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**Foreword by Detective Chief
Inspector Mark Strugnell**



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Dear Camden,

Having only recently joined the Senior Management Team, I am delighted to introduce you to the sixth edition of our newsletter.

I have been a police officer for nineteen years and joined Camden in January this year. My experience includes time spent as a uniformed officer and a detective, within different boroughs. I have also worked in covert policing and public order disciplines on pan London Units.

At Camden, I have the pleasure of working with just over 180 staff, whose roles include tackling robbery, burglary and motor vehicle crime. I also have responsibility for teams who provide a pro-active policing response; a team who track down wanted offenders and another who work in the Borough Intelligence Unit (BIU).

In this edition, I have focused on the work of the BIU and the role of community intelligence. The BIU is the engine room of the Borough; where information is collated, interpreted and disseminated to help direct policing activity and deliver performance across Camden. We receive our information and intelligence from a variety of sources including informants, police and Camden Council staff activity, crime reporting and arrests.

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A vital part of the intelligence picture is the information provided by you, the community. For example, as a result of intelligence received from local residents and the business community in Bloomsbury and Covent Garden ward, we targeted drug dealing. Operation Ardennes involved a covert policing operation in partnership with Camden Council and led to the arrest of two persons for supplying drugs.

If you have any information regarding criminal activity or anti-social behaviour, please get in contact with us. You can do this through your local Safer Neighbourhood Team, or through the phone numbers shown below. Information can be given anonymously and will always be treated confidentially.

If you witness a crime taking place, please ring 999 immediately so that officers can be deployed to apprehend the offenders at the earliest opportunity.

Finally, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the Camden Team to let us know how we can make improvements to reduce crime, raise confidence or provide an even better service.

Kind regards,
Mark Strugnell

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contacted on 0300 123 1212.
In an emergency, always dial
999**

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Cycle Safety

On Tuesday 15th June 2010, Camden Town with Primrose Hill Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) held a street briefing on the bridge in Primrose Hill NW3.

The location is adjacent to Chalk Farm tube station and the team were assisted by colleagues from British Transport Police's Northern Line Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Officers met and gave crime prevention advice to commuters making their way to and from the station, during the morning and evening rush hours. The SNT met with hundreds of residents from their ward, many of them using this busy cycle route and the team securely marked over 90 commuter's bicycles.



Sergeant Roger Smith, of Camden Town with Primrose Hill SNT, said:

"We organised the street briefing to tackle bike theft, which is currently one of our ward priorities. It's important to engage with the community and by providing a presence in a prominent location such as this, we were able to speak with nearly 100 bike owners, raise awareness of the issue and securely mark their bikes.

Hopefully, this action will result in fewer bikes thefts in the area."

Child Safety Week

On Monday 21st June, St Pancras & Somers Town Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) held an annual event to mark child safety week at Edith Neville Primary School.

During the day, officers talked to the children, parents and teachers about a range of subjects including 'stranger danger' and the Green Cross Code.

The Safer Neighbourhoods Team was joined by officers from Mounted Branch, Motorcycle Traffic Police, Camden Street Wardens and British Transport Police, who provided two police dog handlers and their dogs. Students were able to sit in police cars and get up close to the police dogs and horses.

Children received goody bags with souvenirs of their day.



Sergeant Gary McGovern of St Pancras & Somers Town SNT said:

"The event was aimed at breaking down barriers between the police and children, teaching them about stranger danger, the green cross code and answering any questions they might have.

We hope this event made the children and staff feel safer."

Jailed!!

8 Years



David Brown

Man jailed for rape

David Brown, aged 43 (DOB 14.05.67) was sentenced to eight years imprisonment on 15th June 2010, at Blackfriars Crown Court.

Brown was found guilty of raping a 40 year old woman in Leybourne Road NW1, as she made her way home.

Detective Sergeant Mark Holloway said:

"We treated this case as a priority and in order to apprehend him, worked in partnership with another department who specialise in manhunts.

I am pleased with the guilty finding and hope this jail term serves to act as a deterrent."

We have released an e-fit of a man we wish to trace in connection with a distraction burglary in Glenmore Road NW3, on Monday 31st May 2010 at approximately 18:00 hours.

The victim, a retired artist, believes the e-fit is a good likeness.

