



Grafton Business News

July 2006 - September 2006

We are currently reviewing how we deliver our monthly bulletin. Ultimately we are looking to establish a Grafton website with a member's login section providing access to all bulletins past and present.

We would hope to update the website continually, sending e-mail notification to members in order to provide timely and meaningful information that will alert partner agencies to crimes and suspicious activity. In the interim we will continue to send our *monthly* bulletins

Not everything within this or other bulletins necessarily falls directly within the Grafton terms of reference, but for varying reasons are considered relevant.

In many instances, to protect confidentiality the information released is brief. Where possible and if appropriate incidents will be expanded upon. It is intended that future bulletins or the proposed website may contain photographs of unidentified suspects currently sought in relation to unsolved crimes.

If you have any suggestions or wish to offer any assistance in this process please don't hesitate to contact members of the Grafton team on 0208 246 9972 or e-mail www.operation.grafton@met.police.uk



Crimes of Interest

GI/799/06

On the 12th July 2006, a quantity of computers, valued at £5,000 were stolen whilst in transit between Hong Kong and Heathrow

GI/810/06

In the early hours of the 27th July 2006, two males one wearing dark clothes and the other a police cap and florescent jacket attempted to hijack a French lorry driver in Silverdale Road, Southall. The driver had just delivered a large quantity of mobile phones. The suspects escaped in a 'new looking' hatchback motor vehicle.

GI/817/06

On the 3rd August 2006 a large number of memory chips and silicon discs were found floating in the Grand Union Canal, Bridge Road Industrial Estate, Southall. The origin of these is being explored.

GI/818/06

On the 6th August 2006 a lorry containing microprocessors was hijacked. A maroon Vauxhall Carlton (abandoned at the scene) rammed the lorry and escort vehicle, threatened the driver and stole 9 boxes of Processors valued at £300,000 escaping in a Silver Subaru

GC/825/06

On the 31st August 2006 a lorry was diverted during its delivery from Radius Park, Feltham to Park Lane, London. During this offence thieves stole £700,000 worth of Designer Jewellery

GC/827/06

Between the 18th and 21st August 2006 electrical equipment valued at £92,000 was stolen from a Heathrow based airline warehouse.

GC/828/06

During the afternoon of the 17th September 2006 three telephones utility covers were lifted and a large number of alarm cables cut on a North Feltham Industrial Estate.



Suspicious Vehicles

GI/800/06

11th July 2006 a night-time residential burglary in Buckinghamshire where a Grey Porsche 911 Tiptronic convertible and a black Audi S4 Quattro Estate were Stolen (since recovered)

GI/802/06

17th July 2006 a Blue Vauxhall Estate was seen in suspicious circumstances on a Trading Estate in Hanworth, Middlesex. The vehicle was possibly displaying false number plates

GI/803/06

19th July 2006 a white Ford Mondeo and an old white transit van were seen acting suspiciously on the Lakeside Industrial Estate

GI/806/06

20th July 2006 a Silver Ford transit was seen acting suspiciously outside a freight company based the Brook Industrial Estate, Hayes.

GI/808/06

21st July 2006 an Audi RS4 motor vehicle was stolen from a residential address in Chobham, Surrey. This vehicle has since been recovered.

GI/815/06

21st July 2006 a second black Audi RS4 (brand new) was stolen from residential premises in Chobham, Surrey.

GI/809/06

24th July 2006 a black Audi (possibly as above) was chased by police. On 1st August 2006 this vehicle was used in an attempted burglary in West Drayton and later found crashed. It appears both occupants may have been injured and forensic opportunities are being explored.

GI/813/06

28th July 2006 a blue Peugeot and an Audi A8 were seen acting suspiciously on the Hanworth Trading Estate, Feltham, Middlesex. Operation Grafton are developing intelligence in relation to this matter. The Audi A8 that was displaying false number plates has since been recovered



Arrests & Court

GI/812/06

On the 14th June 2006 two males were arrested and charged in relation to an attempted burglary at commercial premises located on an industrial estate where they had cut the alarm cables. Both were charged and bailed.

GC/673/06

Following extensive enquiries three males were arrested for their suspected involvement in an attempted hijack of a lorry containing a large quantity of mobile phones that occurred at Heathrow Airport on the 3rd March 2006. All three were questioned and have been bailed pending further enquiries.

