele and was suspected of fencing stolen property.

The premises were searched and 14 mobile phones and two iPods along with a quantity of cannabis were found. Four of the mobile phones which had been found to be stolen, one of which was stolen by means of a robbery six days previously.

Two men and a woman were arrested for immigration matters along with handling stolen goods and drugs offences.

This intelligence-led operation is particularly significant given the shop's proximity to Geoffrey Chaucer School and also to the nearby robbery hotspot at the Elephant and Castle.

**30 April**

### **Greenwich Borough Crack dens closed in joint operation**

Police in Greenwich Borough and Greenwich Council working as the Safer Greenwich Partnership have reclaimed council homes in Woolwich from drugs dealers in a joint operation.

Action was taken after complaints by local residents of drug dealing and drug use on housing estates in Woolwich.

19 people were taken into custody after a large-scale arrest on 19 April, where 19 addresses were searched. A substantial amount of Class A drugs have been seized. Further arrests were made for offences such as robbery and failing to appear at court.

The properties that were being used as crack houses will be returned to the control of the council. Safer Neighbourhoods police officers were deployed to the estates immediately after the arrests and will remain there as a visible presence to reassure local residents.

It is anticipated that crimes of burglary and robbery that are closely associated with drug use and supply will also now be significantly reduced in the area.

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**27 April**

**Hackney**

**Operation Bantam success**

Officers from Hackney's Operation Bantam executed a firearms warrant on Albion Road, N16.

Inside the premises they seized a loaded sawn off shotgun, a quantity of shotgun cartridges, a converted 9mm 38 model revolver and ammunition, and a flak jacket.

A 25-year-old man was charged with two counts of possessing prohibited weapons, possession of ammunition and ammunition for a shotgun when prohibited from doing so for five years.

**26 April**

**SCD7 Central Task Force (West)**

**Conspiracy to supply class A drugs – 2 charged**

On 26 April 2007, two men were charged with conspiracy to supply class A controlled drugs. One of the subjects has also been charged with attempted GBH on police officers that occurred during arrest.

Officers from the Central Task Force (West) SCD7(7) carried out an intelligence led operation in West London. This resulted in the arrest of two men who are part of a Polish based criminal network. Approximately 15,000 ecstasy tablets together with a kilo of cocaine were recovered together with a large quantity of cash.

One of the men was extremely violent and attacked the unarmed officers with a large knife. He was overpowered and arrested. Both men were charged and subsequently remanded in custody at court.

DCI Peter Beyer, head of the Central Task Force (West), said:

*"This was an excellent piece of work from my team which has severely disrupted the activities of a criminal network supplying Class A drugs in West London. The arresting officers acted extremely professionally and demonstrated bravery when confronted with a man with a large knife. "The SCD7 Central Task force continues achieve major successes through tackling criminal networks who are causing harm amongst our communities".*

## Operational Successes and Good News

**23 April 2007**

**Hammersmith & Fulham**

**Financial Investigation Unit £100,000 confiscation order**

The financial Investigation Unit at Hammersmith & Fulham recently obtained a £100,000 confiscation order against a local female licensee.

Veronica Mullings the licensee of the Seven Stars Public House, North End Road, Fulham was arrested by local officers and found to be in possession of Crack Cocaine with a street value of £15,000. Mullings was sentenced to three years imprisonment and ordered to pay £15,000 immediately as recoverable proceeds of crime. The debt in relation to the balance of £85,000 will follow her for the rest of her life until she pays it off. Even after she dies, the money could still be recovered from her estate. If police discover at anytime that Mullings has accrued property of any significant value, e.g. a house, car or flat screen TV, we can now take action to remove this from her and sell it towards paying her debt.

This is the second £100,000 confiscation order obtained by the borough against a Class A drug dealer in the last two weeks.

This sends out a clear message to drugs dealers across Hammersmith & Fulham Borough that we will not rest until we've taken back from them all the proceeds of this very harmful crime.

