

# CAMDEN POLICE

## MONTHLY

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### Foreword by Detective Superintendent, Neil Wilson



## 'Vigilant members of the public are playing a commendable role'

Dear Camden,

Having lived and worked in Camden for twenty years, it's my privilege to be managing the Crime Wing. Like every other resident, I have a personal interest in how we respond to crime.

Camden has about 800 cops, and just over 300 officers work with me. Together, we're responsible for investigating around 100 allegations of crime each day, ranging from serious offences such as robbery, to those that are relatively minor, though upsetting, nevertheless.

The focus of every investigation is the quality of service we provide to the victim. We investigate each case vigorously, ensuring whenever possible, that those responsible for committing crime, are held to account through the courts.

Camden is a vibrant part of London, and with that vibrancy, comes an element of criminality. Even so, we have seen reductions in burglary and theft from motor vehicle and overall, recorded crime is falling. You can reduce the risk of being a victim of crime by taking simple steps, such as not leaving items of value displayed in your vehicle.

Vigilant members of the public are playing a commendable role in helping us. We're not asking you to intervene...if you see something suspicious, just get on the phone and continue to observe if you can do so, safely. For instance, a resident recently saw people he didn't recognise entering a house. We responded at once and the suspects were caught and arrested. There are countless similar examples.

I am looking forward to further driving down crime in the coming year.

Kindest Regards,

Neil Wilson

**Camden police can be contacted on 0300 123 1212**

**In an emergency, always dial 999**

**[www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)**

## CAMDEN VOLUNTEERS



### Volunteers Event

The Camden Metropolitan Volunteers Program (MVP) is coordinated from Holborn Police Station. The program started officially in June 2006.

People volunteer for many reasons, for instance:

- They want to give something back to the community
- They have skills & experience, that they want to put to use for the police
- They have spare time (they may be retired or have children who have recently left home) which they want to put to valuable use

There are currently 140 Special Constables in Camden, 40 Police Cadets and 40 Volunteers, and the numbers are ever increasing. Volunteers can fulfill roles such as: Safer Neighbourhoods Support, Reception Services, Volunteer Police Cadets, Customer Services and administrative roles. The diversity of roles available can only be matched by the diversity of the volunteers involved.

Camden held its first Volunteering in Police Fair, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, at Holborn Police Station. The fair was organised to highlight the good work being carried out by Volunteers and Special Constables and Police Cadets. It was also an opportunity for Volunteers to find out about the different police departments and the opportunities available. Some of the units were offering training, in areas such as crime reporting, case file preparation and traffic matters.

**Inspector Clive French, who organised the event, said:** *"The event was a great success and I was encouraged to meet prospective Volunteers with so much enthusiasm about policing. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our Special Constables, Police Cadets and Volunteers, for their hard work and continuing support".*

For more information about becoming a Camden Volunteer, please contact Susanne Wermter, on:  
**020 8733 4284**

Camden Volunteers give up their time to fulfill a wide variety of roles. It is our goal to offer local communities the opportunity to become more involved in local police efforts, whilst gaining valuable professional development, in the process.

## FUTURE EVENTS

### Project YOU

The Camden launch of Project YOU, takes place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March, between 11am and 3pm, at Corams Fields, 93 Guilford Street, WC1N. 1DN

YOU, is a police led event, encompassing all of Camden's uniformed youth organisations, such as Police Cadets, Community Fire Cadets, Army Cadets, Scouts and Girls Brigade.

The aim of the launch is to recruit young people and adult volunteers, to join one of the uniformed organisations.

Each of the organisations will provide a stall, to highlight their activities and what they offer. For example, the Scouts will have a climbing wall, and the Army cadets, an obstacle course.

The benefit to young people in joining one of these organisations can be huge, providing an opportunity to make new friends and build self-esteem through activities and learning new skills.

For more information, please contact Camden Police Cadet coordinator, Andy Walden: **07825 256830**  
[www.youlondon.org.uk](http://www.youlondon.org.uk)

## ***WANTED!!!***

### **Omar Mentesh**



Omar Mentesh, aged 27 (born 14:04:1982), has been recalled to prison by the Home Office. He grew up in Camden and may well be visiting or living in the borough.

**Camden's Dedicated Warrants Team will continue their efforts to apprehend Mr Mentesh.**

**If you see him, please dial 999, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111**

## THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE

### Reduction

To date, there has been a 14.3% reduction in theft from motor vehicle crime, compared with the same period in 2009!!!

Camden was experiencing a high volume of motor vehicle thefts, especially in certain areas. The types of items stolen were predominantly laptops, bags and satellite navigation systems. We do appreciate how upsetting and costly this type of crime can be, and have worked really hard to catch offenders and distribute crime prevention advice.

### JAILED!!!



KEVIN JACOBS, aged 42, has been jailed for 2 years. An off duty police officer saw him break into a car and steal a satellite navigation system. He was jailed on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, at Blackfriars Crown Court.

### CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE:

Most vehicle crime is preventable. It can take as little as 10 seconds for a thief to steal something from your car. If at all possible, leave nothing on view.

- Take valuables with you. Make sure all electronic goods are switched off
- Remove all portable satellite navigation systems and their cradles. Wipe off the suction marks that are left on the windscreen.
- Property mark and register your satellite navigation system on the National Property Register [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- Number plates should be secured using one-way security screws. This prevents the plates from being removed.
- Immobilise and alarm your vehicle every time you leave it unattended
- When locking your car using your key fob always check that the vehicle has actually locked before you move off
- Always park in a well-lit street or in a secure car park. At home, leave your vehicle overnight in a locked garage
- Never leave your keys in the vehicle even for a moment, such as at petrol stations or to 'pop' back into your house/office Keep your keys out of view in a safe place. At home, place them in a drawer away from doors, windows or the letterbox
- When leaving your vehicle, check all windows, sunroofs and doors are locked and use deadlocks if fitted

For more information, please visit the [Home Office website](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk)

## GUILTY



Hutchinson      Rochester      Isaac

Ashley Hutchinson, aged 24, Denzil Rochester, aged 22 and Duane Isaac, have pleaded guilty to robbery.

The robbery took place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009, in Roderick Road NW3 at approximately 5pm. They pushed a 41-year-old woman to the ground, kicked her and stole her handbag and wristwatch.

The three men ran to a black Honda Civic and drove away at speed. Witnesses rang 999 and after a vehicle pursuit involving the police helicopter, the men were found hiding, and arrested.

### Detective Nicola Watt, from Camden's Robbery Squad, said:

*"It was really fortunate that as these men fled, a witness recorded their vehicle registration. Thanks to the vigilance of the public and the bravery of the officers involved in the vehicle pursuit, these men were caught and the victims' property was recovered.*

*I'm really pleased that the victim of this violent robbery can see the men responsible being held to account, and behind bars."*

**The men are due to be sentenced in March.**

### DO YOU RECOGNISE THESE MEN?



Camden Detectives have released e-fit impressions of two men wanted in connection with a robbery. The man on the right has a tattoo on his neck, which someone may recognise.

**Anyone with information is urged to call Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111 Ref: 2301618/10**