



Monthly Performance Information – August 2006

This note has combined performance information, showing both ‘hard’ crime figures and information regarding the experiences and perceptions of Londonders and MPS customers, which will be made available to members as required.

Prepared for the MPA Full Authority Meeting: April-August 2006 compared to April-August 2005

	Apr-Aug 2006	Apr-Aug 2005	Difference	% Change	Sanction Detections	
					Apr-Aug 2006	Apr-Aug 2005
Total Notifiable Offences	392,005	421,177	-29,172	-6.9%	20.1%	16.6%
BCS Comparator Crime	230,043	243,598	-13,555	-5.6%	13.4%	10.6%
Burglary Dwelling	23,526	24,977	-1,451	-5.8%	23.7%	19.4%
Robbery	18,489	18,244	+245	+1.3%	13.9%	12.1%
Business crime¹	49,706	57,472	-7,766	-13.5%	25.1%	21.8%
Motor Vehicle Crime	56,580	56,499	+81	+0.1%	6.8%	6.4%
Gun Enabled Crime	1,330	1,692	-362	-21.4%	17.9%	19.6%
Trident Gun Crime	98	118	-20	-16.9%	21.4%	15.3%
Homicide	67	85	-18	-21.2%	85.1%	84.7%
Road Fatalities	88	81	+7	+8.6%	N/A	N/A
Violent Crime	104,673	110,047	-5,374	-4.9%	24.8%	21.6%
<i>Hate Crime</i>						
Domestic Violence	25,198	26,212	-1,014	-3.9%	33.9%	25.1%
Racist Crime	4,679	5,210	-531	-10.2%	26.1%	20.1%
Homophobic Crime	605	607	-2	-0.3%	20.7%	17.0%

Public Satisfaction Information British Crime Survey

	2005/06	2004/05	Percentage Point Change*
Satisfaction with local policing	54%	48%	+6
Fear of crime (burglary)	18%	18%	0
Fear of crime (car crime)	18%	20%	-2
Fear of crime (violence)	27%	26%	+1
Perception (anti-social behaviour)	25%	29%	-4
Perception (drugs)	31%	34%	-3

Public Attitude Survey

	2005/6	2004/5	Percentage Point Change
Confidence in policing (local)	58%	52%	+6
Confidence in policing (London)	64%	53%	+11
Satisfaction with policing (local)	63%	54%	+9
Importance of knowing a local police officer	88%	77%	+11
Feeling informed about local police activity	45%	35%	+10
Community relations between police and public very / fairly good	71%	63%	+8

¹ Robbery of business property, theft employee, theft from shops, burglary non-dwelling & retail deception (fraud counter per victim).



Crime Victim Survey

Satisfaction with...	2006/07 Q1	2005/06	Percentage Point Change
...making contact	87%	86%	+1
...action taken	77%	77%	0
...being kept informed	58%	59%	-1
...treatment by staff	92%	92%	0
Overall service received	80%	79%	+1
Overall service received (victims of racist incidents)	75%	73%	+2
White victims overall	80%	80%	
BME victims overall	76%	73%	
Gap	4%	7%	-3

Anti Social Behaviour Survey

Satisfaction with...	2006/07 Q1	2005/06 Q1	Percentage Point Change
...making contact	92%	N/A	Baseline
...action taken	66%	N/A	Baseline
...being kept informed	42%	N/A	Baseline
...treatment by staff	90%	N/A	Baseline
Overall service received	71%	N/A	Baseline
Overall service received (victims of racist incidents)	N/A	N/A	Baseline
White victims overall	71%	N/A	Baseline
BME victims overall	71%	N/A	
Gap	0%	N/A	

Safer Neighbourhoods Survey

Safer Neighbourhoods surveying takes place in the first quarter of the year, with this year's surveys currently underway. Results will be reported in the autumn.

Other London surveys

A GLA MORI poll conducted in the last week of April showed that 52% of Londoners have noticed more police in their local neighbourhood in the past year. Of those who had seen more police 72% said it helped make them feel safer.

Summary

Headlines from crime statistics

- Total notifiable offences are down 6.9%
- BCS comparator crime is down 5.6%
- Residential burglary is down 5.8%
- Robbery has increased by 1.3%
- Motor vehicle crime has increased by 0.1%
- Gun enabled crime has fallen by 21.4%
- Trident gun crime has decreased from 118 offences to 98 offences
- Homicides are down from 85 to 67
- Road fatalities are seven higher than last year at 88 (April - August)



- Violent Crime is down by 4.9%
- Domestic Violence has fallen by 3.9%
- Racist crime has fallen by 10.2%
- Homophobic crime is down by 2 offences, or 0.3%
- The TNO Sanction detection rate for the 2006/07 year to date stands at 20.1%, the MPS has a 20% target.

Headlines from surveys

Crime Victim Survey

- Satisfaction has increased for four of the seven performance indicators for Quarter 1 2006/07 when compared to the complete 2004/05 year. Two remain steady and one (satisfaction with being kept informed) has declined.
- Overall satisfaction – has increased from 79% to 80%,
 - White victim respondents steady at 80% and
 - BME victim respondents increased from 73% to 76%.
 - Overall satisfaction is driven mainly by police actions and police follow-up, with police actions being the main driver.

British Crime Survey

The most recent BCS data (full year 2005/06) shows the MPS at 54% satisfaction with local policing.

The BCS provides information on public perceptions of anti-social behaviour where the MPS has improved from 29% (2004/05) to 25% of people who think ASB is a problem.

Public Attitude Survey

The key findings for 2005/06 compared with 2004/05 show that:

- Confidence in policing locally has increased from 52% to 58%
- Confidence in London policing has increased from 53% to 64%
- Satisfaction with neighbourhood policing has increased from 54% to 63%

Please note: A 'surveys explained' document has been produced to complement this information.