**Detective Inspector Tony Murphy** said: The powers available to us under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 have been described as draconian - but their use is totally justifiable when turned against people such as these. These two convicted crack dealers have admitted to profiting to the tune of £100,000 each from the misery of crack addicts in Hammersmith & Fulham. The majority of this money will have come from the proceeds of burglaries, robberies and vehicle crime carried out by prolific offenders to feed their addictions. These are so-called "Acquisitive Crimes" but it's important to realise that the only thing these offenders have ended up "acquiring" is more crack cocaine - the real profits have been going elsewhere, to the dealers such as Johnson and Mullings.

We are determined to use POCA to dramatically change all this. These two significant Confiscation Orders are the first major results in what will be a long running campaign to take the profit out of crack dealing. The message is clear - deal crack in our Borough and we will target you overtly and financially until you have nothing left to take..."

## **Operational Successes and Good News**

**20 April**

**SN team Brent**

**Cannabis factories discovered**

The Brondesbury Park Safer Neighbourhoods team in Brent, led an early morning raid on 26 April on Mount Pleasant Road.

Two addresses came to the attention of the team's PCSOs Sakira Suzia, Yvette Cartman and Spiros Vogiajoglou as they carried out routine patrols in the area. The officers noticed a smell of cannabis coming from two properties and brought this information to the team's attention.

As a result of this, the addresses were monitored and PC Petford planned an operation to raid the properties. The warrants were executed with the assistance of neighbouring SN teams; Dollis Hill, Mapesbury and Queens Park the TSG and response team officers.

Both properties were entered and as suspected, both had been set up as cannabis factories. Approximately 700 - 800 cannabis plants of varying sizes were discovered in total with an estimated street value of £150,000.

The electricity board were on hand to secure the properties electricity supplies that had been tampered with before the plants were removed. In addition to the cannabis, officers discovered two machetes in one of the addresses.



## **Non – Operational successes and Good News**

**22 May**

### **U42 crime posting success**

U42 (TSG4) having been awarded the prestigious 'TSG OCU Team of the Month' award for April, have followed this up by a highly successful 3 week 'Crime Posting' to Southwark OCU.

During the three-week period up until 17 May officers from U42 have taken part in ANPR operations, Honeypot operations and executed warrants all specifically aimed at combating street crime in Peckham area.

In the past week U42 have targeted the top five street robbers on the borough and have arrested four of them after executing Level 1 Rapid Entries on their addresses.

Inspector Goodwin (U421), said:

"I am justly proud of my officers. They have made over 45 arrests in this period and carried out excellent proactive TSG operations. This is exactly what TSG4 can offer local OCUs."

**22 May**

### **Bike Day in Hammersmith and Fulham**

Parsons Green and Walham Safer Neighbourhoods teams in partnership with Hammersmith and Fulham Borough launched Bike Safe Day outside Fulham Town Hall on 17 May.

The team arranged for two mechanics from Evans Cycles to carry out free brake checks on pedal cycles and offer advice on basic cycle maintenance. There was also information available on adult training courses, road awareness, safety issues and free cycle route maps. Some of the team were in attendance on their mountain bikes.

The local crime prevention officer was also available to offer advice on security and in particular cycle coding.

The event was very successful and attended by various cycle shops, cycle pressure groups and representatives from the local council.

PCSO Beverley McFarlane, said:

"This day was arranged after we carried out a survey of retired people living in the area. Of the 68 that responded, 95 per cent raised issues about cyclists riding on the pavement in the Fulham Broadway area. The main aim of the day was two fold, firstly to improve safety for pedestrians and secondly to provide education and safety advice to cyclists who use the area."

## **Non – Operational successes and Good News**

**10 May**

### **HR Recruitment award**

HR Recruitment has been presented with a 'Catalyst for Change' Award by the charity Changing Faces in recognition of their work in changing the way employers and customer services address facial disfigurement.

HR Recruitment were presented with the award at the Changing Faces annual reception held at the Royal Society of Portrait Painters' Annual Exhibition at the Mall Galleries on 3 May. The Chief Executive Officer of Changing Faces, Sir James Partridge, presented the award. Sangita Katyal and Detective Inspector Ajoy Gosain, both of the Met Careers Team, accepted the award on behalf of Recruitment.

