

## ARMAGH 'MR BIG' LOSES LIFE OF LUXURY

A helicopter, luxury villa and Bentley are among the assets recovered by the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) in civil proceedings against a businessman in County Armagh.

The assets are part of a Consent Order, granted by Belfast High Court, against Mark Niall McKinney, Beverley Suzanne McKinney and MMK International Transport Limited.

Other assets recovered under the order include the family home in Portadown, contents of a variety of bank accounts, residential and commercial property, prestige cars, a caravan and a boat.

In its civil recovery application, SOCA submitted that McKinney had derived the majority of his assets through money laundering, fraud, illegal trading, income tax and VAT evasion.

On 27 February 2009, Mr McKinney agreed to settle SOCA's civil recovery proceedings under Part 5 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 by handing over assets to a minimum value of £3 million.

Civil recovery is a vital tool in the fight against crime. It enables law enforcement agencies to bring civil proceedings against property held by individuals and recover assets which are believed to have been obtained through criminal conduct.



Pictures of some of McKinney's forfeited assets



This case was referred by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) in 2005. The PSNI Economic Crime Bureau played a significant role in supporting SOCA action.

Detective Chief Inspector Kim McCauley, from the PSNI Economic Crime Bureau, said: "This is an example of police working in partnership with another law enforcement agency to ensure individuals do not benefit from crime. We see joint working against serious organised crime as the best way forward to combat harm to our economy."

David Armond, SOCA Deputy Director of Proceeds of Crime, said: "SOCA is determined to ensure that crime doesn't pay. We know that taking away criminal assets hurts and we don't always have to bring a criminal prosecution to do it. He added "Together with our partners we are using civil recovery powers and closing the net on all those who attempt to profit from their criminal activities."

The Consent Order was granted following an agreed settlement between

SOCA and Mark McKinney, 44, and his wife 46 year old Beverley McKinney of 11 Woodlands Manor, Portadown, MMK Transport Limited, Seagoe Industrial Estate in Portadown. A separate order was granted against 45 year old Tony James McNeill, address given Selshion Parade, Portadown.

### The recoverable assets include:

- Residential and commercial property in Portadown
- A luxury villa in Spain
- Cash seized by the Receiver
- Contents of 16 bank accounts
- Luxury cars with personalised number plates including a Bentley, a Range Rover and a Hummer
- An Augusta Spa helicopter
- A caravan
- A boat
- Investment Policies and,
- The Family Home - 11 Woodlands Manor, Portadown

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## Welcome Payback Times



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Welcome to the latest issue of Payback Times. Sadly, this is my last opportunity to introduce the newsletter to the financial investigation and asset recovery community.

As some of you may be aware, I am transferring from my post as SOCA's Deputy Director of Proceeds of Crime to take responsibility for the International Crime Department. Ian Cruxton, formerly a Deputy Director in Enforcement, takes over my role and also succeeds me as chairman of the Asset Recovery Working Group.

## Take part in National Tackling Drugs Week

Following the success of National Tackling Drugs Day last year, the Home Office is running a National Tackling Drugs Week from 8 – 12 June 2009.

The week of action is designed to provide local agencies and police forces with a platform to publicise the work being done to tackle drugs and reduce drug-related crime to highlight the significant efforts that are being made to keep our communities safe.

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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone who has worked so hard to embrace POCA powers and tools over the past three years to achieve some outstanding successes in terms of asset recovery. It has certainly been a challenging, demanding yet satisfying period, when significant progress has been made towards understanding and tackling criminal finances and profits.

We are now beginning to see real impact as a wider community of investigators use the powers to ensure that crime does not pay, but so much more remains to be done. I wish you every success in taking this work forward and thank you for your efforts to date.

I would also like to express my thanks to the Payback Team for promoting our successes to both professionals engaged in this work and the public, through the medium of conferences, advertising and of course the Payback Times and Payback Review.

Finally, please keep the Payback Team informed of new initiatives and good work.

**David Armond**  
**Chairman of the**  
**Asset Recovery Working Group**

**TACKLING  
DRUGS  
CHANGING  
LIVES**

This year we would also like to make more of the opportunity to publicise the work you do around financial investigation and asset recovery related to drugs. We would like as many law enforcement agencies and police forces around the country to take part. Your level of involvement could range from high profile and visible police enforcement activity, to smaller events to highlight the work you do.

A National Tackling Drugs Week handbook with ideas on the enforcement activities you could run during the week is available from [Home Office Drugs Website](#) to support those who would like to take part in the communications drive

*Don't forget to feed back your stories and images to the Payback Times so they can be featured in future issues.*

## 48 HOURS AND COUNTING - IT'S PAYBACK TIME FOR CRIMINALS

A Northumbria Police initiative to take the cash out of crime has helped disrupt people who cause the most harm in their communities.

Now criminals who continue to live extravagant lifestyles without any obvious source of income are being warned the force is coming to get them.

Operation Payback 3 is a big push to seize the assets of career criminals who wear badges of wealth, targeting both low level offenders as well as those who profit from organised, serious crime.

The 48-hour initiative will carry on the good work from the previous two years of the force's Payback campaigns, which has seen more than £3 million worth of goods seized from career criminals since 2007. The campaign is designed to highlight the work of the force's financial investigators, which takes place all year round.

Detective Chief Inspector Jim Mcall, of the force's Economic Crime Unit, said: "The results from the past two years prove we're determined to target local criminals and seize their ill gotten gains. This really is payback time for criminals. Operation Payback 3 is aimed at sending out a message to criminals that we are effective will identify them and will seize and confiscate the property they have obtained as a result of their criminal activity. It also highlights the good work that takes place throughout the force on a day to day basis to recover assets. The emphasis on recovering criminal assets will continue."

Check out the Northumbria Police website for more details  
[www.northumbria.police.uk](http://www.northumbria.police.uk)

'Payback – Taking the cash out of crime' is the brand owned by the Assets Recovery Working Group, which is made up of representatives from 15 different Government departments and law enforcement agencies.

Payback incorporates a multi agency approach sharing best practice in using the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to reduce crime in the UK through asset recovery; taking millions of pounds out of the criminals' hands.

## Blackburn lorry driver ordered to payback over £600,000



Picture of Andrew Akeroyd

A (convicted) Blackburn lorry driver, currently serving a nine year prison sentence after admitting a massive money laundering operation in August, has been ordered to hand over £607,000 from the proceeds of his crime at Preston Crown Court.

Earlier this year Andrew Akeroyd, 55, of Kingsley Close, Blackburn claimed his wealth could be attributed to his skills as a poker player but police were able to prove that his £600,000 fortune was in fact generated from crime.

After months of financial investigation by Lancashire Constabulary, Akeroyd's total benefit figure was set at £639,000. The amount of available assets has been calculated as £607,086.51 which he must repay within six months or face a further four years in prison by default and he'll still owe the money with accrued interest on his release.

Akeroyd's assets include a terrace house and a four bedroom detached house in Blackburn, an Audi TT and luxury gadgets from plasma TVs to top of the range computers.

Financial Investigator Nomita Liljstone from Lancashire Constabulary's Proceeds of Crime Unit said: "This was an extremely complex investigation that involved enquiries around the UK and abroad. His attempts to disguise a large scale money laundering operation as gambling success were futile".

