

# Grafton Business News

To Month Ending - June 2006

## STOLEN MOTORCYCLES SEEN

We have had several sightings of stolen motorcycles seen paying attention to freight premises near Heathrow, in particular those premises in the Hounslow area

**S7776CFC** – a purple and white Honda 400

**R882JGF** – a black Ducati 900

**WX55OBH** – A Suzuki (not reported stolen)

**Any sightings, please dial 999**

## Load Diversions on the Increase

We have received a number of reports this month of load diversion type offences in the Luton and Watford areas. These have been the 'warehouse full' round the back type offences. They were all sophisticated in as much as the assailants came out of the warehouses concerned wearing yellow jackets. The lorries were each made to go round the back, or to a nearby warehouse where the goods were offloaded or cross-loaded into another lorry.

These sort of offences have been widely reported and are easily prevented with simple crime prevention. In short, if a driver is asked to deviate from the point of delivery, they must not do so without first contacting a supervisor at their own base. This applies *EVEN IF THE NAME OF THE SUPERVISOR IS MENTIONED BY THE PERSON TRYING TO RE DIRECT THE LOAD.*

We trust that this will be passed on through your companies to the relevant personnel.

*It has been decided to try and improve the content of the monthly newsletter and maybe add some other sections. If anyone has any ideas on what they would like to see included, please e-mail [operation.grafton@met.police.uk](mailto:operation.grafton@met.police.uk)*



## Crimes This Month...

### **24/03.2006 Deception at Heathrow Cargo Handler – (Heathrow MPS) late report**

In March 2006 a handmade carpet valued at £18k arrived at Heathrow Airport. It was fraudulently collected by an unknown male and was only reported missing this week. The crime falls within the Grafton remit, despite appearing to be a Level 1 crime. **GC/786/06**

### **18.06.2006— Recovery of stolen number plates, (Hillingdon – MPS)**

A quantity number of number-plates were recovered from a West London location relating to a previous burglary and a carjacking. Operation GRAFTON have a suspect for these matters who will be spoken to soon. **GI/784/06**

### **18.06.06 Burglary Feltham (MPS)**

Suspects have breached a perimeter wall at a freight forwarders based in Feltham. A number of computer components were taken. However, the boxes contained ARABIC keyboards. Enquiries ongoing by Hounslow CID. **GI/784/06**

### **21.06.2006 – Robbery Commercial Premises, Feltham (Hounslow MPS)**

An armed robbery occurred at a warehouse containing computer CPUs. At around 22.00 hours a dark Audi RS saloon is seen driving into the estate and stop at the venue. It then leaves a minute later. At 22.30 hours an Astra Estate was stolen from outside an address in Twickenham.

At 23.53 hours the Audi and the Astra attend the venue and the Astra is used to ram through the warehouse shutters. Four suspects wearing ski mask balaclavas entered the building carrying crowbars, a sledgehammer and an angle grinder. They threatened to shoot the staff. £900k of INTEL P4 CPU's was stolen.

As the suspects left, they have attacked a lorry that unfortunately arrived during the incident. The driver was threatened with a shotgun.

The Astra and a number of tools were recovered from the scene.

A number of officers and coupled with Forensic practitioners dealt with the matter and enquiries are ongoing. **GI/787/06**

### **23/06/2006 – Suspicious vehicle – Hounslow (MPS).**

Operation Grafton received a call from a freight forwarders in Feltham after the occupants of a black AUDI saloon were seen paying close attention to a high value delivery of CPUs.

A similar Audi was involved in an armed robbery two days previously and had also been seen at another CPU warehouse.