GI/736/06

On the 18th May 2006 a male arrested for theft of a high value vehicle (possibly linked to Grafton related offences)

GI/385/04

On the 27th July 2006 a former police officer was convicted with offences of handling stolen electrical equipment stolen from a Heathrow based Freight Company. His co-defendant had previously pleaded guilty to Handling Stolen goods offences. Both will be sentenced in the near future.

GI/837/06

On the 19th Sept 2006 a male was arrested and charged in relation to Handling stolen goods valued in excess of £20,000.

GI/829/06

On 20/09/2006 a male employee of a Heathrow based freight company was arrested on suspicion of theft of electrical equipment being handled by the company. The goods were valued at £3,000



General Issues...

- Security Passes - There have been instances where security passes have been forged. Please advise all staff to examine passes carefully and check authenticity.
- CCTV - The management of this vital intelligence / evidence is in some instances lacking. Please ensure that systems are working correctly with dates and times being correct. Ensure that tapes or discs are regularly changed and that a daily record is kept of any insertions or removals. Please ensure that all original material is retained.
- Under Reporting - is still a problem if you have instances of theft or suspicious activity please report it to your local police and advise Grafton. Where appropriate we will liaise with the borough and assist with or take responsibility of the investigation.
- Security Seals - There have been instances recently where security seals have been handed to drivers to put onto their own vehicles, or where no record is kept of the seal number issued. Without the seal being independently affixed and the number recorded the process is pointless.
- There have been instances where the victims of crime have been advised to contact persons who (innocently or otherwise) are suspected of being in possession of stolen goods. If you suspect a person or agency of having possession of stolen goods please contact or the investigating officer. If you are in any doubt please contact the operation Grafton team on 0208 246 9972 or www.operation.grafton.police.uk for advice.

Operation Grafton 'Live'...

Operation Grafton are currently engaged in a number of operations, which for operational reasons must remain confidential.



- **Tips for consideration regarding staff; -**

- Do you screen potential staff members before employing them?
- Do you use the same selection criteria for temporary employees as 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 effective consultation with your staff on risks and security?
- Do you have standing employment conditions?



One Year Ago..

July 2005

- Warehouse Burglary, Hayes Middlesex, suspects disturbed. No property stolen.
- £4,000 worth of mobile phones discovered missing in transit Hayes, Middlesex.
- Operation Grafton were awarded the 'Freighting Weekly Special Achievement Award'.
- A lorry containing mobile phones was hijacked in Southall, Middlesex, by the occupants of silver BMW
- By suspects presenting a forged collection note 113 Plasma Screens were stolen from a warehouse in Heathrow
- Grafton Staff were assisting in the aftermath of the horrific London Bombings.

August 2005

- A lorry containing a large amount of mobile phones was hijacked in Hayes, Middlesex. The lorry was located shortly afterwards with part of its load missing.
- Ram-raid at a freight company in Hounslow. Thieves stole 40 Plasma televisions worth £120,000
- Theft of approx £220,000 worth of freight from a Heathrow based freight company
- Aggravated burglary at a freight company in Langley, Berkshire, 7 pallets of Lap-Top computers valued at £275,000 were stolen.
- Theft in transit of £12,000 worth of 'fishing flies' between Kenyan and Heathrow.
- A large number of credit cards stolen from a Heathrow courier company.
- Three males detained whilst acting suspiciously near warehouse premises at Heathrow Airport

September 2005

- Operation Grafton was examining a linked series of crimes involving multiple high value thefts from a Heathrow base distribution company.
- Theft of 6 pallets of mobile phones from a lorry on route to Leicester
- Officers from Grafton assisted in the arrest of a male suspected of numerous warehouse burglaries in, Surrey.
- Attempted Hijack of a lorry containing internal bank mail

Operation Grafton and partners were conducting a number of live pro-active operations





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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

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 is responsible for tackling serious and organised crime affecting Heathrow Airport.

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 worldwide, 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 a safer place.

If you have information about any crime, phone



CRIMESTOPPERS

0800 555 111

- Your call is free
- You are not asked for your name
- You may receive a reward