"It is now likely that Akeroyd will have to sell his two houses in Blackburn, empty his UK and Dutch bank accounts and sell his cars to raise the money. Akeroyd will not living the extravagant lifestyle of Caribbean cruises that he did before he got caught."

John Dilworth, Head of the Complex Casework Unit for the Crown Prosecution Service in Lancashire said: "This confiscation order prevents Akeroyd from getting any financial benefit from his crimes either while he is in prison or after he has served his sentence."

He continued "At his trial last year we clearly showed that his employment as a lorry driver did not provide the sort of money and financial assets that he obviously had at his disposal. We also had strong evidence of the extraordinary lengths that he went to disguise the large amounts of money that he was paying into many different bank accounts. He was left with no option but to change his plea to guilty during cross-examination.

Mr Dilworth added that "Where there is evidence, as there was in this case, that someone has amassed large amounts of cash and other assets with no legitimate means of doing so, the CPS and police in Lancashire are making full use of the law on proceeds of crime to have those assets confiscated."

## A Call to Arms: JARD New Performance Framework

*Are you tired of programmes like Panorama getting the wrong end of the stick about your work?*

*Fed up of having success judged only in terms of pounds, shillings and pence instead of harm reduction and public confidence?*

Well you're not alone. At the most recent meeting of the Asset Recovery Working Group (ARWG), senior representatives from across the proceeds of crime community agreed to start work on a "new performance framework" for 2009/2010.

The ultimate objective of this framework is to draw a link between the value that financial investigators bring to any investigation and the impact of that work on reducing harm, fighting crime and generally making the world a better place.

Naturally, there is no magic wand here – we all know that financial investigation adds value, but we currently lack the tools and measures to articulate this in quantitative terms, except for measuring the volume and value of assets recovered, which is only a part of the impact of financial investigation.

Over the course of 2009/10, ARWG will be attempting to find ways to fill this gap and to report the full impact of the work of the proceeds of crime community. An important first step lies with each of you however, to populate the Joint Asset Recovery Database (JARD) as comprehensively as possible.

Make no mistake, the members of ARWG are under no illusions

that in most cases updating JARD is a chore and often involves duplication of information already entered onto your local systems. That is why ARWG continues to negotiate forcefully with central government colleagues for funding to effect root and branch improvements to the JARD system.

In the meantime, the current JARD system is the best source of information we've got about the work of the proceeds of crime community. There is much underused functionality, for example the ability to record "crime type" and "NIM level". The more data that ARWG has to analyse, the closer it can get to developing a fuller description of the impact of your work. A secondary benefit of the improved use of JARD is that it helps to make the case for more investment in the future of the system.

### What does all this mean for you?

On a monthly basis starting in May, the ARWG secretariat and the JARD management team will run a comprehensive report on the outputs of the proceeds of crime community for the previous month, using as much data as possible from JARD. Future editions of the Payback Times will carry articles on this work. In addition, towards the end of 09/10, ARWG will report back on how far it has got with the analysis of this data and the development of a new, comprehensive performance framework.

**Forward your feedback and comments to the Payback secretariat at [payback.secretariat@soca.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:payback.secretariat@soca.x.gsi.gov.uk)**

JARD helping to reduce crime

[www.jard.pnn.police.uk](http://www.jard.pnn.police.uk) [www.jard.gsi.gov.uk](http://www.jard.gsi.gov.uk)

## Intellectual Property Crime – It Does Matter

The Rogers Review estimated that Intellectual Property (IP) crime in the UK is worth £1.3 billion with £900 million of this flowing towards organised crime, but some feel that the actual figure is far higher. What is clear is that IP crime threatens legitimate businesses and undermines consumer confidence.

IP crime is the counterfeiting and piracy of trade marked and copyrighted products and services. Fake products are found in almost all industry sectors and have been increasing at an alarming rate over recent years. IP protection is therefore becoming increasingly important to harness creativity and innovation.

Spreading from cottage industries producing poor-quality, counterfeit fashion accessories, to massive manufacturing plants that can produce cheap copies of everything extending to a diverse range of products from home-entertainment products electrical appliances, medicines, children's toys, car parts. Some of these goods can be very dangerous, with the potential to cause serious harm to consumers.

IP crime is now recognised as a global issue – the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development reported that goods seized at national borders in 2005, amounted to around US\$200 billion, which does not include products distributed through the internet.

The internet has also become an important, alternative market and way to supply fakes

on demand.

A collaborated approach between enforcement agencies, industry and Government is essential to combat the threat posed by IP Crime. To assist, the Intellectual Property Office is raising awareness and coordinating enforcement activities. It also maintains the IPID Intelligence database, a central repository of IP intelligence data and ensures the legislative framework is fit for purpose.

In order to broaden the expertise within the Intellectual Property Office, Trading Standards and Police officers have been seconded to the IP office. One of which is an Accredited Financial Investigator, who provides advice and guidance on how POCA can be proactively used with IP cases and investigations.

POCA has proved to be a useful tool in IP cases, demonstrated in the successful arrest and confiscation order issued by Sheffield Crown Court totalling £2,744,985.70 – the biggest ever made in the County – against Lily Lee from Sheffield.

Lee was a former member of an organised Chinese criminal gang, which saw millions of pounds worth of counterfeit goods being smuggled into Britain from China and being sold on the internet auction site eBay.

**For further information on the Intellectual Property Office please contact IP Crime Policy Team on:**  
[ipcrimeteam@ipo.gov.uk](mailto:ipcrimeteam@ipo.gov.uk).

## Crown Court Revised Confiscation Forms

A new set of revised confiscation forms have been designed and launched.

They are; the 5050 Confiscation Order, 5050A Schedule of available or realisable assets, a new 5050B Order Discharging a Confiscation Order and a new Distribution list.

### **These forms supersede all previous forms.**

The 5050 form must only be completed by Crown Court staff. The 5050A is a joint form used initially by the Financial Investigator to record the offender's assets prior to the confiscation hearing, and then by the Crown Court staff to confirm the assets as agreed by the Judge at the confiscation hearing.

The revised Distribution list is similar to the old list, the new list (with some additional information has been added) and sets out which departments are required and whom the recipient of each Criminal Justice partner agency is.

## Export Asset Data on to 5050A Form

There is now a facility on JARD to export an asset list on a confiscation order to a 5050A form. All Financial Investigators should use this function to record the assets available to satisfy a confiscation order.

Having replicated this form on JARD it should reduce the amount of time Financial Investigators spend completing a 5050A form and ensure an accurate record of all assets on JARD.

In order to use this new function you must have Adobe Reader (versions 7 or above) installed on your computer. Step by step guidance including frequently asked questions is available on FISS and in the JARD latest news archives.

## ILLEGAL DVD FACTORY UNCOVERED IN LONDON

Officers from the Metropolitan Police Obscene Publications Unit have arrested two men and seized over 50,000 counterfeit DVDs following a joint operation with City of London Police, FACT (Federation Against Copyright Theft) and Trading Standards.

The intelligence led operation, codenamed Renard, saw officers execute a search warrant at an address in Lewisham on 18 March 2009. On entering, police discovered the upstairs had been converted into an illegal duplicating premise, with 120 DVD burners. Over 20,000 DVDs, all of a pornographic and some obscene nature, were also found, complete with labels and covers, ready to be illegally distributed throughout London.