The Audi remains outstanding **GI/793/06**

### **29/06/2006 – Robbery Suspect – Hampshire**

On Thursday 29/06/2006 Operation Grafton received an Email relating to an attempted armed robbery in Andover on 25/06/2006. The suspect had arranged to meet the victim with the view to buy a high performance car. During the test drive the suspect produced a black handgun and threatened to shoot the victim unless he got out the car. The victim refused and managed to talk the suspect round. The suspect got out and ended up taking a cab from Andover to The Moon's Roundabout, A4 Hounslow. Andover CID are now liaising with Hounslow. **GI/796/06**

## **Court Result**

Aylesbury Crown Court sentenced Andrew WOOD to **five years and three months** for his part in an Aggravated Burglary. He was the last of the Operation Brembo suspects to be sentenced for this offence where a group of males attacked a warehouse premises with angle grinders in an attempt to steal high value products. However Staff from the Central Task Force and Operation GRAFTON arrested them at the scene.

## **One Year Ago...**

*This column will hopefully serve as a reminder as to what was happening this time last year. This maybe a pointer towards seasonal trends etc*

- ♦ *WE started to experience an increase in the number of attacks on warehouses by large criminal gangs targeting computer processors. Since that time security in general has increased . At present, the month on month crime figures are down.*

## Operation Grafton 'Live'...

- We have been undertaking a lot of work for a more dynamic way that we can broadcast information to our internal and external customers.
- This week we had a demonstration of some of the facilities available. These will include live alerts direct to your desktops via e-mail. We have a lot of work to do yet legally, but we aim to have the next development phase completed by early September.

This is very much in the consultative stage and if anyone has any ideas on things they would like to see included, please e-mail us at [operation.grafton@met.police.uk](mailto:operation.grafton@met.police.uk).

## Crime Prevention...

- ***The following crime prevention advice was given in 2005 through AIMSS and related to employee selection.***
- **Tips for consideration regarding staff; -**
  - Do you screen a potential staff member before you employ the person in question?
  - Do you use the same selection criteria for temporary employees as for your regular employees?
  - Do you always make use of the same employment agency?
  - Do you make a distinction between sensitive and non-sensitive functions within your company?
  - Have you drawn up reliability profiles for 'sensitive functions'?
  - Do you use clear job descriptions?
  - Are there any employees present, with your knowledge, on the premises at unusual times?
  - Is there structural consultation with your staff on risks and security?
  - Do you have standing employment conditions?
  - Employees have to monitor processes; do you monitor these employees well?
  - *Do you have a clear section within your application form asking potential employees whether they have any declarable convictions? Does this entry contain a sentence pointing to the potential employee liability for a criminal prosecution if a false declaration is made (This entry should require a specific signature from the employee who should also be asked to write in 'yes' or 'no' so as to be unable to state that they ticked the wrong box or misunderstood the question.*

**DS Tony Moore and DC Arun Chandra-Bose have taken over the role of Partnership and Crimes from DI Paul Douglas. DS MOORE will be making contact with as many groups as possible over the forthcoming weeks to establish points of contact and provide a continuing service taken on from Paul. If anyone has any views or wishes to make contact, the team can be contacted on 0208-246-9978**

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*Operation GRAFTON was formed in March 2003 in response to industry concerns about the level of organised, high-value crime being committed near Heathrow. The unit comprises of Detectives from the Met's Specialist Crime Directorate responsible for tackling serious and organised crime across London. Close links are established with Thames Valley Police, Surrey Police and HM Revenue and Customs. Operation GRAFTON communicates to approximately 8,000 companies and organisations world-wide, and is often called upon to provide expertise and assistance to law enforcement agencies. Since it's inception, the unit has seen a decrease in serious crime in excess of 70 % and was a finalist in the 2005 Public Sector Team of The Year Awards. Operation GRAFTON strives to reduce organised crime further, thereby making Heathrow and it's environs a safe place to work and conduct business.*

## Confidential Helplines...

Operation Grafton is always keen to hear from anyone who has information about crime taking place at or near Heathrow. You can call confidentially and you do not have to give your name. You may even be entitled to a reward. The office is staffed between 8.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday. Alternatively you can call crimestoppers on the number below.

Operation GRAFTON are particularly interested in those persons who are providing information on consignments of freight, handling the proceeds of offences, or are in unlawful possession of firearms. **TEL – 0208-246-9972**

If you have information about any crime, phone



**CRIMESTOPPERS**  
**0800 555 111**

- Your call is free
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