

# SMARTWATER SEARCHLIGHT



## BURGLARIES IN BRENT, LONDON PLUMMET BY 85 PER CENT



**Pictured:** Yafet Askale was sprayed with SmartWater after breaking into a covert trap car

Burglaries have been slashed by as much as 85 per cent after MET police officers implemented, in full, SmartWater's crime fighting methodology, known as The SmartWater Strategy™.

Police officers distributed SmartWater security packs to homes in burglary hotspots across Brent and Islington, and also deployed covert trap cars and houses. This resulted in multiple criminal convictions, including car thief Yafet Askale who was sprayed with SmartWater after breaking into a police trap car in Brent, London. Startling photos of Askale's glowing face made national and international news headlines.

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## SUPERMARKET AIMS TO DETER ROBBERIES



**Pictured:** SmartWater's Didier Cottin (left) uses a UV light to demonstrate SmartWater

A flagship Auchan supermarket located in the Vélizy 2 shopping complex, South-West of Paris, has installed a SmartWater forensic spray system to deter robberies from its jewellery counter. The store has the largest turnover of any Auchan supermarket in Europe and is the first to install the SmartWater system. More Auchan stores are expected to install SmartWater in the near future.

Mr Bruno Dubecq, Director of the supermarket, said: "The jewellery counter is a sensitive area. Our aim is to protect our clients and colleagues, but our aim is to also stay alert to new technologies and to work closely with La Police Nationale and La Gendarmerie in order to fight against crime."

## FIRST U.S. ARREST FOR SMARTWATER



An alleged car thief has become the first person to be arrested as a result of SmartWater in the USA. 21 year old Michael Jackson was arrested after activating a trap car fitted with CCTV and a SmartWater spray system in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Police officers recognised Jackson from CCTV recorded at the crime scene. Jackson was detained and charged with auto burglary after officers tracked him down and discovered that he had traces of SmartWater on his clothes and skin.



**Pictured:** Michael Jackson is alleged to have broken into a SmartWater trap car

## INTERNATIONAL OPERATION SEIZES MAJOR DRUGS HAUL



An opium addict who smuggled £128,000 worth of crystal meth into the UK has been jailed for six years. He was caught following a covert operation carried out by Turkish Police, the UK's Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA), Merseyside Police, and supported by SmartWater.

Kamran Javadi pleaded guilty after a package containing methamphetamine and heroin was sent to an address in Wirral, Merseyside, where he was staying. Police at Istanbul International airport discovered the package, which contained 640g of methamphetamine packed into the shoulder pads of children's jackets and woolly hats.



**Pictured:** Kamran Javadi has been jailed for 6 years

Police unpicked the drugs from the clothing and replaced them with packets of dishwasher salt covered in a transferable form of SmartWater. An undercover police officer posing as a courier then delivered the package, where it was signed for.

Thirty minutes later police officers smashed down the door and arrested Kamran Javadi, whose hands were covered in transferable SmartWater. During Javadi's trial it was revealed that he had made a phone call to Turkey just four minutes after the package was delivered. The prosecution said this was to confirm the safe arrival of the drugs. A second man who was arrested with Javadi was cleared of involvement.

Merseyside Police's Detective Superintendent Chris Green said: "The sentencing of Kamran Javadi reiterates Merseyside Police's commitment to tackling the supply of drugs on our streets."

## STOP PRESS

The correct methodology for searching for SmartWater has been incorporated into the Doctrine de l'emploi manuel, issued by The French Home Office. This will provide national training on SmartWater detection to the Gendarmerie and Police Nationale.

# RECOVERY SPARKS CALL TO MARK PROPERTY

Warwickshire Police officers have returned thousands of pounds worth of horse riding equipment to its owner following a break-in at a North Warwickshire home.

The property in question had been forensically coded with SmartWater, which helped to ensure it was quickly returned to its owner.

Patrick Devereux, Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector for Nuneaton, Bedworth and North Warwickshire said that police officers had been called out to a burglary at a property in the village of Grendon, where equestrian equipment had been stolen. Later that day police spotted the driver of a van acting suspiciously and decided to carry out a stop and search. Inside they found a wealth of horse riding tack.

