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**Foreword by Detective Inspector Paul E DOUGLAS**

*Welcome to issue 20 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.aimss.info).

## **CRIMES**

- At 3am on the morning of Sunday 24/10/2005 a ram raid occurred at a warehouse premises in Iver, Bucks. The offence occurred when six suspects attempted to ram the main shutter door of the premises using a stolen Mercedes 4 wheel drive and a Saab motor vehicle. They also attacked a security guard and his vehicle, which was parked outside the premises at the time. Fortunately the suspects were unable to gain entry to the premise and nothing was taken on this occasion.
- In relation to the previously reported series of robberies Operation Grafton is pleased to report that as a result of the Grafton partnership it has been able to recover £525,000 worth of the property that had been stolen during the Iver offence (almost half the property taken). This is in addition to £3.6 million recovered at the scene of the Hayes offence. Operation Grafton is however continuing to appeal for information relating to these offences. Appeals have been made in the local media and we also grateful to the BBC for supporting us with a reconstruction as a part of a Crime Watch appeal that will be shown on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We would also like to thank 'Mike' for making this possible. If you are able to assist us with any of our enquiries into these matters please contact us on the details provided at the end of this bulletin.

## **CRIMES OF INTEREST & CRIME ENQUIRIES**

- On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005, £1 million worth of computer equipment was stolen from the secure cages of a warehouse in Greenford, Middlesex as a result of an overnight burglary. Operation Grafton officers are assisting Ealing CID with this matter.
- Operation Grafton has also been notified of fourteen previously unreported high value diversion frauds, which have affected one Heathrow based company's operations in the Romford area. These offences have taken place over several months and are now being dealt with by Romford CID

## **OPERATIONS**

- On 13<sup>th</sup> October 2005, one person was arrested and in excess of £50,000 worth of property recovered as a result of a Grafton initiative, which was supported by Ealing CID. During the operation search warrants were executed at two premises and property including boxes of mobile phones, perfumes, laptops and computer chips was recovered.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- On 12<sup>th</sup> May 2005, following a joint operation between Operation Grafton and Thames Valley officers, two individuals were arrested in a stolen BMW as they returned from an overnight crime spree. Both had been identified as a result of an in depth investigation into a number of high value offences, which had occurred in the Heathrow area. Having identified the subjects Grafton was able to support a superb operation by Thames Valley Police and enable them to add a number of further charges concerning commercial thefts, burglaries and associated handling offences. Two persons have now been charged with a number of these offences.

- The Operation Grafton quarterly Strategic Group meeting took place this month.
- Operation Grafton has helped to prepare a briefing for the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police who has now taken over responsibility as the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) lead on organised crime associated with ports.
- Op Grafton is continuing to work with a large computer company with regards to its the recovery of 8,500 counterfeit computer chips.
- Grafton also provided intelligence support to a HM Revenue and Customs operation this month during which an illegal immigrant was arrested.
- In addition Grafton is currently working with two companies who are in the process of developing a system that trains freight associated staff (or records existing levels of training) and vets them to either one of two levels. It is hoped that this combined product might offer a complete package for companies with the intention of improving security.
- Operation Grafton was also visited by a Swiss officer this month and has been contacted by an Australian police officer that is interested in the Operation Grafton project.

## **CRIME PREVENTION**

- 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](http://www.aimss.info) website where you can also obtain a self-assessment pack on line without cost.

## **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 the 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](mailto: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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