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Operational Good News

21 September

Operation Uplink

Man convicted for attempting to steal from diamond couriers

Wayne Fyffe, a career criminal with links to a high number of robberies and thefts throughout the UK will be sentenced on October 20 2006, along with his girlfriend Holly Maynard.

Fyffe was found guilty of two counts of conspiracy to steal jewellery from DeBeers and Cartier with an approximate value of £300,000, one count of conspiracy to launder money regarding a first edition book of Casino Royale obtained by deception worth £12,000 and 12 other counts related to obtaining property by deception. Maynard was found guilty of conspiracy.

The arrests and convictions were a result of Operation Uplink, an investigation into robberies on DeBeeres and Cariter diamond couriers in Shoreditch in January where a substantial amount of jewellery was stolen. The enquiry spread to New York and a key witness in the trial was an NYPD Detective.

21 September

Barking Flying Squad arrests

On Tuesday 19 September, officers from the Flying Squad at Barking carried out observations on three men as part of Operation Capi, a pro-active investigation into the criminal activities of a team of cash in transit (CIT) robbers in East London and Essex.

Three men were seen to approach a Securicor custodian delivering money to premises in Epping High Street. They threatened the guard with a hammer and baseball bat before making off with a box containing Japanese Yen.

Two men were arrested at the scene and have been charged with three offences of armed robbery. The two further charges relate to 14 September when similar attacks took place on CIT custodians delivering to Toys R Us in Ilford and Barclays Bank in Barking.

A third man is currently being sought in connection with all three incidents.

In a separate enquiry, a man has been arrested and charged with an armed robbery at Ladbrokes betting office in Silver Street Edmonton on 10 August 2006.

Operational Good News

21 September

Peckham

MAC 10 machine gun seized

On the 19 September, officers from Southwark Borough's Operation Hamrow executed a search warrant at an address in Peckham, seeking to arrest a man in relation to the previous seizure of a handgun in Dulwich.

A search of the address revealed a MAC 10 with ammunition concealed under a base unit in the kitchen and a large quantity of ecstasy tablets. The man and his partner have been charged with a total of five firearms and four drug supply offences including possession of the MAC 10 and a Walther PPK and remanded in custody.

20 September 2006

Lambeth

Man sentenced to 10 years after threatening officer with gun

A 28 year old man has been jailed for ten years after threatening a police officer with a firearm following a smash and grab attempt on a Knightsbridge jewellers.

At Chelmsford Crown Court, Christopher Hatton, of Lyham Road, Brixton, South London, was found guilty of attempted burglary, possession of a firearm with intent to resist arrest, having a firearm with him when committing the attempted burglary and possession of a firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence.

He was sentenced to ten years for the firearms' offences, four years concurrently for attempted burglary and five years concurrently for possession of a prohibited weapon.

PC Bush received a commendation from the Commissioner in recognition of his brave actions in May 2006

Operational Good News

19 September

Central Task Force - East

Met dismantles major drugs network

Eight men have been jailed for a total of 102 years following a large-scale operation by the Met to dismantle a Turkish criminal network involved in smuggling heroin into London.

Abdullah Gol, aged 38, of Richmond Road, E8, originally from Tarsu, Turkey, was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment after being found guilty of conspiring to supply heroin at Snaresbrook Crown Court.

Gol is the last of 13 defendants to be sentenced following a series of trials relating to the importation and distribution of large quantities of heroin by the gang. The others were jailed at Snaresbrook on 3 December 2005 after being found guilty of conspiring to supply heroin.

Officers from the Met's Central Task Force (East) arrested the men in 2004 during a series of operations that dismantled the entire criminal network from within London's Turkish-speaking community.

19 September

Hillingdon shuts down cannabis factories

Officers from the Hillingdon Borough Pro-Active Unit have uncovered a further four cannabis factories in Hayes and Yiewsley.

They executed a drugs warrant on the properties and two persons were arrested at one of the addresses. This is the thirty-seventh cannabis factory to be discovered on the borough in April last year.

Upon entry, the officers discovered a cannabis factory in full operation with each room in the house fitted with specialist lighting.

Operational Good News

18 September

Met's Art and Antiques Unit

Three men sentenced for selling fake Victorian paintings

Three men have been sentenced for their part in selling fraudulent paintings purporting to be original works of art by the Victorian fairy painter John Anster Fitzgerald. In March 2004, Robert Thwaites, aged 54 from Herefordshire; his brother Brian Thwaites from Bolton, aged 50; and Gordon Strong, aged 58 were arrested by officers by the Met's Arts & Antiques Unit from Scotland Yard for deception and conspiracy to deceive.

18 September

Cold Case Sapphire Unit

Serial sex attacker sentenced - De Boise

A serial sex attacker who preyed on teenage girls in Surrey during a reign of terror between 1989 and 1996 has been jailed for 13 years following an investigation by the Met's Cold Case Rape Unit. Anthony Peter De Boise, 58 years old, a surveyor, from Surrey pleaded guilty at Southwark Crown Court on 14 June to a number of crimes relating to indecent assault on female children. He has also been placed on the sex offenders' register for life.

DC Andy Lawrence of the Met's Cold Case Sapphire Unit said: "The Met is committed to investigating rape and the Cold Case team is part of that commitment. We have two messages; to the victims of unsolved stranger rapes - we will not forget you. And to the offenders - justice will catch up with you".

Operational Good News

15 September

Child Abuse Investigation Command

Man jailed for making indecent images of children

Following an investigation by the MPS Child Abuse Investigation Command, major investigation team, Michael Knapinski, a 57-year-old from south London was sentenced to four and a half years in prison on 14 September 2006, for a string of offences concerning indecent images of children.

In April 2003, police entered Knapinski's home in Forest Hill, SE26, with a search warrant and found him sitting in front of his computer which displayed an indecent image of a child. He was arrested on suspicion of possession and distribution of indecent images of children.

During the search, officers found not only his computer but also a quantity of recordable CDs. On forensic examination, they were found to contain 470,978 images and 2,252 movies. In total 335,647 of the images and 1,410 of the movies were graded as indecent.