After arresting the driver, who has not been identified, the team checked the property under a UV light and found traces of the crime fighting liquid SmartWater. Some of the equipment was also marked with a postcode. Inspector Devereux commented: "This is an excellent example of how property marking can really help the police to ensure that stolen goods are returned to their rightful owner and I would encourage everyone to do it." **S**



**Pictured:** SmartWater can be used to protect horse tack

# GANG JAILED FOR LONDON ROBBERIES

Robbers who stole £25,000 from a cash-in-transit courier and then tried to launder SmartWater-marked currency in betting shops have all been jailed.



**Pictured:** Thomas Knapper, Michael Brothers, Christopher Forde, Yusef Taibi and Daniel Wilson

Thomas Knapper (26) and Michael Brothers (29) stole a cashbox outside a post office branch in Queen's Park, London after knocking over a security guard.

The duo used their getaway vehicle to smash open the box by placing it against a wall and reversing into it. This activated the SmartWater security system, covering the notes in a purple dye containing a unique SmartWater forensic signature. The pair then attempted to launder the money using betting shop games machines. Knapper and Brothers were part of a wider gang responsible for a string of North West London robberies.

During their trial, the court heard that Knapper and co-defendants Christopher Forde (27) and Yusef Taibi (21) stuffed SmartWater stained £20 notes down the sides of seats in a restaurant because they thought they were being watched by police. SmartWater scientists identified the notes as coming from the stolen cashbox.

Knapper admitted to robbery and money laundering charges whilst Brothers admitted to two counts of robbery. They were both jailed for five years. Forde and Taibi were both sentenced to six months after pleading guilty to money laundering. A fifth man, Daniel Wilson (30), was sentenced to 15 months after admitting attempted robbery. **S**

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SmartWater's forensic laboratories have been awarded ISO17025 status. This internationally recognised accreditation is a benchmark used by testing laboratories across the globe, and demonstrates SmartWater's commitment to maintaining the highest standards when providing forensic evidence to Courts of Law. **S**

# BURGLARIES IN BRENT PLUMMET

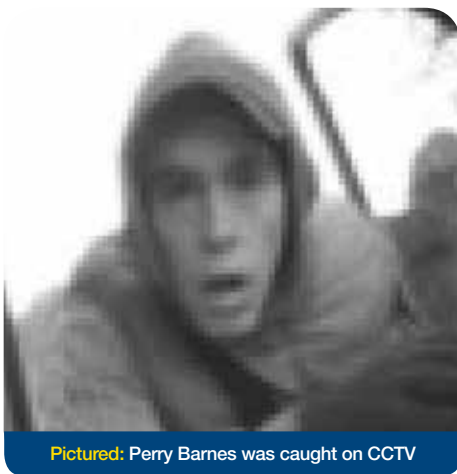
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A six-month project in London has produced dramatic crime reduction results, with burglaries in areas of Brent and Islington being slashed by 85 per cent and 63 per cent respectively. A total of 2,000 SmartWater Home Security Packs were handed out to residents in the two boroughs to deter burglaries. The project is estimated to have saved UK taxpayers £1.4 million, according to Home Office projections.\*

Matthew Gardner, Metropolitan Police Borough Commander for Brent, said: "SmartWater has been central to reducing burglary in the Borough of Brent and for building more confidence within our communities. Criminals know about SmartWater and are aware that contact with it will effectively 'date stamp' them to the scene of a crime. All prisoners at Brent are scanned for SmartWater with UV lighting and we help second-hand dealers to avoid buying stolen goods by providing them with facilities to check for SmartWater." **S**

\*Based on Home Office estimates of the cost of each burglary to the Community as being approximately £4,000.

# NOTTINGHAM TRAP CAR NETS TWO THIEVES IN A WEEK



**Pictured:** Perry Barnes was caught on CCTV

Two thieves ended up on the wrong side of the law in the same week, after being netted by Nottinghamshire Police's capture car. The Police trap car, which is fitted with a SmartWater forensic spray system and CCTV equipment, is regularly deployed by police and can be parked anywhere – from driveways and road sides, to car parks and compounds.

20-year-old Perry Barnes was snapped breaking into the trap car in Sutton, Nottinghamshire. He was arrested the next day and, after admitting a charge of theft, was sentenced to eight weeks imprisonment.

Fellow thief Kurtis Townroe, who activated the trap car a few days later in Skegby, Nottinghamshire, was arrested not far from the scene of his crime, a police spokesman said. The 22-year-old also pleaded guilty to theft and was sentenced to a six-month community order with supervision. **S**

# FLORIDA CITY SEEKS TO PROTECT HOMES



Boynton Beach has become the second city in the county of Palm Beach, Florida to introduce SmartWater to combat domestic burglary. Residents of the Boynton Lakes North community will be the first to benefit from SmartWater, with each home receiving a vial of uniquely coded liquid to mark their valuables. Police officers have also been issued with portable UV lights, to aid with the detection of SmartWater. The city has invested \$15,000 to get the programme started.

