



Neighbourhood Policing update

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Drug dealer jailed for five years

A man who was caught dealing drugs at Notting Hill Gate station will spend the next five years in jail after BTP detectives followed a money trail to reveal the extent of his criminal activity.



Levi Esty (25) of Beckton (pictured right), was convicted by expert evidence compiled by DS Neil Black which showed £6,500 flowing into his bank accounts, despite receiving just £65 a week in jobseekers allowance.

He pleaded guilty to four counts of possession with intent to supply and one of possession of a prohibited weapon before being found guilty at trial of two counts of money laundering.

Esty was stopped selling drugs in his car outside Notting Hill Gate station last year. Officers found 20 grams of cannabis, three grams of MDMA, almost ten grams of cocaine and 17 grams of ketamine, along with £1000 in cash in his car.

A house search uncovered small quantities of drugs, as well as a Taser and paraphernalia for dealing drugs.

Esty's bank accounts showed that despite receiving just £65 a week in Jobseeker's Allowance, he had spent over £5000 on hiring cars between April and October 2010, and had paid over £6500 into his accounts from February 2010 – February 2011.

Prolific pickpocket arrested

BTP dip squad officers arrested a woman wanted for more than 100 theft offences on the Tube and bus networks.

The woman and two other professional pickpockets were arrested at Lancaster Gate last month. Dip squad officers were on plain clothes patrol when they noticed three people paying unusually close attention to the bags and rucksacks carried by other passengers.

The officers saw them put into action a common tactic of professional pickpockets where one held open a large map which concealed the victim's view of her own handbag. One of the other thieves then put a hand into the handbag to try and take the victim's valuables.

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The officers moved in to make the arrests and it later turned out the pickpockets had told the woman they were police officers wanting to inspect her passport and had modified an ID card.

Upcoming meetings

Police And Communities Together (PACT)

PACT meetings are a chance for staff, retailers, the public and any interested person to air their views and concerns and influence what officers focus on over the coming months

Central Line West NPT:

Please contact the team for the next meeting (details on next page)

Central Line Centre NPT:

14 December at 12pm at Western House, Oxford Street

Central Line East NPT:

3 January at 3pm at Woodford station

6 March at 12pm at Woodford station

[Leytonstone group](#)

6 December at 3pm at Leytonstone station

7 February at 12pm at Leyton station

Meet and Greet Surgeries

These are regular days when officers are at stations interacting with passengers and staff to answer questions and offer advice.

Central Line Centre NPT:

14 December from 7-8pm at Marble Arch station

27 December from 7-8pm at Holborn station

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Five-year Tube ban for Bond Street sex offender

A man who sexually assaulted a woman during the evening rush hour has been banned from the Tube for five years after a successful application for a sexual offences prevention order (SOPO).

Martin Synan (27) of Ealing was given the order at Blackfriars Crown Court last month. He also received a four-month suspended sentence, 80 hours community service and will attend a sexual offender's rehabilitation programme. Synan was arrested at Bond Street station after a woman reported to staff that he had touched her inappropriately on a Central line Tube.

PC Laurence Harvey, Anti-Social Behaviour & Problem Solving Coordinator, said:

"Praise must go to the victim for immediately reporting the incident to Tube staff so that Synan could be arrested. I am delighted with the order handed down by the courts which will protect Tube passengers and staff from the risk Synan poses. If Synan breaks the order he could be facing a lengthy jail sentence."

Ticket irregularity uncovers £1,700 worth of unpaid fines

PCSO Christopher Lerner was on duty at Northolt Station when he stopped someone for a ticket irregularity. A thorough stop and account on the man confirmed that he was wanted on warrant for non payment of fines of over £1700. PCSO Lerner detained the man until officers attended and arrested him.

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