This was in addition to a further 30,000 counterfeit and pornographic DVDs uncovered at two other linked premises in Tower Hamlets the previous week.

Two men were arrested on suspicion of publishing obscene articles and possession with a view to supply unclassified films; they were taken to a central London police station.

Kieron Sharp, FACT Director General, said: "This is a major success in closing down an illegal burning lab capable of producing over 100,000 counterfeit DVDs per week with a street value of over £300,000. These DVDs would have supplied a large number of street vendors in London and the South East, with the proceeds being funnelled back to organised criminal networks."

Inspector Andy Shortland from the Metropolitan Police Obscene Publications Unit said: "The nature of the DVDs in this case fuels demand for an industry based on the abuse and exploitation of vulnerable women. We will continue to work with our partners to disrupt this criminal activity and bring offenders to justice."

## Sheffield gang member earns time in jail

Razwan Mohammed was convicted on 6 May 2005, for handling stolen motor vehicles. He received a two year suspended sentence and a confiscation order for £76,000. Since then Mohammed tried to use the appeals process to avoid having to make payment and allow him the opportunity to dissipate his assets. At the same time, police intelligence showed that he had risen to some prominence amongst organised crime gangs involved in the supply of drugs and the associated gang style violence in Sheffield.

Julie Richardson, an accredited Financial Investigator with South Yorkshire Police, with the assistance of the North East Regional Confiscation Unit, worked tirelessly to defend the appeal applications and pursued Mohammed throughout the process culminating with the issue of a warrant for his arrest on the 12 November 2008. Mohammed was circulated as wanted and arrested a few days later by HMRC officers as he attempted to leave the country for Pakistan via Holyhead.

On 24 November 2008, he appeared in Court, and the default sentence for non payment of a confiscation order, of two years imprisonment was invoked. The amount to pay had risen with interest to £80,000.

This is a prime example of the power of POCA, the tenacity of a financial investigator and partnership working, combining to put away a persistent and violent criminal and disrupt the criminal activity of an organised crime gang.

## Sweet Success for Drugs Investigators

Three drug smugglers who disguised heroin as sugar cane were jailed for a total of 45 years following a joint operation between HMRC, RCPO SOCA, and the UKBA.

In June 2008, the UKBA seized 4.25 kilograms of heroin at 100 per cent purity disguised as sugar cane in a container at Heathrow Airport.

Twenty sticks containing diamorphine were hidden in boxes of mangoes and sugar cane which arrived on a flight from Lahore in Pakistan. Mohammad Saddique and Tariq Zaman collected the sugar cane and mangoes at Heathrow Airport and drove it to an address in Birmingham.

The case was referred to SOCA by HMRC and Operation Borgia was launched. Saddique and Zaman were arrested immediately and a third man, Zulfikar Shah, who played an

organising role in the importation, was arrested several months later.

All three men were charged with offences relating to the importation of class A drugs into the UK, and at Isleworth Crown Court they each received 15 year sentences.



Picture of the sugar cane drug containers

## DWP FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT SCOTLAND

Following the construction of the DWP FIU Glasgow in May 2007, the caseload has risen from two to three annually to an expected 50 asset confiscations in the Scottish criminal justice system for 2008/09 as well as 13 suitable for Money Laundering offences.

DWP FIU cases are underway in both Confiscation and Civil regimes in Scotland with the Scottish Crown Office, and some are to be considered for SOCA Tax or HMRC Criminal Tax Unit action as well.

On 7 October 2008, Catherine McMahon of Stationhead Road, Lochgelly, Fife was served with a Compensation Order for £22,106 and additional Confiscation Order for £5,000, was granted at Dunfermline Sheriff Court following the freezing of HBOS bank accounts from April 2007. She maintained the capital sums were actually her grandchild's, but she had tried to withdraw it all in 2007, after an initial enquiry from the DWP. She went to full trial and was unable to demonstrate why other grandchildren had no similar sums under her control. A jury convicted her of common law fraud.

On 13 August 2008, at Dundee Sheriff Court, Ann Graham of Shaftesbury Road, Dundee, ex-DWP employee was convicted of fraud and given

community service, and paid £16,000 in compensation for claiming benefits fraudulently whilst being employed by the DWP!

On 1 October 2008, at Glasgow Sheriff Court, Caroline Ginesi of Essex Drive, Glasgow was convicted of owning a £300,000 property and also working whilst claiming DWP benefits elsewhere and was given a Confiscation Order for the full fraud offence of £18,366.

In September 2008, two individuals investigated for undeclared capital assets paid immediate compensation of a combined £31,729 to the DWP and East Renfrewshire District Council to avoid confiscation action threatened, which begins to demonstrate the fear the legislation holds for offenders.

In January 2009, Paul Sharpe, of Bathgate Street, Glasgow, was served with a Confiscation Order for £30,000. Following his conviction and nine month imprisonment last October for long term DWP benefit claims whilst living elsewhere in a bought house and running a plumbing business. His defence argued his property had decreased in value substantially due to the economic crisis and any assets were much diluted, but an order was made nonetheless for the full conviction amount.

The DWP FIU Scotland and Crown Office have also successfully restrained assets such as a boat, various high value vehicles, cherished number plates, pension plans, property in Europe, and online betting accounts, in addition to normal property and bank account/investments within the UK. Many such cases are still due to come to Court.

In addition the DWP FIU Scotland and Scottish Money Laundering Unit of the SCDEA are pursuing a series of benefit and mortgage frauds as well as serious money laundering regulation breaches ranging between £3 - £8 million, as well as other offenders reported for copyright and human trafficking predicate offences. These cases clearly demonstrate there is a significant area of criminality that supports such joint working under POCA.



## Events Round Up

### Dates for your Diary

Dates	Subject	Duration	Organiser	Location	Costs	contact
21/04/09	POCA Update Event for Local Authority Investigators	Full day	ARWG/ NPIA	Walker Stadium, Leicester	Free of charge	Contact Maggie May Telephone: 0207 238 8204 <a href="mailto:maggie.may@soca.x.gsi.gov.uk">maggie.may@soca.x.gsi.gov.uk</a>
24/04/09	Asset Recovery demonstration visit. Operation Iceberg	Half day	Home Office	North Kent Police Station Windsor Suite 2		If you are interested in attending then please go to <a href="http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/focusofthemoth/focusofthemoth001.htm">http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/focusofthemoth/focusofthemoth001.htm</a>
28/04/09	MLRO Master class	Full day	British Bankers' Association	Pinners Hall, London EC2N 1EX	Member price £402.50 including VAT Non-members price £517.50 including VAT	
30/04/09	Managing the Risk of Terrorist Financing Workshop	Full day	British Bankers' Association	Pinners Hall, London EC2N 1EX	Member price £402.50 including VAT Non-members price £517.50 including VAT	
11/05/09 to 12/05/09	Annual Conference	Two day residential	Institute of Money Laundering Prevention Officers	Barcelo Imperial Blackpool Hotel	Full delegate rate: members price £595 + VAT; non-members price £745 + VAT	<a href="http://www.imlpo.com">www.imlpo.com</a> , Telephone: 020 8847 4074

### Birmingham Anti-Money Laundering Conference is a Huge Success

The third one day conference in conjunction with the Payback team and the UK Financial Intelligence Unit (UKFIU), which sits within the Proceeds of Crime department of the Serious Organised Crime Agency, took place in Birmingham at the National Motorcycle Museum on 12 March 2009.