15 September

Greenwich

Sex attacker sentenced to life in prison

A serial rapist was sentenced to life imprisonment at the CCC, and ordered to serve a minimum term of six years.

Saeid Mohammed NEJAD 38 years of age, and a bus driver from SE9, was found guilty of three counts of rape and one count of indecent assault on 11.8.06 following a three week trial in relation to two separate attacks - the first in 1999 and second in 2005 - having lured both women under the false pretence of bogus jobs.

Operational Good News

13 September

Cold Case Sapphire Unit

Man charged with 1999 Goffs Oak rape

Sid Ahmid Benflici, 35 years of age formally of Algeria, appeared at Highgate MC on 13.09.06 charged with the rape, false imprisonment and kidnap of a 28-year-old female at a location in Hertfordshire on 08.02.99. He was remanded in custody and is next due to appear at Enfield MC on 21.9.06.

14 September

Hackney

Man charged with GBH jailed for five years

On 7 September 2006, Alan Bland was convicted of GBH with intent against his ex-partner. He was sentenced to five years' imprisonment after a four-day trial.

Alan Bland was arrested on 10 March 2006, for an assault on his ex partner. She was found lying in a pool of blood on Amhurst Park Road in Hackney. She sustained several fractures to her face and damage to her eyes. The victim told police that Mr Bland was the man who assaulted her and immediate enquiries were made for his arrest.

He was arrested at the victim's home address in Tottenham where he had bail conditions not to reside, due to a previous allegation of assault made by the victim.

Operational Good News

14 September

Barnet

Student PCs arrest robber

The benefits of training in the community were clearly evident following the swift action of three student constables. The trainee PCs – part of the Initial Police Learning and Development Programme (IPLDP) on Barnet borough – were first on the scene with their tutors following a call from the public concerning a robbery.

The trainees – PCs James Ashton, Babu Sreedharan and William McDonald – detained the female suspect and carried out a swift and comprehensive investigation, utilising evidence from the victim, witnesses and CCTV. The local robbery squad, who had also answered the call, were so impressed with the students' work, they were allowed to continue with their investigation.

The suspect admitted the offence and subsequently pleaded guilty to robbery at Harrow Crown Court.

13 September

Newham

Youth jailed for ASBO breach

A 15 year old boy from Canning Town has received a six month prison sentence after being caught breaking the rules of his Anti Social Behaviour Order.

The boy was spotted by two eagle eyed PCSOs from the Canning Town North SN team (Newham Borough), as he breached his ASBO by loitering in an area that was ruled out of bounds by the courts.

The exclusion zone was granted as part of the ASBO in April after he continued to commit crime and engage in acts of anti social behaviour throughout the ward.

Operational Good News

13 September

Kingston

PCs rescue man from burning car

On 10 September 2006, police in Kingston and a member of the public rescued a trapped man from his overturned vehicle that had caught fire.

The serious accident occurred when the driver of a Suzuki Vitara collided with a tree in Croydon Road, Sutton. So great was the impact that the vehicle overturned and caught alight, trapping the driver and his passenger inside the car.

PCs Anthony Steward and John Parkes were in the area at the time and spotted the overturned vehicle. They immediately went to the assistance of the people trapped inside the car. The passenger managed to escape, however, even with the help of the two officers, the driver was unable to free himself as he was pinned under his car.

As the fire started to spread, officers realised that the only way to rescue the driver was to flip the vehicle. Helped by a passer by officers managed to lift the car onto its wheels, and free the trapped driver. He was moved out of the danger area and given first aid.

By the time other police units, London Fire Brigade and the Ambulance Service arrived, the car was ablaze and completely burnt out before the Fire Brigade managed to extinguish the flames. The two victims were taken to Mayday Hospital with only minor injuries.

7 September

Hackney PCSOs arrests robbery suspect

PCSOs Kieran Ferguson & Wayne Gipps were patrolling Stoke Newington Central ward when they heard the description of a recent robbery suspect being circulated via their personal radios. They immediately recognised the description as being that of a male they had passed some 5 minutes before. They knew this male had previously been involved in robbery offences and were aware of his address on the ward. This information was circulated to other units whilst both PCSOs began to make their way to his address. En-route to the address they again saw the male and detained him. When searched by police the male was found in possession of two mobile phones that had been taken in the robbery.

Operational Good News

8 September

Central Task Force

Two men sentenced for firearms offences

Two men have been sentenced at Blackfriars Crown Court for firearms offences.

Mohammed Younis, aged 24, of Reading was sentenced on Wednesday 6 September '06 to six years for possession of a firearm and 30 months for possession of ammunition (to run concurrently). Rodney Wilbert Stoute, aged 42, of Reading, was sentenced to 30 months for possession of a firearm, 12 months for possession of ammunition (to run concurrently) and six months for possession of a knife (to run consecutively). A third man was acquitted in August.

After an intelligence led investigation, a Mercedes with the men inside was stopped by the Met's Central Task Force in Cromwell Road, SW7. The vehicle was disabled when Hatton rounds were fired into the tyres by CO19 officers.

8 September

Tower Hamlets

Man sentenced to five life sentences for rape & threats to kill

Lester Ford, aged 24, was sentenced at Southwark CC to five life sentences for 17 offences, including two rapes and threats to kill.

Lester Clint Ford, of Pemmell House, E1 previously appeared at Southwark and pleaded guilty to the offences which span three years.

On 8 March '03, Ford tricked his way into a home in Coopers Close, E1. Once inside Ford threatened the 35 year-old female victim with a knife and sexually assaulted her. On 26 October '05, Ford followed a 24 year-old woman as she walked home along Cephass Street in E1. He eventually threatened her with a knife and forced her into Mantus Road where she was robbed and raped. On 22 November '05, Ford approached an address in Cephass Street and grabbed the female home-owner as she was about to leave for work. He threatened the 33 year-old with a knife but when she screamed he fled the scene. On 23 November '05, Ford forced his way into another home in Cephass Street, E1. He then raped the 61-year-old female victim inside her home. On 25 November '05, officers from Tower Hamlets executed a search warrant at Ford's home address in Globe Road, E1. During the search, officers discovered a number of items belonging to each of Ford's victims along with a folder detailing his crimes.

