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Foreword by Detective Inspector Paul E DOUGLAS

Welcome to issue 22 of the Operation GRAFTON bulletin for the Industry. As mentioned previously, all MPS documentation is written in order to comply with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000. Accordingly, this Bulletin reflects the terms being applied corporately within the MPS, which are required in order to adhere to this legislation. Once again I have annotated this issue as having no restriction on publication under this Act.

Just to remind you that the Operation GRAFTON terms of reference are: -

- *Any allegation where the value of property stolen, or attempted to be stolen, is in excess of **£10,000** and where*
- *There is a connection with Heathrow Airport*

The £10,000 base figure is effective for crimes occurring post 1st January 2005.

Information highlighted in this bulletin will once again not disclose any details of Operation Grafton tactics; however if you have information about any of the crimes listed please do not hesitate to contact us on the above telephone number.

Details of all previous Operation Grafton bulletins for the industry can now be found at www.aimss.info.

CRIMES

- On 08/12/2005 an aggravated burglary occurred at a warehouse premise in Ascot. The four suspects concerned wore balaclavas and tied the owner up with cable ties. Computer components valued between £100k - £500k were stolen as a result of this offence.
- On 09/12/2005, Suspects hijacked a van carrying £250k of JVC Camcorders in Colnbrook. The driver was handcuffed and his vehicle was subsequently found empty and abandoned a short while later.
- On 09/12/2005, a van carrying mobile phones was hijacked near to Junction 13 of the M25. A Subaru using blue lights stopped the driver and his assistant. They were pulled from their vehicle and left stranded on the hard shoulder. The vehicle was found burnt out shortly afterwards.

CRIMES OF INTEREST & CRIME ENQUIRIES

- **Two Arrests.** On 01/12/2005, suspects dressed in Surrey Police uniform attack a warehouse at Rainsford Road, NW10. £50,000 worth of mobile phones taken shortly after they arrived on a DHL lorry. One victim suffered a broken jaw when he was assaulted during this incident. Two persons were subsequently arrested and charged in relation to this offence. A quantity of Customs uniforms was also recovered.

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- **One Arrest:** On 22/11/2005 a suspect attended a warehouse premises at Heathrow and attempted to obtain £106K worth of mobile phones by deception. Thanks to the vigilance of the staff he was refused and Operation Grafton informed. As a result of a circulation to the industry of the suspect's photo one person has now been arrested and charge in relation to this offence.
- Following a partnership operation £0.75 Million worth of stolen computer chips were recovered, which were taken during a robbery in the Thames Valley Police area.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Operation Grafton gave a presentation to a senior French Police officer on the role of the Grafton partnership.

CRIME REDUCTION REPORT

- Operation Grafton Crime Reduction Officers acting under the auspices of the Airfreight Industry Minimum Security Standards for cargo (AIMSS) have now certified 110 premises as meeting the standards required. If you require more information about this scheme please visit the www.aimss.info website where

you can also obtain a self-assessment pack on line without cost.

- Operation Grafton is currently assisting the Road Haulage Association with a crime reduction project.
- The AIMSS website has now been revamped. We thank Mark Beale and Mick Tricker for their work on this project.

OPERATION GRAFTON SUMMARY

- If you require further information about any of the items contained within this issue please contact DI Paul Douglas on the number below or at the email address given. In addition, if you have information about any of the above crimes or any other Grafton offences please contact us at: -

Tel: - 0208 246 9972/3

Email: - operation.grafton@met.police.uk

Alternatively you can call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. All calls will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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