



Foreword Superintendent Roger Smalley



'Response Team officers are the backbone of modern policing'

Having spent almost half of my career policing Camden and as a borough resident, I feel privileged to continue to work with the officers who carry out the front end of our policing services. Their dedication and commitment is second to none.

Our front line Response Team officers, who deal with urgent calls from the public via the 999 system 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, are a highly motivated team who face whatever comes their way, and are the backbone of modern policing. These officers work from our patrol bases at West Hampstead, Kentish Town and Holborn and there is no such thing as a "typical day". Their work spans from reporting missing people, dealing with accidents, pursuing armed criminals, arresting drug dealers and reporting crime, to dealing in the worst-case scenario, with Terrorist incidents. Last year we improved our response times to emergency calls and attended 85% of all non-emergency calls with one hour.

Supporting the Response officers under my command are those: (a) that work in our Custody offices at Holborn and Kentish Town, who ensure persons detained are dealt with professionally and

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appropriately; (b) our Training officers who provide ongoing development to all our staff; (c) our Professional Standards and Citizen Focus officers who ensure that we look to continuously improve the service to the public; (d) our staff who organise the many operations that occur on the Borough ranging from Royal visits, demonstrations and fetes, to supporting the NHS with mental health assessments; (e) our Counter Terrorist team who work with partners to prevent a repeat of 7/7/2005.

Camden police perform to a high level over a wide range of activities, providing the best service we can to our communities; we achieved an 81% satisfaction rate in the most recent victim satisfaction survey. The challenge is to improve on this performance and to increase the confidence that residents have in our ability to make Camden one of the safest boroughs in London. Making Camden safer, and providing quality policing services is our top priority. You can be assured that, together with our partners and the many volunteers who work with us, we will continue to work to that end.

Regards,
Roger Smalley

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

**In an emergency, always
dial 999**

www.met.police.co.uk

Personal Safety Advice

- Think ahead and plan your journey, avoiding deserted areas
- Try to avoid walking alone at night, and keep to well-lit main roads where possible. You should try to avoid short cuts like alleyways, waste ground and wooded, bushy areas
- Stay alert: be aware of what's going on around you
- It is always worth letting someone know where you are going, the route you intend to take and when you expect to return
- Consider investing in a mobile phone. There are various services available for light users
- Try to avoid wearing headphones - your ability to hear traffic, strangers or potential trouble is severely restricted

If you suspect there is a robbery in progress, dial 999

1.5 kilos of cannabis was seized

Three men were arrested on Tuesday 20th April and approximately 1.5 kilos of cannabis was seized, after Camden Town Tasking Team executed a drugs warrant at a salon on Kentish Town Road NW1.

At approximately 11am, police entered the premises and noticed a strong smell of cannabis. On searching the venue, officers found drugs paraphernalia and seized a small quantity of herbal cannabis.

Two men aged 67 and 26-yrs-old, were arrested at the shop on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of cannabis. A 57-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possessing cannabis.

As the investigation progressed throughout the day, officers attended a flat in Haverstock Hill NW3. The premises was searched for drugs and police recovered approximately 1.5 kilos of herbal cannabis with an estimated street value of £3,000 and £11,000 cash.

The men have been bailed to return to a Camden police station on a date in June, pending laboratory analysis of the cannabis.

Sergeant Ray Doran of Camden Town Tasking Team, said:

"I hope these arrests help to reassure local residents that we are listening to their concerns and acting upon them. Drugs will not be tolerated and I would urge anyone with information on drug related crime to report it."

**Anyone with information on drug related crime can call Camden police on 0300 123 1212,
or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111**

Safer Neighbourhoods Team launches Dodgeball sessions



Officers from Fortune Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team have launched free Dodgeball sessions for young people in the area. The sessions are open to young people aged 11 - 16 years old and will take place in Fortune Green and West Hampstead.

The first session, which took place on Monday 26th April, was a huge success with 25 young people attending.

In this picture: PCSO Jo Helme, Sergeant Patrick Conyngham and PC Gareth James

Officers have undertaken training to become Dodgeball instructors and will personally run the sessions. As well as having fun, the sessions will provide an opportunity for young people to engage with officers informally, break down barriers and help make their area safer. During the sessions officers will be able to talk to the participants, offering crime prevention advice about issues that are concerning them.