Operational Good News

8 September

Operation BusTag

Three youths sentenced for acts of criminal damage on London buses

A gang of three youths, who committed acts of graffiti and criminal damage to London buses and other property, have all now been sentenced thanks to officers from the Met's Operation BusTag and its Hanworth Park Safer Neighbourhood team, Hounslow borough.

The offenders committed a total of 96 criminal damage offences in the Hounslow area.

Operation BusTag, a Closed Circuit Television Investigation unit, which tackles criminal damage committed on London's buses, and is part of the Met's Transport for London (TfL) funded Transport Operational Command Unit, circulated the CCTV images of the suspects to Hanworth Park Safer Neighbourhood team who identified, and arrested them.

8 September

Serious & Organised Crime

Wanted Mafia Godfather arrested

A dangerous Mafia Godfather on the run for more than 10 years has been arrested in London in an operation in which a police officer was injured. Raffaele Caldarelli, 35, was held by armed officers following months of undercover police work and sophisticated surveillance.

The operation was carried out by officers from the Serious Organised Crime Unit as well as the Scotland Yard Extradition Unit after a request from the Italian police via Interpol.

Caldarelli was arrested in Hackney Road, East London, close to a shoe shop he runs which specialises in Italian footwear. Italian police confirmed his arrest and added that he had been living in a nearby flat with his wife for at least three years. Caldarelli is the second on-the-run mobster to have been captured in London in the last 18 months.

Caldarelli was wanted for Mafia association and extortion as well as trafficking in drugs and arms. He was sentenced to 20 years in jail in his absence in 1995.

Police in his home town of Naples, the southern Italian port city home to the Camorra (local Mafia), also suspect him of being involved in several murders. He was Godfather of the Caldarelli clan based in the tough "Mercato" area of the city, which is regularly the scene of bloody mob shootings.

Operational Good News

6 September

Tower Hamlets

Paedophile sentenced to two years

A paedophile has been sentenced to two years imprisonment after being found in possession of indecent images of children as young as three years old.

Philip Fernandez, aged 33, of Limehouse, E14 was sentenced on two counts of distribution of indecent images of children and 106 counts of possession of indecent images of children on Friday 1 September at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court.

4 September

Greenwich

Car jackers jailed for campaign of violence

Following a prolonged investigation by Greenwich Robbery Squad officers, two men have been sentenced to a total of 23 years after a spate of armed robberies involving the theft of private motor vehicles.

After a two and a half week trial, both were found guilty of conspiracy to commit armed robbery at Blackfriars CC. Dongo James Owoola, aged 19 of Knee Hill Crescent, SE2 was sentenced to 13 years and Nanguy Gbedje, aged 17, of Maxey Road, SE18 was sentenced to ten years.

All of the robberies involved either the use of a handgun or knife, or a combination of both. The weapons were clearly on display and used to inflict fear on the victims to reinforce the threats and demands.

The offences committed, which were carried out by a group of young men generally wearing bandanas, masks and/or hooded tops to conceal their identities, were both frequent and violent, with the risk of serious injury to anybody resisting their demands extremely high.

Operational Good News

1 September

Child Abuse Investigation Team

Man charged with child sex offences

Richard John Bellchambers, aged 36, a software consultant from Camberwell was sentenced today at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court to six years imprisonment after pleading guilty to a variety of child related sex offences.

Bellchambers was placed on the Sex Offenders Register for life and subject to a Sexual Offences Prevention Order.

Bellchambers struck up an online relationship with someone whom he believed to be a young girl, which commenced on 22 May this year. The Internet 'chat' from Bellchambers quickly became very explicit but unbeknown to him, he was actually communicating with a specially trained detective from the Met's Child Abuse Investigation Command.

Bellchambers sent the 'girl' images of him committing a sexual act upon himself and he graphically described what he wanted to do to the girl if she agreed to meet him. On 7 June, Bellchambers travelled to a South London Park, expecting to meet the girl but officers from the Paedophile Unit were laying in wait and he was arrested for 'attempting to meet a child following sexual grooming.'

31 August

Specialist Crime

Seven arrested by stolen vehicle unit

At approx 4pm on 31 August '06, officers from the Specialist Crime Directorate Stolen Vehicle Unit, assisted by local officers, arrested seven men from a criminal network involved in a large-scale vehicle theft and dismantling business.

It is believed that the suspects have been stealing cars to order and taking them to a yard where they are promptly stripped and then shipped out to Nigeria. The stolen vehicles and parts are loaded into a truck (which is genuine) and are placed on the middle of the lorry and surrounded by panels and parts that are not identifiable. The stolen parts not being visible until the lorry is emptied.

Operational Good News

2 September

14 arrested by the Anti-Terrorist Branch

Officers from the MPS Anti-Terrorist Branch have arrested 14 men under the Terrorism Act 2000 in a pre-planned, intelligence-led operation.

The men were arrested during the early hours of 2 September 06, on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.

The arrests in South and East London follow many months of surveillance and investigation in a joint operation involving the Anti-Terrorist Branch, MPS Special Branch and the Security Service.

The arrests are not linked to the counter-terrorist operation of 9 and 10 August 2006 or the terrorist attacks in London on July 7 2005.

31 August

Middle Market Drugs Project

Man jailed for 14 years after drugs case

A man has been jailed for 14 years after police and customs smashed an organised criminal network involved in the large-scale supply of drugs in London.

The sentence at Middlesex Guildhall is the result of an intelligence-led operation by the Middle Market Drugs Project, which culminated in a raid on a major cocaine factory in North-West London in July 2005. As a result of this operation, officers from Middle Market uncovered a highly sophisticated network involved in the supply of Class A, B and C drugs in London.