The free one day conference was aimed at small and medium sized businesses in the West Midlands covered by the Money Laundering Regulations 2007(MLRs). Such businesses are often more vulnerable to abuse by those attempting to launder the proceeds of crime.

Throughout the conference there were speeches and breakout sessions offering a range of practical hints and tips for delegates to incorporate into their business processes. Representatives from the regulators who supervise firms in relation to their responsibilities under the MLRs were also on hand to offer practical advice and guidance to businesses.

The breakout sessions included several case studies of operations and investigations which highlighted the value of the information provided to law enforcement from the Suspicious Activity Reporting Regime and with emphasis on the importance of knowing your customer, customer due diligence and understanding your client's business.

**The Payback team and UKFIU will organise a new programme of conferences for the Regulated Sector for 2009/2010.**

### FREE EVENT FOR INVESTIGATORS

Have you booked your place for the Local Authority POCA Update Event being held at the Walker Stadium on 21 April 2009 yet?

This event is designed for Local Authority Investigators and their managers who want to know more about how Proceeds of Crime Act and Money Laundering Regulations can be used to deal with housing benefit frauds, private sector housing offences, environmental protection crime and consumer protection offences.

Places to attend this event are FREE of CHARGE and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

For further information please contact: Maggie May on 020 7238 8204 or E-mail: [Maggie.may@soca.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Maggie.may@soca.x.gsi.gov.uk)



If you have conferences or events that you wish to publicise contact the ARWG Conference & Events Manager: [maggie.may@soca.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:maggie.may@soca.x.gsi.gov.uk)

## Legal Update:

# Changes to European Arrest Warrant Policing

From 1 April 2009 there will be major change to the policing of European Arrest Warrants (EAWs) throughout England and Wales, when the Metropolitan Police Extradition Unit (Extrad) will withdraw from its national remit for the enforcement of EAWs.

### What are the changes?

The SOCA Fugitive Unit will continue as the UK Central Authority for all incoming EAWs, for certification and initial intelligence to locate the subject. Current arrangements are that the EAWs are then referred to Extrad for onward processing and the arrest.

From April 2009, Extrad will only be responsible for the policing of EAW where the subject is identified as being located within London. All other EAWs will now be referred to the ACPO police force where the subject is identified as being located.

As well as being responsible for follow-up intelligence and the arrest of subjects, the ACPO police forces will also be responsible via coordination with the SOCA Fugitive Unit, for the subsequent handover of the subject to the requesting state when extradition has been ordered or consented.

These changes see a significant shift in the national policing of EAWs with them becoming a key aspect of mainstream policing and a tool to combat domestic crime.

Following an ACPO briefing at New Scotland Yard by Extrad and SOCA to member forces, in conjunction with the publication of the first draft of National Guidelines on extradition by the NPIA, SOCA hosted a series of workshops held throughout March in London, Birmingham, Bristol and Newcastle. These workshops were targeted at those within forces who are responsible for the receipt and training of front line officers on the processing and handling of EAWs. The workshops provided an intensive hands-on program covering arrest, production at court and removals.

These changes present significant challenges for ACPO forces and SOCA. For SOCA, as well as an expanded role for the Fugitive Unit working directly with ACPO forces on locating, arresting and returning subjects; SOCA Enforcement will be taking on a more proactive role in the arrest of key targets and on undertaking the escorting and surrender of subjects.

## CASE FILE: Section 252 Proceeds of Crime Act

In a recent hearing, in the lengthy saga of SOCA vs Szepietowski (heard on 27 February 2009), the defendants were seeking further exclusions under Section 252 of the Proceeds of Crime Act.

The money in question was being held in trust by the defendant who was a solicitor. SOCA alleged that this money had been obtained by unlawful conduct. The defendant argued that firstly, he had insufficient personal assets to meet his legal costs, and secondly, that as he was defending the claim in his fiduciary capacity as a trustee then his costs should be indemnified out of the trust property.

The defendant contended that Parliament could not have intended that a trustee defendant to civil recovery proceedings would have to either fund the defence from assets available to him in his personal capacity or not defend the proceedings at all.

The Court held that the defendant did have substantial personal assets and that his earlier statement of assets had been inadequate in terms of documentary evidence. They also held that the exclusion order regime said nothing about persons sued in a fiduciary capacity. That omission was deliberate. If the defence succeeded he could recover costs from SOCA and recover any shortfall by exercising his ordinary



right of indemnity out of the trust fund under general trust law.

The Court also recognised the very strong public interest in property representing the proceeds of crime being recovered with as few deductions being made from it as possible. It further stated that there were strong prima facie grounds for suspecting that the whole trust arrangement was a sham.

**Held:** *In relation to Section 252 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 there was no scope for reading into the scheme an exception for trustees, which would confine attention to assets which were vested in them in a fiduciary capacity and would leave out of account their personal assets.*

## From the RARTS:

The RARTs are dedicated multi-agency teams formed to support law enforcement agencies to assist them in their task of confiscating as large a portion as possible of the **£25 billion** generated each year by the criminal economy.

The West Midlands RART was first established as a pilot scheme in April 2003, where they began the ethos of calling upon the specialism of the various law enforcement agencies to tackle the vast amount of money being generated from organised and serious crime. This initiative has now been launched in five of the nine Association of Chief Police Officer regions. Empowered by the provisions of POCA there are five regional teams: London, North West, North East, West Midlands and Wales, which are funded by the Home Office.

The RARTs have a wide coverage area as shown in the map. They provide their services to a variety of agencies as shown below:

- HM Revenue and Customs
- Police Units across each region
- Trading Standards Services
- Ofcom
- BERR
- SFO
- Office of Fair Trading
- MHRA
- DWP
- Middle Market Drugs Team (multi agency team targeting drug traffickers)
- Operation Maxim (multi agency team that targets those involved in people smuggling)

**The RARTs can be contacted on the following numbers:**

**London RART: 0207 230 6932**

**Midlands RART: 0121 251 2051**

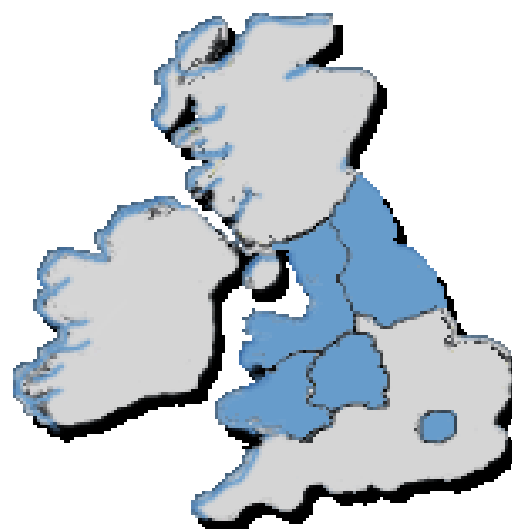
**North East RART: 0113 260 7398**

**North West: 0870 757 3911**

**Wales RART: 01656 310 100**

These five multi agency teams comprises of officers and staff from 22 different police forces along with investigators from HM Revenue and Customers, the Crown Prosecution Service, Inland Revenue, Trading Standards and the Medicines and Health Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

The RARTs support regional asset recovery by assisting authorised money laundering investigations and undertaking Confiscation, Forfeiture and Restraint. In addition the RARTs can support/advise enquiries where forensic accountancy may be necessary, provide mentoring support to trainee financial investigators and can deliver Proceeds of Crime Act awareness training within forces.