Fortune Green Safer Neighbourhoods Police Constable Gareth James said:

"Dodgeball is a game where players try to hit other players with balls, whilst trying to avoid being hit by the opposing team. It is a really fun game that encourages the players to interact. Officers hope these sessions will help to build relationships with young people in the area."

Fortune Green Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant Pat Conyngham said: "The new dodgeball sessions, at the Sidings Community Centre, are part of a plan to tackle the lack of activities available to young people. We are very passionate about this project; coaching the kids ourselves, we hope to put together a team that will go on to compete nationally."

The sessions will initially run every Monday and Wednesday, with a view to increasing this to incorporate local schools and community teams. The team hope to expand this project throughout Camden Borough in the future.

For further information about the Dodgeball sessions please contact, Fortune Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team, on 020 8721 2698.

WANTED!!!



Dean Diamond aged 36 (26/05/1973) is alleged to have committed a burglary in Camden in 2008. He failed to appear at Court and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Camden's Dedicated Warrant Team will continue their efforts to apprehend Mr Diamond.

If you see this man, do not approach him yourself.

Please dial 999 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously, on 0800 55 5 111.



Kilburn Safer Neighbourhoods Team tackle irresponsible dog owners

Sergeant Eddie Odita (pictured here with residents and their four-legged friends) has responded to complaints about irresponsible dog ownership. His team conducted patrols on Tuesday 20th April, in partnership with Camden Environmental Health officers, who handed out free dog waste bags.

Dog owners were given advice about dog fouling and littering, two issues that can spoil the environment and detract from Camden's open spaces.

Camden police supported Deaf Day 2010 and helped to promote the Deaf Link Project

The National event was held on Saturday 10th April 2010 in the heart of Covent Garden WC2. Deaf Day is the biggest event of its kind in the UK for the deaf and hard of hearing and this is the sixth year that the MPS has provided support. A common issue raised by the deaf community is that the police do not provide a service tailored to their needs.

This year, the MPS secured an exhibitors room where Camden Diversity Officers and Met Volunteer Staff provided information and advice. They were assisted by officers who recently completed the British Sign Language, Level 1 examination, with City Lit College. The MPS workshop was opened by Camden's Borough Commander, Dominic Clout, who spoke about the virtues of the Deaf Link Project, which is a scheme designed to provide a better police service to residents with impaired hearing. This scheme will involve monthly surgeries and work shops attended by Diversity Staff, officers who completed the British Sign Language course and members of the deaf community.

Sergeant Mark Turner said: "It is vital that we endeavour to engage with deaf and hard of hearing members of the community. To this end, nine Camden police officers recently completed a course in British Sign Language. They can now be deployed to better communicate with deaf and hard of hearing members of the community and hopefully increase their trust and confidence in the MPS".

Thomas Kiernan
*Jailed for 3.5
years!*



Michael Kiernan
*Jailed for 4
years!*



Jailed for assault!!!

Two brothers have been jailed for their part in a vicious assault that left a man with life changing facial injuries.

The assault took place at Walkabout, Finchley Road NW3, on Saturday 4th April 2009, at approximately 00:35 hours. Following an altercation on the dance floor, the 24-year-old victim was followed to the toilets and viciously assaulted with glass bottles.

Police arrived soon after, but the suspects had already fled the scene. Fortunately, the venue is equipped with CCTV and images of the men had been captured. CCTV stills were circulated and an officer from West Hampstead Safer Neighbourhoods Team identified one of the men as Michael Kiernan.

Vigilant detectives conducted an arrest enquiry at his Grandmother's address and struck gold when they spotted his brother, Thomas Kiernan, in a family album and recognised him from the CCTV.

On Wednesday 31st March 2010, at Blackfriars Crown Court, Michael Kiernan aged 25 (13:12:1984, Luton), was jailed for 4 years and Thomas Kiernan aged 21 (3:10:1988, Luton), was jailed for 3.5 years.