Operational Good News

31 August

Project Team

Four charged over drugs haul in South London

More than £1m of cocaine has been seized during a major operation by the Met's Projects Team to tackle the supply of Class A drugs in South London.

Four people were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply Class A drugs in the Beckenham and Bromley area during an operation on 30 August 06. The three men - aged 45, 26 and 23 - and a 20-year-old woman were taken to a South London police station.

Detectives searched three addresses and a garage in Beckenham and Bromley, recovering the cocaine, two loaded firearms, a silencer, £95,000 in cash, a press used for the preparation of cocaine and mixing agents.

30 August

Anti Corruption command

Officer sentenced for traffic and theft offences

A Met officer was sentenced to six months imprisonment (suspended for 12 months), 250 hours community service for traffic and theft offences, the latter relating to undertaking paid work whilst on sick leave. The officer was also banned from driving for two years.

PC Steve Trendell, aged 30, who was based within the Transport OCU, had previously pleaded guilty to eleven offences at Wimbledon MC on 3 August.

The convictions are the result of a pro-active operation conducted by the Met's Anti Corruption Command following receipt of intelligence that PC Trendell was working as a kitchen and bathroom fitter whilst on paid sick leave. Trendell resigned from the MPS on 23 August 06.

Operational Good News

29 August

Wandsworth

Guns and drugs seized after search warrants

As part of a pre-planned operation on Wandsworth Borough, TSG 5 Area and Tooting Safer Neighbourhoods Team executed two search warrants at addresses in Tooting and Sutton. The results were the seizure of two handguns, ammunition, a quantity of amphetamines and approximately £30,000 cash. This is believed to be part of a wider criminal network involving the laundering of drug money and so far; accounts of £30,000 are being interrogated.

Several arrests were made and a 23-year-old man has been remanded in custody in connection with this investigation.

29 August

Territorial Support Group 3 Unit

PC threaten by man with semi automatic handgun

Brenton Mitchell has been jailed for 10 years after being convicted of possession of a firearm with intent to endanger the life of a police officer.

On the 12 January 2006, officers from 5 Territorial Support Group 3 Unit stopped a vehicle in which Mitchell was a passenger. He ran off and after a short pursuit was confronted by PC 5297 U Chris Ferguson. Mitchell produced a loaded semi automatic handgun and threatened the officer with it, undeterred PC Ferguson disarmed Mitchell and arrested him.

29 August

13th person charged regarding Terrorism Operation

Officers from the MPS Anti-Terrorist Branch have charged a man - Nabeel Hussain in connection with the anti-terrorist operation overnight on 9/10 August 2006.

Nabeel HUSSAIN has been charged within the jurisdiction of the Central Criminal Court conspired with other persons to murder other persons and with the intention of committing acts of terrorism engaged in conduct to give effect to their intention to smuggle the component parts of improvised explosive devices onto aircraft and assemble and detonate them on board.

Operational Good News

29 August

Anti-Terrorist Branch

Two men charged with conspiracy to murder

Officers from the MPS Anti-Terrorist Branch have charged a further two people in connection with the anti-terrorist operation overnight on 9/10 August 2006.

Mohammed Yasar Gulzar and Mohammed Shamin Uddin are charged within the jurisdiction of the Central Criminal Court conspired with other persons to murder other persons and with the intention of committing acts of terrorism engaged in conduct to give effect to their intention to smuggle the component parts of improvised explosive devices onto aircraft and assemble and detonate them on board.

22 August

Southwark

Man sentenced to three years and four months for serious assault

A Southwark man has been sentenced to three years and four months imprisonment and placed under a ten year restraining order for serious assault on a woman who was then his partner.

Darren Colliver, London, SE15 pleaded guilty when he appeared for trial at the Inner London Crown Court following an investigation by Southwark Hate Crime Unit.

Officers were alerted by staff at Kings College Hospital on 15 March '06 to a woman being treated for a broken leg inflicted by her boyfriend during a fight. She had been living with Darren Colliver of London, SE15, for about three years.

21 August

Anti-Terrorist Branch

Terror charges

Eleven people have been charged in relation to the alleged terror plot. Eight have been charged with two offences relating to an alleged plot to manufacture and smuggle the component parts of improvised explosive devices onto aircraft and assemble and detonate them on board.

Those individuals have been charged with conspiracy to murder and the new offence of preparing acts of terrorism contrary to Section 5 of the Terrorism Act 2006.

In addition, three have been charged with other offences under the Terrorism Act 2000. One has been charged with possession of articles useful to a person preparing an act of terrorism and two with failing to disclose information of material assistance in preventing an act of terrorism. One woman has been released from custody without charge.

Operational Good News

21 August

Child Abuse Investigation Command Prolific Paedophile Sentenced

Prolific paedophile John Foxley has been sentenced to 20 months imprisonment at Middlesex Guildhall for a string of historic sexual offences involving children. Reporting restrictions have also been lifted on his paedophile associate Shaun Tyler who was sentenced in 2005 for his involvement in the crimes.

The long running investigation, codenamed Operation SEABORG, began in 1998 by the Met's Child Abuse Investigation Command. On 23 April '98, a search was conducted at the home address of Foxley in Borehamwood where a large amount of indecent images of children were found. He was arrested later that day for offences connected to the indecent assault of children.

Following a full examination of the property and a number of interviews Foxley was charged and pleaded guilty to two counts of taking indecent photographs of children; aiding and abetting the indecent assault; distributing indecent photographs of children; possessing 1,880 indecent photographs; possession of six video cassettes containing indecent images of children; possessing with a view to distribute 2,866 indecent computer images of children.

Foxley was sentenced at Luton Crown Court on 18 March 99 to three years imprisonment.

Operational Good News

18 August

Public Sector Fraud Team

Eight people now sentenced for defrauding NHS

Adewunmi OGUNDIMU, Kevin Barry MCCOURT, Joy Vivienne HENRY, Onyechi AMOBI, Pitan OSUNKOYA, Elizabeth ADEKUNLE, Kehinde Ayinde OWORU, Olukemi HASSAN.