Chief Jeffrey S. Katz said in a written statement. "The SmartWater programme represents an opportunity to turn the tables on thieves. Every piece of stolen property represents another risk of being caught." **S**



**Pictured:** Boynton Beach PD Chief Jeffrey S. Katz (centre) with SmartWater CSI President Logan Pierson (right)



# TRIO JAILED FOR MANCHESTER CASH-IN-TRANSIT ROBBERIES



**Pictured:** Adam Brown, Ryan Corrie and Brian Newton

Three men charged with conspiracy to commit robbery have been jailed following a series of cash-in-transit robberies across Greater Manchester. Adam Brown (30) and Ryan Corrie (29) both pleaded guilty and were jailed for six years and eight months. Getaway driver Brian Newton (29) was jailed for six years after being found guilty by the jury, having initially pleading not-guilty.

The trio stole a cashbox from a security guard outside a branch of NatWest bank in Stockport, injuring the security guard's hand in the process. They then drove to Corrie's home in Swinton, Salford. Within an hour of the robbery police officers swooped on Corrie's home, recovering the full amount of cash and arresting all three men.

Additional stolen notes marked with SmartWater were seized from the premises and sent for forensic examination. These were traced back to a separate robbery committed outside a Tesco supermarket four months earlier.

Detective Constable Chris Chinnery from Greater Manchester Police, said: "GMP and the security industries use a range of tactics to not only detect, but deter, the activities of robbers who target cash-in-transit vans. Some of these tactics have been evidenced here, with traces of SmartWater helping us to convict two men for their roles in two other robberies that they simply thought they'd got away with." **S**

# HOME SECRETARY VISITS SMARTWATER LABORATORIES

The Home Secretary, Rt Hon Theresa May MP, has visited the Telford offices of SmartWater, seeing first-hand the company's high-tech, crime fighting facilities.



**Pictured:** Home Secretary, Rt Hon Theresa May MP (centre), has visited SmartWater's laboratories

Mrs May was accompanied by local Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Telford, Lucy Allan.

Mrs May toured SmartWater's production facilities, control rooms and forensic laboratories to meet members of staff and discuss the impact of SmartWater's patented crime fighting strategy in areas of London. The Home Secretary also met with SmartWater's senior management team to discuss the benefits of incorporating forensic asset marking technology into a wider strategy to aid the UK's police service in targeting the criminal fraternity.

Phil Cleary, Chief Executive, SmartWater said: "It was a tremendous honour to welcome the Home Secretary and Lucy Allan. The visit is recognition of the tremendous work and results our colleagues have achieved both in the UK and internationally."

Lucy Allan, Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate said: "SmartWater is a superb example of the sort of innovative thinking we host here in Telford, a business that has gone from strength to strength producing state-of-the-art technology." **S**

# POLICE BIKE 'STING' CATCHES TEENAGER

A 16-year old boy from Finsbury, London that was caught with a stolen bicycle has been found guilty of handling stolen goods, following a police "sting" operation. Officers had marked the bike with SmartWater and locked it up in order to entice opportunistic thieves. It was stolen soon afterwards and the lock was found cut.



**Pictured:** A bicycle marked with SmartWater

Several weeks later an Islington Police patrol saw the boy, who cannot be named, riding the bicycle. They scanned it with UV light and the SmartWater mark glowed brightly. He was arrested for handling stolen goods and taken to Islington Police Station where he was charged with receiving stolen goods. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced at North London Juvenile Court to a youth rehabilitation order and 24 hours of community service.

Detective Chief Inspector David Hutcheson said: "We will make full use of the array of technology at our disposal to continually target and deter thieves. We want our message to thieves to be loud and clear: 'Don't bother coming to Islington because the traps are waiting for you.'" **S**

# RNLI PROTECT LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT



**Pictured:** RNLI lifeguard Matt Jessop outside the new lifeguard tower at Ainsdale beach

Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) lifeguards in Sefton are using SmartWater to help protect their vital lifesaving equipment after thieves targeted the charity last year.