Detective Sergeant Freeman Woods said: "I am delighted with the sentences, particularly given that they both pleaded guilty. Camden police will continue to robustly pursue violent offenders and seek justice for victims and the local community."

Cannabis dealer jailed and given ASBO!!!



Ike Ramoseli

35 months jail and given ASBO!

A cannabis dealer has been jailed for nearly 3 years and issued with an ASBO banning him from entering Camden Town NW1, within the next 5 years.

Ike Ramoseli (03/08/1974 of no fixed abode, born Gambia) appeared at Blackfriars Crown Court on Friday 9th April 2010, having eventually pleaded guilty to two counts of supplying cannabis. He was sentenced to 35 months imprisonment and issued with an ASBO which prohibits him from entering Camden Town and much of the surrounding area.

During 2009, Camden Town with Primrose Hill Safer Neighborhoods Team worked hard to tackle drug dealing in Camden High Street and the canal towpath. Using covert tactics, Mr Ramoseli was observed by officers dealing cannabis and arrested.

On 4th November 2009, Mr Romoseli was observed walking on the canal towpath with another man, who had his wallet out. Both stopped by Camden Road Bridge and the pair were seen to huddle together and make an exchange, before walking off in separate directions. Believing a drug deal had taken place, officers stopped the purchaser. He was in possession of a bag containing a substance that appeared to be herbal cannabis and admitted having bought it for £25.00. Mr Romoseli was arrested for supplying cannabis and taken to a Camden police station. He was later released on police bail pending analysis of the substance.

Later that month, on 27th November 2009 and whilst on police bail for the previous offence, Mr Romoseli was arrested for supplying cannabis in very similar circumstances. Drugs analysis confirmed the substance was herbal cannabis and Mr Romoseli was charged with two counts of supplying cannabis. He was remanded in custody and appeared at Highbury Corner Magistrates Court on 30th November 2009.

PC Ian Sawtell of Camden Town with Primrose Hill Safer Neighbourhoods Team, said: “ Ike Ramoseli was a prolific drug dealer who travelled to the ward specifically to supply drugs and the sentence he received reflects this. Our team will continue to tackle drug dealing in Camden Town and hope this sentencing sends out a clear message that drug dealers will not be tolerated.”

JAILED!!!

Two men have been sentenced for Aggravated Burglary and Sexual Assault at Blackfriars Crown Court on Friday 16th April.

Maslah Hassan, aged 19 years old of Cholmondeley Avenue NW10 received an indefinite life sentence for Aggravated Burglary and Robbery.

Mohammed Ali, aged 22 years old of Creukhorne Road NW10, received an indefinite life sentence for Aggravated Burglary and Sexual Assault. Ali was also placed on the Sex Offenders Register for life.

Both men have been recommended for deportation on their release.

On 13th October 2009 at approximately 5.20a.m, Hassan and Ali entered a flat on Kilburn High Road NW6 via a rear door. They each grabbed a knife from the kitchen. Ali entered the room of a 23-year-old woman and forced her to strip whilst threatening her with a knife. He then stole her laptop. Upon hearing the suspect enter the women's room, a 21 year-old-man opened his bedroom door, Hassan charged towards him and forced him back into his room. Hassan threatened him with a knife and stole various items of property. The man was then pushed into the women's room where they were able to shut themselves in.

Hassan and Ali left the property along Kilburn High Road. Their victims sustained minor injuries.

Both men were arrested and charged on 16th October 2009.

Hassan was also sentenced for a robbery, related to an incident that took place on 13th October 2009 at 'Dial A Car' on Kilburn High Road, NW6.

At approximately 7.30a.m, Hassan entered the address with another suspect. Whilst Hassan used a computer (the venue is also an internet cafe) the second suspect approached the till and began banging on it until it opened. Hassan then joined him at the till. The second suspect stole money from the till and punched the victim, a member of staff, in the face and demanded to know where money was located.

Both Hassan and the second suspect then left the cab office.

Detective Sergeant Iain Maddison of Camden's Robbery Squad said: "I am very pleased with the sentences given to these two men. This was a violent crime, which left the victims very distressed and I am pleased they are able to see the men responsible being held to account."



Maslah Hassan
Indefinite life sentence



Mohammed Ali
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