The victim, a 77-year-old woman with poor hearing and mobility, was walking in Haverstock Hill when she first saw the suspect sat in a Blue Peugeot. He got out of the vehicle and asked her if she wanted a lift and she declined.

The woman returned to her ground floor flat and after about 15 minutes, the doorbell rang at the communal door. The suspect was stood at her front door and asked to come in and get some water for his car, as it would not start. The woman told him he could not come in and instead closed the door and fetched him a small watering can full of water. When she returned and handed him the water, he said it was not enough and barged past her. Once inside the flat, he searched through a chest of drawers.

Having filled a larger watering can, he went out to his vehicle and appeared to be filling his car. He returned the watering can before leaving. The victim later realised that personal property had been stolen.

The suspect is described as a white male, aged 50 - 55 -years old and about 5'10.

**Do you recognise
this man?**



Somers Town & St Pancras Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) has worked in partnership with other agencies to provide young people with life skills training.

The weekly workshops consist of training in emergency life support, interview skills, drug and alcohol awareness, creation of CV's and a prison visit. Officers from British Transport Police, Camden Street Wardens and an engagement officer from Housing and Adult Social Care, have worked together to produce the workshops.

PCSO Mick Saunders of British Transport Police, a qualified first aid instructor, is carrying out the first four sessions. Young people are learning how to apply dressings, stem wounds and carry out CPR. The young people will receive a certificate on completion of the training.

PCSO Saeed of St Pancras & Somers Town Safer Neighbourhoods Team said:

"We hope to build young peoples confidence by teaching them valuable life skills. The workshops are held at Somers Town Community Centre every Wednesday from 4pm and are open to any young people who want to attend.



PCSP Saeed with young people at Somers Town Community Centre



Missing man

We are appealing to the public to help trace a 43-year-old man who has been missing since Wednesday 12th May 2010.

Bankoku Sasagawa (05.05.1967) had been visiting from Japan and was last seen at Arundel train station in Sussex. He was expected to return to friends in Holborn, London, but never arrived and has not been heard from since.

Bankoku is described as between 5ft 5 and 5ft 9 inches tall and medium build. He has short black hair and a scar on his left cheek.

He was last seen wearing dark clothing and a black cotton coat, carrying a black lap top bag and a white carrier bag.

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!



The MPS Safer Transport Command (STC) and Transport for London are working together to create an environment where all cyclists and potential cyclists feel safe and secure to enjoy cycling in London.

The MPS has an important role to play in tackling bicycle theft and its Safer Transport Command has now launched a dedicated Cycle Task Force to reduce cycle theft and improve cycle security across London.

Cycling is a great way to move around the borough. With some riders being concerned about the security of their bikes, a series of measures are highlighted below, which you should take to minimise the risk of your bike being stolen.

With the increased level of cycling in our borough, working with other partners, your Safer Transport Team is determined to ensure that this doesn't mean more cycle theft. The Safer Transport Team regularly patrols around transport hubs and specific locations to give advice on cycle security and deter thieves from carrying out this crime.

What can you do?

- **Security mark your bike** - a number of marking schemes are available.

To be effective, it should:

- be clearly visible so it highlights the bike is security marked
 - be secure so it makes it difficult for a thief to remove the mark
 - give clear information which allows the police to identify the marking and registration company. In turn, this will help to identify the owner
 - include a registration logbook, which proves ownership of the bike and records details in a central location
- **Register your bike** - Register your bicycle model, make, and frame number. This will help the police to return any recovered bikes to the rightful owners
 - **Park your bike at designated parking areas**
 - **Buy the right lock** - consider locks that have the 'Sold Secure' status, D-locks, extension cables or heavy chain lock
 - **Lock your bike properly**



**Lock the frame
and both wheels
to the stand**

Two men convicted of cash in transit robbery and burglaries

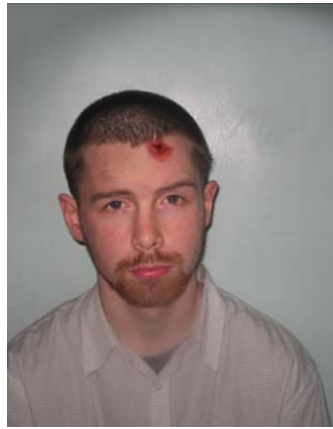
Two men convicted of committing a string of offences in Camden and Islington including a cash in transit robbery and more than 20 burglaries netting thousands of pounds were jailed on Monday 28th June at Blackfriars Crown Court.