## Fake Viagra Gang Hit Below the Belt

An investigation conducted by Financial Investigator Mike Torpy from the London RART, led to the granting of confiscation orders totalling over half a million pounds at Kingston Crown Court on the 18 March 2009.

Ashish Halai, a 34 year old businessman of from Elstree, Herts and his wife Nanya Halai, a 33 year old pharmacist were involved in the import and supply of fake Viagra and other medicines.

The gang that the Halai's were part of, were the UK distribution arm of a global counterfeiting ring that operated from China, India and Pakistan and extended to the Caribbean and USA.

Ashish Halai and others masterminded the industrial scale supply of counterfeit medicines between 2002 and 2005.

The criminal investigation, which was led, by the MHRA resulted in the seizure of over £1,500,000 of counterfeit medicines and the unravelling of the biggest conspiracy to supply counterfeit medicines encountered in the UK.

On the 17 September 2007, at Kingston Crown Court, Ashish Halai entered guilty pleas and was sentenced to a four and a half years prison sentence.

On the 9 February 2007, Nanya Halai received an 80 hour community service order.

In addition, Ashish was given a confiscation order for £500,000 with six months to pay or face a further six months in jail. Nanya was given a confiscation order for £29,136 and will face 15 months imprisonment if the order is not satisfied within six months.

Chief Inspector Sean Wanless, head of London RART said: "This result, which shows the benefits of working in partnership with the MHRA, demonstrates that criminals who supply dangerous pharmaceuticals will not be allowed to retain the benefit of their criminality". He added "This significant confiscation is part of the ongoing partnership between the MHRA and RART, who are committed to making sure that crime does not pay."

## Gang Lynchpin Jailed Over Cannabis Factory



Picture of Leyakt Sajawal

South Yorkshire Police engaged the North East RART (NE RART) at an early stage to assist in developing intelligence concerning Leyakt Sajawal and his associates, who were believed to be heavily involved in Cannabis farming in South Yorkshire.

The NE RART Money Laundering Team worked closely with partner forces to obtain evidence which has now led to the successful prosecution and the disruption of the organised crime group.

On 26 February 2009, Sajawal pleaded guilty to conspiracy to produce class C drug (cannabis) and he was sentenced at Teesside Crown Court on 6 March 2009. He received a term of imprisonment of four and a half years.

The NE RART is continuing the investigation into the benefit that Sajawal has derived from the proceeds of these crimes and has restraint orders made on nine properties; cash in a bank account and a car with a view to these being used to satisfy a confiscation order to be made at a later date.

The police also seized three designer watches namely a jewelled Rolex, Breitling, a Rado and £10,000 cash, which was destined to be the deposit on a new Mercedes car.

Detective Inspector, Mel Ashley, from South Yorkshire police, said: "The sentence given to Leyakt Sajawal has shown that the court deemed him to be a major organiser involved in the production of cannabis. The value of the drugs being produced shows that he was in for the large criminal benefits which were being generated. Leyakt Sajawal and others were also responsible for the exploitation of illegal immigrants by using them within the cannabis factories."

DCI Steve Waite, from the NE RART, said: "South Yorkshire Police engaged the NE RART at an early stage to assist them in developing intelligence relating to wholesale drugs production and supply. It became clear that the organised crime group was operating throughout the region". He added that "The NE RART confiscation team are continuing to investigate SAJAWAL with a view to ensuring that he does not benefit from the proceeds of his crimes. Four and half years in prison is a significant term but is only part of the sentence."

The RART will ensure that any gains that this group enjoyed will be recovered for the benefit of the community.

## Bogus Financial Advisor Pays Back Victims



Gary Cawthorne, aged 45, of Hill Street, West London was arrested in March 2006, after officers from the Metropolitan Police investigated crimes that had been reported by Cawthorne's many victims.

Cawthorne was acting as an independent financial advisor running a company providing mortgage advice, however he was not registered with the Financial Services Authority (FSA) to do so.

Between 2003 and 2007, Cawthorne stole large sums of monies from many victims resulting in the loss of their life savings and leaving some struggling with mortgage payments and in fear of losing their homes.

Cawthorne attracted customers by promising sky high interest returns on large deposits which he was unable to honour. He also befriended women and socialised with them in a lavish manner, while convincing them to remortgage their properties. Cawthorne promised to arrange mortgages for some victims and accepted deposit payments

from them, which he then retained for himself.

On 3 August 2007, at Snaresbrook Crown Court, Cawthorne pleaded guilty to 15 offences of theft, evasion of liability by deception, obtaining money transfer by deception and fraudulent trading. Cawthorne was given a three and a half year prison sentence for his crimes. London RART carried out a financial investigation on Cawthorne, which showed the high life that his crimes were affording him.

On 6 March 2009, at Snaresbrook Crown Court, a confiscation order was made for £450,000 which Cawthorne must satisfy by the 1 July 2009, or face a further three and a half years being added to his sentence.

A compensation order was also made for £450,000 which is to be used to compensate Cawthorne's victims and it will be satisfied out of the money recovered under the confiscation order.

## Final Conspirator Receives Confiscation Order

Marc Fisher, a 45 year old self employed lettings manager of Totteridge, North London was convicted of conspiracy to supply Class A drugs on 16 February 2007. He was subsequently sentenced to 15 years imprisonment.

This conviction was the result of a pre-planned drugs operation by the Metropolitan Police's Middle Market Drugs Team in August 2005. During the operation, 42 packages of cocaine weighing approximately 1 kilo each with a street value of £1,260,000 were found in a North London flat. Alongside the packages was a list of buyers and quantities for distribution.

It was discovered that Fisher, in fact, owned the flat and was working with three co-conspirators; Bryan Miller, Jason Anderson and Ewart Henry who all received prison sentences. Confiscation orders were also made against them.

London RART conducted the financial investigation on all the conspirators with Fisher being the final of the four to receive a confiscation order. This order was made at Harrow Crown Court on the 26 February 2009.

## SFO News Round up

### Independent Insurance fraudsters ordered to pay over £1million confiscation

The final confiscation order was made in the Independent Insurance Group Plc fraud case.

Compensation in favour of the provisional liquidators of the Independent Insurance Group Plc was ordered from both the confiscation orders made against Philip Condon and Dennis Lomas.

At Southwark Crown Court, Philip Condon was given a confiscation order of £1,280,896 payable within six months or face an additional prison sentence of four years in default of payment.

A compensation order for the same amount was made in favour of the provisional liquidators of the Independent Insurance Group Plc, (PriceWaterhouseCoopers) to be paid from the confiscated amount.

On 3 November 2008, Dennis Lomas was ordered to pay £470,113 confiscation within six months or receive a term of imprisonment of 30 months in default. Again, from the confiscation order a compensation order of the same amount was made in favour of the Provisional Liquidators of the Independent Insurance Group Plc.

On 30 October 2008, Michael Bright paid £1,258,467.04 from his pension fund, pursuant to a settlement agreement arising from civil proceedings taken by the Provisional Liquidators of the Independent Insurance Group Plc against Michael Bright.