Majella Myers, Acting Director of Recruitment, said: "We are delighted to receive this accolade from Changing Faces, which highlights the Met's desire to recruit and retain a diverse workforce. Facial disfigurement is just one of a number of disabilities which can affect an individual and by embracing this training we have enabled our staff, particularly those at the forefront of recruiting new employees, to be confident in dealing with these issues."

The Changing Faces award comes on the back of a prestigious year for Human Resources, with the organisation being commended 12 times, including two Employer of the Year awards - Pink Paper Readers Awards and NSPCC Working Families Awards.

**4 May**

### **Commissioner's Commendations**

Commissioner Sir Ian Blair payed tribute to the professionalism and dedication of Met staff for their actions following the July 2005 London bombings and the Asian Tsunami in a special commendation ceremony today.

More than 70 officers and staff were joined by a number of colleagues from other UK police forces and were presented with Commissioner's Commendations for their extraordinary work.

It brought the total number of officers and staff to have received awards for their part in the response to the Asian Tsunami and the London bombings of 7 July 2005 to more than 350.

Whilst the two previous awards ceremonies mainly focused on the bravery and professionalism of those involved in the immediate aftermath of the July 7 attacks, this awards ceremony gave recognition to those whose work was vital in the days and weeks that followed, many of them in behind-the-scenes roles.

## **Non – Operational successes and Good News**

### **4 May**

#### **Tower Hamlets commendations**

Staff from Tower Hamlets received commendations from Commander Jerry Savill at a special ceremony held at the Tower of London.

Over 50 officers and PCSOs including four officers from British Transport Police received commendations for their outstanding work and achievements.

Proud friends and family of the recipients as well as the Mayor of Tower Hamlets attended the ceremony.

### **3 May**

#### **Launch of Havering Police's new Safer Transport Team**

A new dedicated police team aimed at improving safety on and around public transport in Havering has been launched at Romford Bus garage, North Street Romford.

The Safer Transport Team, will comprise of up to 18 new Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) working with at least two sergeants and one police constable to provide visibility and reassurance and tackle crime and anti-social behaviour on and around public transport.

On 3 October 2006, the Mayor of London announced funding for an additional 378 Police Community Support Officers for London's transport network who would be deployed across London.

Havering's Safer Transport team is now in place led by Inspector Roger Pearson, providing an additional police presence on the extensive transport network in Havering. They will operate from both Upminster and Collier Row Police Stations, which will allow for good coverage across the public transport system within the borough.

## **Non – Operational successes and Good News**

### **1 May**

#### **Safer Neighbourhoods Annual Challenge Awards**

The second Safer Neighbourhoods Annual Challenge (SNAC) Awards Ceremony was held at Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, to recognise the outstanding projects that young people aged between 5 -19 in Hammersmith and Fulham, have undertaken to make their community safer.

The competition was launched in January 2007 in partnership with The MPS, Safer London Foundation, KPMG, EMI and the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. The aim was to challenge young people in Hammersmith & Fulham to identify problems within their local neighbourhoods such as litter or a lack of facilities for young people and to develop a scheme to help improve the situation.

The winners of the SNAC were revealed at a special presentation by MPS Deputy Commissioner Paul Stephenson, trustee of the Safer London Foundation along with singer Beverley Knight and the Fulham footballers Moritz Volz and Simon Elliott.

Winners, runners up and third place prizes were given in each age category: under 11's, 11-14, and 15 to 19. They were presented with a selection of prizes including match tickets for Fulham, Queens Park Rangers and Chelsea football clubs, a full day in a recording studio and tours of Radio 1 and Choice FM. Other prizes included VIP concert tickets courtesy of EMI. United International Pictures supplied cinema tickets and DVD's and Haymarket Publishing provided magazine subscriptions. Disney supplied a wide range of goodies for all the winners in the youngest age category.

The winners and runners up in each age group were supported by their local safer neighbourhood teams.