Following a joint investigation by the Met's Public Sector Fraud Team and the NHS, the final three defendants of eight have been sentenced to a total of 10 years in prison at Southwark Crown Court.

In total eight defendants were all found guilty of money laundering and conspiracy to defraud following their involvement in a large-scale fraud perpetrated on Kings College Hospital NHS Trust between 1999 and 2003.

In total, the hospital lost over £580,000 as a result of the fraud. Further infiltration of the system revealed that in addition to falsely creating employee records, Henry had authorised payment for shifts allegedly carried out by these 'employees'.

Amobi, McCourt, Ogundimu, Osunkoya, Adekunle, Oworu and Hassan who permitted the stolen funds to be laundered through their bank accounts - with each receiving thousands of pounds in the form of 'wages', assisted Henry in her fraudulent activity.

18 August

Serious Crime

Man convicted for murder of Henry Kusi – Dalston

An 18-year-old man has been convicted of the murder of Henry Kusi in Kingsland High Street, E9, on 18 February '06. Following a three-week trial at the Old Bailey, Jeli Ogunbowale, aged 18, of Hackney, was found guilty of murder and acquitted of the robbery of Mr Kusi.

Temitope Abu-Oloto, aged 18, of Hackney was convicted of the robbery of Mr Kusi.

On 18 February '06 at approx 03.50, Mr Kusi of Clermont Rd, Homerton, E9 was attacked in Kingsland High Street, opposite the junction with Gillette St, Dalston, E8.

He was making his way home with a friend after a night out when an altercation ensued between the two men and a group of approx four men. The victim was punched to the ground and kicked; his friend did not sustain any injuries.

Operational Good News

18 August

Kidnap Unit & Firearms Unit

Kidnappers sentenced to serve 34 years

Bienvenue Kitupa MBONAZO, Rossi LUPEPE, Julio ODJOMA, Charlie ENZUKI MBONAZO, Limaya BONDONGA and Uellor NGWENDEMA have been found guilty and sentenced to serve a total of 34 years for their part in the kidnap of a 14-year-old boy in London last summer.

The boy was taken as he was standing at a bus stop in Tottenham High Road, N17, at 10am. He was held at the address of one of the defendants (Odjoma) in Northumberland Park, N17, where he was detained against his will inside a small cupboard, blindfolded, punched, kicked and beaten with a baseball bat by several of the defendants. He was kidnapped over a dispute about a VW Golf car, which allegedly had been stolen from Odjoma. The boy's family received a ransom demand for the return of the car or else the boy would be raped and killed.

Officers from the Met's kidnap unit, the firearms' unit and other specialist units mounted an armed operation and at 9pm saw the teenager being led out of the stronghold by a group of men. He was forced into the back of a white Rover, which had pulled up outside the block. The car stopped in Carlingford Road, N15, where police carried out an armed intervention on the car and the hostage was recovered. No shots were fired during the operation.

18 August 2006

Lambeth

Man given indeterminate sentence for rape

A man from Streatham today at the Inner London Crown Court received a public protection sentence to remain imprisoned for an indeterminate period for the rape of a 17-year-old woman. He is unemployed William Trotter, aged 25.

On the evening of 14 March '06, at approximately 20:00, the victim was walking along Coburg Crescent, SW2 on her way home from college. She was approached from behind by Trotter who dragged her to the ground before repeatedly punching her in the face. He then went on to rape her.

Trotter was successfully identified through DNA evidence, obtained following the forensic examination of exhibits recovered during the investigation. He was arrested shortly afterwards and taken to Brixton police station. He was subsequently charged on with four counts of rape against the 17-yr-old.

Operational Good News

16 August

£200,000 of cannabis seized

Brent

Police in Brent recovered a large quantity of cannabis, with a street value of £200,000, after a bailiff reported that he had seen cannabis plants growing at an address in Dollis Hill NW10. When officers were called to the address they discovered the making of a cannabis factory including 466 plants.

The bailiff, who was acting on behalf of a company who were trying to remove the electricity meter because the occupants had failed to pay their bill, forced the door open under his own warrant. He noticed a few cannabis plants inside, however, when the police arrived the locksmith had already secured the door and the bailiff's warrant had expired.

14 August

Ealing success

Since May, officers from Ealing have been conducting an initiative to tackle vehicle crime across the borough.

Operation Doddery uses a variety of tactics including decoy vehicles and surveillance techniques in an effort to catch offenders in the act.

To date, officers have arrested 18 suspects for a range of offences, and have recovered a large quantity of stolen property. Eight people have been charged, and a further ten are currently on bail awaiting charging decisions.

A wide-ranging vehicle crime prevention campaign for the borough is also planned.

Operational Good News

14 August

Merton

Distraction burglar jailed for five years

On 25 July 2006, David Curtis of Mitcham was sentenced to five years imprisonment at Kingston Crown Court after pleading guilty to aggravated burglary.

On Wednesday 26 April 2006, Curtis attended the home of an 85-year-old woman in Kenley Road, Morden. Curtis claimed he was from the water board and that he needed to come in and carry out some checks.

The victim did not allow him entry, but was asked to get a pen from inside. As she was distracted, Curtis entered uninvited and went upstairs. At this point, she called the police.

On police arrival, the premises were searched and Curtis was arrested while attempting to leave via the bathroom window. He was in possession of a screwdriver and items of jewellery belonging to the victim.

14 August

Drugs unit in recovers £250,000 of cocaine

Haringey

Approximately 1 kilo of uncut cocaine was recovered from a suspect's bedroom with a street value in the region of £250,000, after officers from the Proactive Drugs Unit in Haringey executed a search warrant under Misuse Drugs Act 1971 at an address in St. Anns Road N15, on 9 August.

The suspect was remanded in custody today at Haringey Magistrates' Court charged with possession with intent to supply the cocaine.