In those circumstances HHJ Rivlin QC exercised his discretion under s71 (1c) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (as amended) ("the Act") not to make

a confiscation order under the Act against Michael Bright, being satisfied that the civil proceedings in respect of Michael Bright's conduct had been settled by the above payment to the representatives of the victims of the criminal conduct.

The payment to the provisional liquidators represented 63 per cent of Michael Bright's pension fund and also included a sum that had accumulated in a restrained bank account since conviction.

Michael Bright was previously a bankrupt and therefore no longer in possession of any significant assets apart from his pension fund which is not ordinarily a realisable asset under the Act or in bankruptcy.

This payment therefore achieved a result which provides greater recompense to the victims of this fraud than the court may have been able to achieve under the confiscation regime in the Act.

Phillip Condon and Dennis Lomas were ordered to pay costs of £5,000 each and Michael Bright £10,000.

SFO Director, Richard Alderman, said "The Serious Fraud Office is committed to making criminals surrender the benefits of crime by ensuring confiscation of criminal assets and that as much of what is obtained goes to repaying victims. The SFO will continue to be aggressive in pursuit of this objective."



### Art imitating Life

The Serious Fraud Office is questioning Archers' Matt Crawford over possible fraud in 'Ambridge'.

It's a role reversal for the Serious Fraud Office to be helping with inquiries, but this is just what happened when the BBC knocked on its door. The SFO helped develop a story line with the BBC for its long running radio four drama, The Archers.

One of the SFO's most experienced investigators was brought in to help and together with writers for the show set off on a line of inquiry which began local businessman Matt Crawford being woken from his sleep to find local police and SFO investigators at his door. They questioned him about the possible defrauding of a bank by Matt Crawford, who they allege dishonestly represented Chalkman Crawford Capital Partners as solvent when he knew it was not.

It is likely that this particular story line run for several months. The only advice the SFO can give Mr Crawford is that it is in his interests to co-operate fully with them.

SFO Investigator Julian Parker who assisted the programme makers said: "It's been fascinating to have the opportunity to advise on such a wonderful and much loved show."

### Four year ban for boiler room fraudster

Twice convicted fraudster, Haroon Khatab has been ordered not to conduct investment and financial management business for four years after his release from prison.

The Serious Crime Prevention Order is the first in an SFO prosecution. Khatab, who is currently serving consecutive sentences amounting to three years, three months has also been disqualified from acting as a company director for ten years.

The Serious Crime Prevention Order was made at Luton Crown Court today by HHJ Bright QC. It follows Khatab's conviction in September 2008, for his part in a boiler room fraud offering wine investments, Vintage Wines of St Albans Ltd and his conviction in January this year for defrauding investors in his Asian frozen meals business, Tahir Tandoori Frozen Foods Ltd.

Should any company wish to contact the SFO regarding corruption or bribery, they should email Keith McCarthy on [Keith.McCarthy@sfo.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Keith.McCarthy@sfo.gsi.gov.uk)

## UKFIU & SARs Update

### UK Financial Intelligence Unit provides evidence to Parliament

An influential House of Lords Committee took evidence on 18 March from the Head of the UK Financial Intelligence Unit (UKFIU), David Thomas, as part of an inquiry into the Government's international efforts to combat money laundering and terrorist financing.

The UKFIU is part of SOCA's Proceeds of Crime Department, and is responsible for managing the Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) regime.

The Committee was given details of the progress that the UKFIU has achieved in recent years. In particular it heard of the good work that has been undertaken:

- to drive up the use of SARs by law enforcement agencies. SARs are now used by a wide range of agencies, in a wide range of ways;
- to increase dialogue amongst regime participants, including to improve the quality of feedback to reporters; and
- to work with international partners to exchange financial intelligence and combat corruption.

In addition the Committee heard details of SOCA's network of Financial Liaison Officers, and how this is proving to be a valuable resource in tackling overseas criminals that are causing harm to the UK.

Over recent weeks the Committee has also taken evidence from a range of organisations such as Treasury, Home Office, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Crown Prosecution Service, British Bankers' Association, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and the Law Society. The Committee will publish its report with recommendations in July.

### UKFIU Communications Products

The UKFIU Dialogue Team has produced a series of communications products to raise awareness and increase knowledge and understanding of the SARs Regime for stakeholders and reporting industry sectors.

New material is added to the portfolio regularly. These products are utilised for reference and research, as well as for visits and presentations, seminars, workshops and conferences. Amongst other events, relevant products have been incorporated as supportive delegate pack material for the Birmingham Payback Conference hosted 12 March.

While the initial focus has primarily been on generic products, the Dialogue Team are now setting their sights on more bespoke products for particular industry reporting sectors.

### UKFIU Dialogue Outreach Activities with Stakeholders Recent Initiatives:

- Presentation to 35 accountants as part of an AML programme Compliance Culture hosted by the Business Tax Centre.
- A presentation at a conference covering aspects of Confiscation, Civil Recovery, Cash Seizure and Money Laundering. The prestigious event was held in London, at which a number of eminent QCs' presented.
- The Dialogue Team has been engaging in joint working initiatives with a number of regulators in terms of mitigating money laundering risks.
- The Twice Yearly Feedback Questionnaire (TYFQ) covering Oct 08 - Mar 09 has been sent to all SARs End Users (approx 100) to gather info on SAR usage in line with Lander recommendation 16.
- The Dialogue Team are in continuing communication with the National Policing Improvement Agency over the proposed migration of the Financial Intelligence Gateway ("FIG List") to the Financial Investigators Support System (FISS).
- Production of a bespoke communications document explaining when Local Authorities should submit SARs and encouraging them to do so to counter a recently identified, sector specific threat relating to the purchase of 'Right to Buy Properties' by Local Authority tenants targeted by third party criminals.



#### Some of the communications products produced include following:

- Reporting via SAR Online
- UKFIU Further Information & General Enquiries
- Introduction to Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs)
- Local Authorities and Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs)
- Overview of the United Kingdom Financial Intelligence Unit (UKFIU)
- AML Training Case Studies Booklet - a summary of training case studies relating to the disclosure of financial information and intelligence submitted via SARs to the UKFIU.

## DRUGS MONEY: MIDLANDS MONEY LAUNDERERS JAILED

On 17 February 2009, one man from Birmingham and one from Derbyshire were sentenced for their part in a money laundering operation to 'clean up' the profits from serious organised crime gangs.

These gangs were involved in drug trafficking, multi-million pound VAT conspiracies in the mobile phone industry, counterfeiting and credit card fraud.

HMRC investigation officers uncovered the sophisticated plot, codenamed Operation Elemi 2, following a complex investigation. Their trail showed the defendants received the proceeds of crime in the UK. They acted as couriers who laundered hundreds of thousands of pounds by exploiting the gambling industry.

During the course of both trials the Court heard that money would be placed on deposit at casinos and withdrawn a day or so later. Other sums would be gambled. Thousands of pounds would be passed over the tables in order to disguise the original source of the banknotes. Monies gambled or exchanged at the casino provided the defendants with an apparently legitimate explanation as to their source.