The RNLI, which provides the lifeguard cover in conjunction with Sefton Council, has started to use the technology in Sefton after thieves stole four quad bikes used by lifeguards for their patrols on Crosby, Ainsdale, Southport and Formby beaches. Police have since recovered two of the bikes, but the other vehicles remain unaccounted for at a cost of £5,000 each. All the equipment used by RNLI lifeguards for their patrols on Sefton's beaches is now protected by the crime fighting technology. **S**

# STING OPERATION CATCHES SERIAL FLY-TIPPER


A registered waste carrier has pleaded guilty to fly-tipping following a joint investigation by Bromley Council and Kent County Council, with support from SmartWater Investigators.



**Pictured:** Traces of SmartWater were successfully recovered from burnt fly-tipped waste

Jason Newnham (46), owner of JJ Clearances, was sentenced to 240 hours of unpaid work under a 12 month community order. He was also ordered to pay £6,030 in compensation and clean-up costs. Newnham legitimately removed large quantities of building waste from residential addresses before illegally dumping it down country lanes, secluded areas and on farm lands across Bromley and Kent.

A sting operation was set up and Newnham was hired to dispose of a pile of waste in Lewisham that had been forensically marked with SmartWater, so it could be identified if dumped. A short time after it was collected by Newnham the waste was found fly-tipped and set alight in Sevenoaks, Kent. Despite Newnham's attempts to conceal the crime by setting the waste on fire, traces of SmartWater were still recovered and positively identified from the remains.

David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Kent County Council said: "Let this case be a warning to all fly-tippers – we will do all in our power to catch you and you will pay for your crimes. Not only is fly-tipping illegal, it blights our county's beautiful countryside and Kent taxpayers have to foot the bill for the clean-up." 

# GANG JAILED FOR KNIFE-POINT ROBBERY

Three violent career criminals have been jailed after they stole a cashbox containing £10,000 from three supermarket security guards.



**Pictured:** David Connor has been jailed for 17 years


# THIEF FALLS FOR POLICE TRAP

A landscape gardener with a history of substance abuse has pleaded guilty to a charge of handling stolen goods after police officers set a trap by marking a decoy stash of stolen items with a transferable form of SmartWater.




**Pictured:** Shorts confiscated from Donoghue were marked with SmartWater

Following a burglary committed in Brecon, Mid Wales, police officers discovered a laptop and a games console hidden nearby in a reusable Morrisons' bag and stashed within a conifer tree. Suspecting the thief may return for the stash, officers seized the laptop and console, estimated to be worth £600, and replaced them with a decoy Morrisons' bag containing worthless items which they then doused with SmartWater. The following day police officers saw Blake Donoghue (28) with the carrier bag and arrested him.

Forensic examination of Donoghue's clothes revealed traces of the same SmartWater forensic code that had been applied to the bag. After twice refusing to comment during police interview and initially pleading not guilty, Donoghue eventually pleaded guilty to a charge of attempting to handle stolen goods. He was sentenced to a 12 month community order, with supervision and an enhanced thinking skills requirement. He was also ordered to pay £175 costs. 


David Connor (39), Paul Harper (33) and Craig Melia (35) received combined jail sentences totalling 38 years for the robbery. A 12 inch long knife was held to one of the guard's throats during the vicious attack that took place outside a Co-op store in Leeds.

After forcing open the stolen cashbox, the gang contaminated the banknotes in a purple dye containing a SmartWater forensic code, unique to that particular cashbox. Later that day Connor and Harper were caught on CCTV at a nearby pawn shop checking their legs and hands with a UV lamp, searching for traces of SmartWater.

Police caught up with the gang four days later, after they were caught on CCTV at a Leeds casino attempting to use SmartWater marked banknotes. David Connor also admitted to a robbery at a Post Office in Burley-in-Wharfedale during which he attacked a police officer and threatened members of the public with a hammer. He was jailed for a total of 17 years and told he must serve at least 12 years before he can apply to the parole board for release. Accomplices Paul Harper and Craig Melia were jailed for 11 years and 10 years respectively. 



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Hundreds of applications have been made to the SmartWater Technology Bond, which closed having generated £3 million worth of investment for the company. The proceeds will be used to develop existing and new SmartWater products and to grow its market share, both domestically and internationally. 

# THE CRIME FIGHTING COMPANY

Our philosophy is simple - the more criminals we help to convict, the more SmartWater acts as a powerful deterrent. We offer a range of cutting-edge forensic security services and products to both detect and deter criminal activity.

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