Jailed for ten years!!



Jay McGinty,
aged 22

Jailed for six years!!



Scott McFadzean,
aged 22

McGinty and McFadzean were arrested after police were called at approximately 00.10hrs on Friday 5 March to reports of a cash in transit robbery at Halifax, The Brunswick Centre WC1. As a male security guard made a delivery to an ATM machine, he was approached by McFadzean driving a motorcycle at speed. The vehicle pulled up near the security guard and McGinty - the pillion passenger - demanded cash.

McGinty and McFadzean escaped on the bike with the cash box, making off into the Brunswick Centre, where the vehicle crashed into a low fountain wall, trapping the pair.

McGinty freed himself and made off. McFadzean, who remained trapped, made off soon after, but was detained by a member of the public and arrested on police arrival.

McGinty was arrested at a north London hospital after admitting himself with an injury to his arm.

Both men were subsequently charged with the robbery.

Investigating officer, Detective Sergeant Rhys Willis of the Flying Squad said:

"McGinty and McFadzean were a menace to the communities of Camden and Islington, where their crimes were committed.

"During a four month period from November 2009, the pair carried out a variety of offences. These offences included a cash in transit robbery (McGinty asked for a further four cash in transit offences be taken into consideration) along with a large number of burglaries at commercial and residential premises.

"Their arrests and subsequent convictions should serve as a lesson to others who turn to this type of crime as a way of getting quick cash. We will track you down and bring you to justice and you will face lengthy prison sentences.

"I would like to thank the member of the public who assisted in detaining McFadzean following the cash in transit robbery in March. I would also like to thank the Islington Burglary squad and our partners at the CPS. With our combined approach, a large number of offences committed by McFadzean and McGinty have been successfully resolved."

Camden drug dealing network plead guilty!

Intergenerational Cycle Project

Haverstock Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) report that the third phase of the Intergenerational Cycle Project at Denton Housing estate, came to a conclusion in June.

The project proved successful in achieving its objective; creating a model to enhance community cohesion and reduce Anti Social Behaviour (ASB).

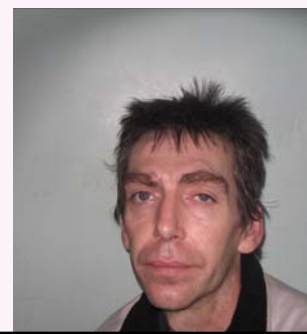
Camden Council funded the project and a group of senior citizens, young people and officers from Haverstock SNT, worked together with qualified cycle mechanics, repairing decrepit cycles.

Participants gained a free cycle and qualification.

Intergenerational understanding and bridges were built between the different age groups on the estate at the same time as **reducing ASB 26%**.



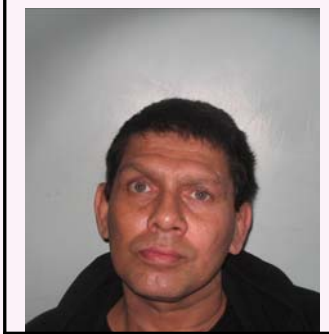
Lee Porter



David Gittens



Adrian Thompson



Johnathan Fox

The above men have pleaded guilty to the following offences and are due to be sentenced on 2nd July at Blackfriars Crown Court:

- Lee Porter, aged 34 - 10 charges relating supply drugs to Test Purchase officer
- David Gittens, aged 44 - Being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs and money laundering
- Adrian Thompson, aged 23 – Possession with intent to supply cocaine and heroin, and money laundering
- Johnathan Fox, aged 49 - Being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs

Throughout December 2009, Camden police conducted an operation targeting a drug dealing syndicate, known as the 'Tommy' network. Safer Neighbourhoods Team officers gathered intelligence and Camden's Criminal Investigation Department (CID) conducted surveillance. As a result, four suspects were identified.

Lee Porter supplied a test purchase officer with both heroin and crack cocaine and officers were able to identify him as the street dealer within the network. It was discovered that David Gittens and Johnathan Fox would hold on to the packages and collect the money and Adrian Thompson was seen delivering drugs to Camden on a daily basis.

DC Paul Heselwood, from Camden CID, said:

“Drug dealing in Camden is an increasingly risky business and it’s only a matter of time before we catch you. I hope these long prison sentences act as a deterrent and make people think twice.”