Raids carried out across the West Midlands by HMRC investigation officers seized a total of £350,000. Around £200,000 was found in a residential property stashed in two holdalls and a further £150,000 was found stuffed in a Harrods carrier bag in a vehicle. The cash was seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and reclaimed for the public purse. Some of the money was about or in the process of being laundered and some had just been laundered. Forensic testing of the bank notes showed they were highly contaminated with heroin and cannabis.

The results indicate such large amounts of cash could only become so polluted if they had been in contact with items or people significantly contaminated with drugs shortly before their seizure. The cash was in fact drugs money. It has since been returned to the issuing banks, including the Bank of

England and Bank of Scotland, for destruction due to the high level of drugs contamination,

In a linked investigation that concluded in June 2008, codenamed Operation Elemi, five men from the West Midlands were sentenced to 30.5 years. The men were charged in relation to a substantial money laundering conspiracy, which also involved a £1.8 million VAT fraud, commonly known as a 'missing trader' fraud.

Some of the defendants also diverted £1.8 million of VAT in just one month in 2005 through their dishonest trade in mobile phones through a chain of contrived transactions. This money was transferred to Dubai which enabled the money laundering scheme.

Nick Burriss, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation for HM Revenue & Customs, said: "The successful conclusion of this case has resulted in a number of serious criminals being sent to prison. This was a highly sophisticated and complex fraud against the taxpayer and enabled the defendants to fund extravagant and luxurious lifestyles including properties, performance cars and designer jewellery."



## PROTECTING CHILDREN USING FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION

A new European Financial Coalition to track and disrupt the commercial element behind child sex abuse images has been launched.

Major financial, internet and technology corporations have joined forces with international policing agencies, the European Commission and specialist child protection NGOs to track and disrupt child sex offenders through the money they make.

Led by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre – the UK's dedicated policing organisation for protecting children from sexual exploitation – and funded by the European Commission, the new European Financial Coalition (EFC) will bring together an increasing number of organisations from across all key sectors to send out a stark warning to criminals who seek to make money from the distribution of child sex abuse images.

MasterCard, Microsoft, PayPal, VISA Europe and the NGO Missing Children Europe are amongst the founding members of the new coalition and are joined by international legal practice Allen & Overy and ICMEC - the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children as advisory members to the EFC.

On the law enforcement side of the EFC, founding members also include Europol, who are working with the CEOP team to deliver a European-wide policing response, and the Italian National Postal and Communication Police who are close allies of the UK national centre as both are part of an international alliance of law enforcement agencies under the banner of the Virtual Global Taskforce.

The objective of the EFC is to bring together all stakeholder groups engaged in the fight against the commercial distribution of child abuse images in order to facilitate and support pan-European police operations, with cross-sector solutions targeting, in particular, the electronic payment systems that are used to purchase child exploitation and abuse images on the internet.

## Charity Donations made from Assets Seized from Crime

### Aberffraw Youth Club benefit from funding



Picture of PCSO Alison Williams and Claire Rees from Aberffraw Youth Club

The money was donated to the Youth Club, which is run by village volunteers and relies on donations.

PCSO Alison Williams said: "The money from PACT is intended to benefit local communities and organisations and I was delighted to be able to present the cheque to the youth club – which thoroughly deserve this donation".

She added "The youth club is an excellent way of keeping the village youngsters occupied in the evenings and during school holidays and I hope they continue with the good work already carried out by them in the community."

PCSO Williams has worked in the community over the last four years but will soon be moving to work to another part of Anglesey. During the cheque presentation she was presented with a bouquet of flowers by local Councillor Glyn Jones on behalf of the Community

Council, who wanted to thank her for her work over the last few years.

Cllr Jones said: "The council wanted to express their sincere thanks to Alison for her hard work and dedication to the community of Aberffraw and we wish her luck for the future.

"The club are extremely grateful for the money which I'm sure will be put to good use for future projects and activities."

A youth club in South Anglesey benefited from a cash donation given by the North Wales Police and Community Trust (PACT).

Aberffraw Youth Club was recently presented with a cheque for £250 by the local Police Community Support Officer, Alison Williams.



## Over 60's Beat the Criminal with Crime Prevention

The Kirkburton Neighbourhood Policing Team helped the Shelley Over 60's Club with crime prevention after the Local Area Committee handed over £500 of funding.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team gave out 400 'purse chains' and 'secret pockets' across the area.

The chains are designed to attach purses to handbags and prevent thieves from taking them. Similarly, the secret pockets are attached to a cord which is worn around the neck. This allows the pocket to be concealed under clothes and kept separate from your bag.

PC Sally Baines, of the Kirkburton NPT worked closely with the group and believes the latest initiative will be well received. She said: "The purse chains and secret pockets do work as a deterrent and we will be handing them to the Over 60's club as they can often feel most vulnerable within the community".

"Although the area does not suffer from a significant problem involving these kinds of incidents, we believe this latest funding will help to reassure people and provide them with an added security.

"Some people carry photo's in their purses or other items of sentimental value which can not be replaced, but they forget to protect them when out shopping and thinking about other things. These purse chains can go some way towards protecting them for you.

If residents in the Kirkburton & Denby Dale areas would like a bag or a purse chain please contact PC Baines at Kirkburton Police Station on 01484 436898

**Tell us about the work you are doing to give proceeds of crime back to the local community and we'll include it in the Payback Times! Send articles to: [nnenna.oleforo@soca.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:nnenna.oleforo@soca.x.gsi.gov.uk)**

## Cashback for Communities

### 'Street Night' sports programme



Over 17,000 young people have taken part in football activities, and a significant contribution to Scottish Rugby's national development network has seen more young people participating in rugby, with over 43,000 young people taking part since August.

So far over 17,290 young people have taken part directly in over 2500 hours of CashBack funded activities such as street football, football schools and volunteer development initiatives as well as co-funded activity such as Bank of Scotland Midnight Leagues and Soccer One. These activities are delivered through the Scottish FA community programme in conjunction with local authorities and senior football clubs.

Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill hailed the scheme a resounding success for the youth football and rugby activities part-funded by the Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities scheme.

The scheme takes the ill-gotten gains from serious organised criminals and reinvests them in our communities to make a real difference to the lives of our young people.

Kenny MacAskill, said: "The vast majority of our youngsters are good, law-abiding kids. However, there are still too many getting involved in crime and antisocial behaviour. The devil finds time for idle hands. Giving kids the chance to burn off their energy playing football or rugby keeps them from getting into mischief or worse".

He added, "From the Highlands and Islands to the Borders, through initiatives such as Street Football and Street Rugby and the other strands of our CashBack for Communities scheme, we are giving our young people the opportunity to

realise their potential and be all they can be."

Sports Minister Stewart Maxwell said: "The Cashback scheme offers our young people the chance to put their energies into something positive and is a great way to support and encourage them to get involved in sport. Hopefully many of the young people who will take part in Cashback events will look to have a long term involvement in sport whether that is through playing, coaching or in another capacity."

Neil Carrie, Scottish Rugby's community rugby project development manager said: "The Cashback for Communities funding for Scottish Rugby is significant in allowing us to grow our successful development structure and therefore offer increased opportunities for young people to play and even coach rugby in more schools, clubs and communities; particularly those not traditionally exposed to rugby".

He added, "Street Rugby in particular, is an exciting programme where we can offer a fun, non-contact version of rugby at a local sports facility, street or car park; where young men and women can play together. We hope that their involvement in sport will have a positive impact on their lives and on their communities as a result."