The raid comprised of proactive drug unit officers, core team officers and the Safer Neighbourhoods team, which were supported by the Method of Entry team and drug search dog Diesel.

Operational Good News

11 August

Redbridge

Sex attacker jailed for seven and half years

Fabio De Oliveira, aged 24, was sentenced to seven and half years' imprisonment and placed on the Sex Offenders Register for life. He pleaded guilty to a string of sex attacks, which took place in the Leyton and Ilford areas between November 2004 and February 2005. It was also recommended that De Oliveira be deported on release from prison.

DS Steve Cremin, who led the investigation, said "Fabio De Oliveira is a dangerous man who sexually assaulted a number of lone young women across a four month period. He continued to commit several attacks in the same location generating fear within the local community".

Non – Operational Good News

21 September Enfield's week of peace

Officers in Enfield enjoyed the London Week of Peace with a series of events that were organised by the Police Faith Officer PC Garret Pennery.

The aim of the week was to celebrate and promote peace within the community and to provide opportunities for community cohesion. Many of the faith communities opened their doors to the wider Enfield community to share their faith, customs and culture. Events included open houses at the Edmonton Islamic Centre, Greek Orthodox Church, Cockfosters Synagogue, St Mary Magdalene Church of England, Hindu Tamil Temple and Sachhand Nanak Dham Darshan Darbar.

Many different faiths also came together in a 'Faith Bazarre' where they were able to learn about different faith communities and ask questions.

20 September Safer Neighbourhoods Teams launched in Westminster

Two Safer Neighbourhoods Teams, with responsibility for The Strand & Whitehall, and Covent Garden will be officially launched at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden on 22 September 06.

The Strand & Whitehall Team comprises of one sergeant, four constables and five police community support officers. The Team is based at Charing Cross Police Station. The officers will deliver visible policing in Central London, whilst providing reassurance to the thousands of tourists who flock to iconic landmarks such as Westminster Abbey.

The Covent Garden Team, which is responsible for policing one of the world's most famous markets, consists of one sergeant, two constables and three police community support officers.

Superintendent Peter Terry said: "Working together with our local partners, we continue to see a reduction in crime in Westminster. Safer Neighbourhoods Teams play a key role in maintaining this success. The Teams provide visible reassurance to the diverse community of businesses and tourists, thus enhancing the area as a whole."

Non – Operational Good News

19 September Hammersmith, Hillingdon, Hounslow Officers Receive Award

A number of Met staff were honoured in a special ceremony at New Scotland Yard. A total of fifteen staff were presented with awards for their extraordinary work in service of the people of London.

Commissioner Sir Ian Blair presented seven Commissioner's Commendations to officers - the second highest honour bestowed on a Met officer. Seven further officers and a PCSO received certificates from the Royal Humane Society for resuscitating members of the public and saving their lives.

A further presentation of a Carnegie Hero Fund Trust certificate was made to a member of the public for their outstanding public spiritedness in going to the assistance of a female member of bar staff who was being attacked by a male customer, in Richmond, and in the process received life-threatening injuries.

19 September

Met Clay Target club make donation to Virgin HEMS Air Ambulance

The Met Police Clay Target Club has presented Virgin's Richard Branson with a donation to the Virgin London Air Ambulance, HEMS.

On Thursday 14 September 2006, members of the Metropolitan Police Clay Target Club, along with representatives from Lloyds TSB, presented a cheque for over £1,000 to Sir Richard Branson.

The amount raised was donated to Virgin London Air Ambulance HEMS, (Helicopter Emergency Medical Service), and Sir Richard Branson collected the cheque on their behalf at Lloyds TSB headquarters in Gresham Street, City of London.

Non – Operational Good News

13 September

Garavi Gujarat Leadership and Diversity Awards

The important role Met staff play in working to make London communities safer was recognised at this year's GG2 (Garavi Gujarat) Leadership and Diversity Awards.

The GG2 Awards recognise individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to the fields of leadership and diversity. Eleven awards were presented at last night's ceremony that was held at the Grosvenor House Hotel.

One of the awards is the Metropolitan Police Community Award which was this year won by the Black Police Association Voyage Team, for their pioneering work with young people in some of London's most deprived neighbourhoods. The Voyage Team support and help the young people to achieve their goals and dreams and provide positive leadership within disadvantaged minority ethnic communities.

12 September

Harrow

Safer Neighbourhoods Relay for Life event

Harrow Borough took part in a Cancer Research event last weekend – raising £40k for charity. Relay For Life took place at the Bannister sports ground on Harrow Weald ward, covered by Sergeant Paul Aynsley: "When I found out about the event, I decided to get a team together from Safer Neighbourhoods. I enlisted my two PCSO's - Sara Godman and Jayne Coleman. Also Sergeant Mike Lawrence, PC Chris Gadd and PCSO Adam West from Kenton East SN team, PC Tony Marchant and PCSO Joe Cambeiro from Stanmore Park SN team and Emma Colley our admin person." Over 20 teams took part from the borough and it is now hoped it will become an annual event.

Non – Operational Good News

8 September

Haringey

Officers from Operation BusTag speak to Hornsey school children

MPS officers from Operation BusTag explained to over 1500 pupils at Hornsey School for Girls, Crouch End, Haringey, on Thursday 7 September, the adverse effects of committing acts of graffiti, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour on London bus routes.

Criminal damage costs bus companies millions of pounds a year and statistics show that a majority of people who carry out acts of criminal damage on buses are first time offenders of school age. BusTag's schools visit strategy targets secondary schools in year groups 7 to 11, who are aged 11 to 16.

Operation BusTag is a Closed Circuit Television Investigation unit set up to deal with vandalism and graffiti committed on London buses. It is part of the Met's Transport for London (TfL) funded Transport Operational Command Unit, which also deals with tackling illegal taxi touts; and assisting with the control of traffic congestion. Chief Superintendent Michael Humphrey, Transport OCU said: "We must impress upon young people at an early stage in their lives that behaving in an anti-social manner is unacceptable, and that causing criminal damage is not an act of harmless fun. It creates a fear of crime amongst passengers and has the potential to seriously injure people.