Andy Gould, Head of Regional Development for the Scottish FA said: "The Scottish FA is delighted to be working closely with the Scottish Government to make a difference to the lives of young people across Scotland. Football is a way in which young people can channel their energies positively and brings a sense of teamwork and community spirit. The 'Street Night' sports programme in Hawick is an excellent example of engagement with youngsters who might not otherwise have had the opportunity."

The Cashback for Communities fund was set up to reinvest in youth projects in Scotland money seized from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

The Scottish Government's CashBack initiative supports a range of sports, arts and other activities for 10-19 year olds across Scotland. For full information about what is happening in your area, or to find out about other funding schemes, please visit [www.cashbackscotland.com](http://www.cashbackscotland.com)

# Have your say:

Do you have any questions, suggestions or comments about the Payback Times?  
If so, e-mail the editor.

Dear Editor,

I have received your latest edition of Payback Times together with your covering email asking for comments.

The only comment I would make is that the layout of the document makes it difficult to read on a computer screen because the columns require you to scroll up and down repeatedly.

A layout that set articles out across the page would be easier to read on screen and enable readers to avoid printing the document.

**Emma Hardaker**  
Practice Protection Group  
Deloitte LLP

**Editor:** In this issue we have taken these comments on board and there are more articles which run across the page. With a view to being green, the Payback Times is primarily circulated electronically, but if you find it helps you could print a copy and then circulate it among your team.

Dear Editor

I was recently passed a copy of Payback Times, which is a fantastic newsletter. Probably the best example of a public sector newsletter I have seen.

Would you be kind enough to add me to the mailing list so I can receive it each edition please?

Many thanks

**Dave Foley**  
Director of Enforcement  
Her Majesty's Courts Service

**Editor:** We are pleased that so many of you like the new publication and the distribution list continues to grow it is currently sent out to over 5,000 recipients.

Dear Editor,

I have been working in the Australian Federal Police (AFP) on secondment since July 2007. Most of my work has been around raising awareness of the use of financial investigation as a proactive tool to tackle organised crime and advising on new powers etc.

The campaign to raise awareness in the AFP firstly then more widely to the wider LE community has meant writing a short film, designing corporate gifts and posters and presenting across Australia to every AFP Office with invited guests from State and Territory Police, LE Agencies and key partners. The presentations articulate a new strategy that has now been adopted aimed at attacking the financial base of crime in Australia led by the AFP

Would you consider this topic as an article for your publication? The experience has been quite a challenge.

Kind regards,

**HADLEY GILL**  
NATIONAL COORDINATOR FINANCIAL  
INVESTIGATIONS Australian Federal Police

**Editor:** We would welcome articles from our international partners as they potentially face similar challenges when mainstreaming the Proceeds of Crime legislation.

If you wish to get your organisation's achievement included send your articles to me by e-mail at:

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**The next issue of the Payback Times will be published in July '09 so articles for inclusion must be submitted by 17 June 2009**



## YOUR LETTERS

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## Off Duty:

### Police get into the spirit of Red Nose Day

Staff and officers from North Wales Police donned their red noses for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day 2009.

A range of activities were facilitated to raise cash for the event arranged by staff from the force's People Services Group and the canteen in Force Headquarters, Colwyn Bay.

Activities included a Red Nose Day quiz, Guess the Baby competition and the sale of red noses and pin badges.

Officers and staff were also given the opportunity to improve their fitness levels by taking part in physical activity sessions which were held in the gym of Force Headquarters,

Divisional offices in Wrexham, St Asaph and Caernarfon and the Community Fire Station in Rhyl.

The sessions included Tai Chi, Salsa Aerobics; Circuit training, walking, Bums Legs Tums classes and Boxercise.

So far almost £700 has been raised, much to the delight of Andrew Lewis, Physical Activity Co-ordinator for North Wales Police. He said: "We are really pleased with the efforts put in by everybody to help raise cash for this very worthwhile cause.

"It's great to know that the money goes towards good causes in our force area, as well as across Africa."



The photograph shows representatives from the force's People Services Group and the canteen at Force Headquarters, Colwyn Bay.

### PCSO takes leap for charity

A Lancashire Constabulary Police Community Support Officer is set to jump 13,500 feet out a plane in order to raise money for a local mental health charity.

During Mental Health Action Week, PCSO James Holland will be carrying out the tandem skydive along with Kelly Colton from Chorley, South Ribble and Blackburn Mind – an independent charity that provides support services for people who experience mental health distress.

PCSO Holland, Lancashire Constabulary's dedicated disability officer, said: "The work carried out by Chorley, South Ribble and Blackburn Mind is second to none and I am delighted to be able to get involved in raising money for their cause – even if it does mean jumping 13,500 feet out of a plane! Here at Lancashire Constabulary we are working to promote positive attitudes towards those who are experiencing mental health distress as well as raising awareness of mental health issues."

Kelly Colton, Service Delivery Manager for Chorley, South Ribble and Blackburn Mind, added: "As an independent charity we rely on donations and fund raising in order to be able to provide support services for people who experience mental health distress. She added that, "The charity provides supported housing, accommodation and day to day services around health and well being across Lancashire as well as actively working towards tackling discrimination and

promoting social inclusion. With all this in mind, myself and James are hoping to raise as much money as we possibly can so that we can continue to offer support to people, and their families, who are experiencing mental health distress."

Not only do James and Kelly want to raise as much money as possible, but they are also aiming to raise awareness of mental health issues.

#### Did you know?

- One in four people will experience some kind of mental health problem in the course of a year.
- Mixed anxiety & depression is the most common mental disorder in Britain.
- Women are more likely to have been treated for a mental health problem than men.
- About 10 per cent of children have a mental health problem at any one time.
- Depression affects one in five older people living in the community and two in five living in care homes.
- It is estimated that approximately 450 million people worldwide have a mental health problem.

Despite this, more needs to be done to raise awareness for more information visit the website [www.csrmind.org](http://www.csrmind.org).

To sponsor James and Kelly: People can visit <http://www.cafonline.org/apps/news/article.aspx?articleid=6430>

### Let them eat cake – for charity!

The officers and staff based at Middleton Police Station, Rochdale, have been raising money for Cancer Research UK by holding five coffee mornings over a two week period.

The events were organised by Christine Bussy, admin manager at the station and Detective Constable Andy O'Donnell.

DC O'Donnell, said: "As a registered fundraiser for Cancer Research UK, I saw this as a great way of getting officers to reach deep into their pockets. "I armed myself with a mixing bowl and ingredients to make seven Jamaican cheesecakes for the coffee mornings. The cakes were so popular that by the end loads of people were coming to me and making donations for whole cheesecake's rather than a single slice. "A number of the cakes were sent on to Rochdale Police Station and I even passed on the recipe to anyone willing to give an extra donation."

The event helped in raising £263.52 for the charity. Jane Bullock, for Cancer Research UK, said: "A big well done to all the GMP staff based at Rochdale and Middleton who gave up their time to bake so many cakes. "The charity relies entirely on the generosity of members of the public and their fundraising efforts."

Cancer Research UK funds the work of 4,500 scientists, doctors and nurses and last year spent £333m on world-class research at centres all over the UK.