5 September

MPS Staff wins International Association of Women Policing award

The Chief Medical Officer for the Metropolitan Police Service, Dr Eileen Cahill-Canning has been named Civil Staff Member of the Year by the International Association of Women Policing. Dr Cahill-Canning will collect the award in Canada on 17 September 2006.

Whilst working in the Met's Occupational Health Department, Eileen has made an outstanding contribution to police occupational health services. Eileen created the Police Occupational Health Management Strategy for the Tsunami and she implemented good practice in the mortuary through advice and practical intervention. Dr Cahill-Canning has also introduced a number of highly successful initiatives and has made fundamental changes in the way the Met's OH Department operates - rather than making blanket assumptions about an individual's capability, individual assessments are now conducted using specialists in the relevant area, in accordance with the Disability and Discrimination Act. As a result of this progress, the Met recruited the first ever insulin dependent diabetic officer in January 2006.

Non – Operational Good News

1 September

F1 police car to appear at Regent St Festival

The Metropolitan Police are joining forces with RENAULT F1 Team to show the crowds just how to handle a car, and keep the roads safe at this year's Regent Street Festival.

A special 'police' car will be on show at the festival, a one off 'prototype' version of Renault F1's R25, the very same model that scooped the 2005 World Championship. The 'police' Renault F1 car will be branded as a Metropolitan Police car - in a bid to show and tell visitors all about responsible and safe driving, new child seat legislation and the dangers of driving whilst on a mobile phone.

There will also be an opportunity for members of the public to participate in a 'field impairment test'. This is the sort of roadside test that drivers face if they are being tested for drink or drugs at the side of the road. The test involves the driver putting on a pair of goggles, which then simulate the sensation of being over the limit, or 'impaired' in any way. By trying this test out, members of the public will be able to see for themselves the effects of alcohol when driving.

31 August **West End Central** **Spanish themed festival**

The Metropolitan Police will be joining the Regent Street Association in celebrating a Spanish themed festival on Sunday 3 September.

Local officers from West End Central Police Station will staff a stall featuring various information regarding careers in the Met, as well as an array of police vehicles. They will be joined for the weekend by officers from the Cuerpo Nacional de Policia, whose cars will also be on display.

The Met will provide their Spanish counterparts with a tour of the West End whilst walking the beat on Saturday 2 September.

The Regent Street Festival is organised by the Regent Street Association, and will take place between 1200 and 2000 on Sunday 3 September. As in previous years, Regent Street will be closed to vehicular traffic between Oxford Circus and Piccadilly Circus.

Non – Operational Good News

30 August

Met Continues Fight Against Workplace Stress

The Metropolitan Police Service is introducing an original and innovative training programme for MPS leaders designed to help reduce work related stress.

The training package will provide guidance for MPS leaders, both officers and staff and will enable them to prevent, recognise and effectively combat workplace stress in their staff. It also complies with Health and Safety Executive requirements relating to the prevention of work related stress.

The Managers' Toolkit was devised by the Met's Occupational Health Unit in collaboration with the Met's Leadership Academy, a training school recently established to develop leaders of the future. The interactive package will be delivered to all first and second line managers. The training consists of presentations, discussions and a DVD, which depicts five typical scenarios of life and work-related stress in staff in the police service.

18 August

MPS Special Constabulary Operational Support Unit

A new Met initiative is set to provide the West End with a dedicated Metropolitan Special Constabulary Operational Support Unit (MSC OSU).

The 40-strong OSU (which has the same powers as regular police officers) will work alongside the local Safer Neighbourhoods Teams and Westminster City Council's CivicWatch, in Leicester Square, Piccadilly Circus and Chinatown. The aim of the Unit is to provide the area with high visibility policing whilst tackling specific issues raised by the local community. Officers will patrol throughout the week, and especially at peak times - Friday and Saturday evenings.

The OSU will also offer support to the Met's ongoing 'Operation Safe Night', a regular initiative that tackles anti-social behaviour in and around Leicester Square. 'Safe Night' acts as a visible deterrent to criminal activity through the use of lighting towers and police cordons. The Operation employs current legislation that bans alcohol consumption in public places, and dispersal orders, to ensure that those people wishing to enjoy the West End do not have their evening marred by a troublesome minority.

Non – Operational Good News

20 August

MPS Opts for ‘Green’ fleet cars

Britain's largest police force says it's planning to introduce hydrogen-fuelled patrol cars to its fleet.

In a drive to cut greenhouse gas emissions the Metropolitan police force is to take four of the vehicles from a delivery of 70 due to go to the Greater London Authority by 2010. The fuel cell vehicle, which is still under development by car manufacturer Honda, is propelled by electricity generated by a hydrogen-oxygen chemical reaction.

The only by-product is a trickle of water which is piped away as vapour via the exhaust system. The Metropolitan police already uses hybrid cars which switch to electric power when travelling below 40mph or stationary at traffic lights. It is due to add a further 117 hybrids to its fleet.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "The cars will help meet Metropolitan Police's transport needs while fulfilling its social responsibility to make the vehicle fleet as green as possible.

16 August

Hillingdon youths clean up damage

Uxbridge South Safer Neighbourhoods team working in partnership with the local council and parks constables recently approached the parents of six youths between the ages 11 - 13 years who had been cautioned after being arrested for criminal damage by graffiti. They agreed for their children to take part in a scheme set up by Acting Inspector Rose McLean from the Uxbridge South Safer Neighbourhoods team.

This involved the six youths visiting two local parks in Uxbridge on (Fassinidge Park and Rockingham Road Recreation Ground) where it was explained to the group how much it costs to repair the damage and the work it involves as well as the impact it has on the local residents and community.

With the assistance of council workers, the youths painted over graffiti and picked up litter within the two parks.