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If you live, work or regularly visit London and have been affected by recent events, call the

COMMUNITIES TOGETHER HELP AND ADVICE LINE
on **0800 028 2390**

Our staff can provide help and support 24hrs a day

This information is intended for dissemination into London's diverse communities



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Communities Together Updates

As a result of the tragic events in July 2005, the Metropolitan Police launched the Communities Together Bulletin.

If you have any comments about the bulletin, anything contained in it, or simply want to pass information in relation to community incidents or concerns to us please feed them back to CommunitiesTogether@met.police.uk

Communities Together Help and Advice Line 0800 0282390

The Communities Together Help line 0800 028 2390 is available to offer advice and support to anyone who feels vulnerable as a result of terrorist attacks or other incidents in London.

Minicom is also available on 0800 028 6522. **In an emergency you should always call 999**

Circulation of the 'Communities Together' Bulletin

This Bulletin is produced to be circulated to the widest possible audience, please forward the link or document to a wider audience.

The Bulletin can also be printed and circulated in; libraries, waiting rooms, places of worship, community halls or any other locations with large gatherings of people. This will enable those that don't have Internet access to view the weekly Bulletin.

Your assistance in this circulation will help us make London a Safer place and will assist in the prevention and detection of crime.

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News and Appeals

Crimewatch (BBC1) programme will be on Tuesday 30th October, 9pm, BBC One. The website currently contains a number of current MPS appeals that can be viewed.

www.bbc.co.uk/crime/crimewatch

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1) **Murder of 18 year old man in Plumstead**

A murder enquiry is underway after a shooting in Plumstead.

At approx. 22:00 on Sun. 14.10.07 police were called to reports of shots fired at Long Walk, SE18.

Two men aged 18 years had been sitting in a silver Ford Fiesta, when it is believed two black male suspects approached the vehicle and fired shots into it.

If it assists appeals, both victims are black.

Both suffered gunshot injuries - one of them died at hospital.

He was Philip PORU 18 yrs from southeast London - a student.

A post mortem at Greenwich Mortuary on Monday gave cause of death as gunshot wounds to the chest.

The second victim's injuries were not critical.

An incident room has opened under A/DCI Tony Boughton.

Any witnesses or anyone with information is asked to contact the incident room on 020 8247 4553; if you wish to remain anonymous call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

There have been no arrests at this stage.

Greenwich Borough Police Commander, Chief Supt Chris Jarratt, said there will be extra patrols in the area, to reassure members of the community. He said: "We are actively assisting the murder team in the investigation of the young man shot in Plumstead on Sunday night. I appreciate there is a high level of concern and I urge members of the community to get in touch with police if you have any information that may assist our enquiries."

2) Three sentenced for a rape in Thornton Heath

Three young men were sentenced at Croydon MC on Wednesday 10th October 2007 for raping a disabled woman.

Ashley Mitchell aged 19, of Thornton Heath and Kersley McDermott aged 18 of Battersea received five years each in a young offenders institution. Curtis Mitchell Clinton aged 16, Thornton Heath, received three years in a young offenders institution.

The court lifted reporting restrictions on the case so all three defendants could be named.

The court heard that between 2100 and 2300 on 19 October 2006, the 32 year old woman went out to local shops in Upton Road to buy some cigarettes. She was suddenly confronted by the three men who forced her into a nearby alleyway.

In the alley, two of the men orally raped the victim whilst the third man kept a look out. During the attack, they also stole her handbag and glasses.

The three suspects then left the scene and the victim called emergency services.

Detectives from the Sapphire Unit based at South Norwood Police Station launched an investigation.

DNA from the victim's coat linked one of the suspects to the scene and all three were arrested for rape and robbery on 14 November 2006.

Their trial began on 22nd August at Croydon Crown Court.

DS Mike Wetheridge of Croydon Sapphire Unit said: "This was a nasty attack on an extremely vulnerable member of the community who suffers from MS. Although during the attack the victim sustained no physical injuries, the stress and subsequent emotional trauma has caused her health to deteriorate.

"It is significant that the judge has agreed that all three young men should be identified as their prosecution will act as a deterrent."

3) Met a top policing performer

The Metropolitan Police Service has been judged as one of the top performing forces in the country in neighbourhood policing and addressing serious crime according to the findings of a national performance assessment.

The MPS was judged good or excellent in four of the seven categories of the Home Office's annual Police Performance Assessment Framework and the results mark a second successive year of improvement.

The MPS was one of only six forces considered excellent in the neighbourhood policing category following the introduction of Safer Neighbourhoods teams in all 624 wards with extra coverage in 87 wards with a population of more than 14,000.

In addition 21 Safer Transport teams focussing on crime and anti-social behaviour on and close to public transport have been established along with six Safer Neighbourhoods teams focussing on particular community issues.

The assessment, which rates police forces across England and Wales according to their performance in categories ranging from meeting local needs to improving community confidence, shows the MPS building on last year's results and continuing to improve.

The MPS was also one of six forces rated as excellent in dealing with serious crime.

When assessed against local priorities the MPS achieved a rating of good. This included exceeding the target for the number of criminal networks disrupted, a target specifically set by the MPS, and public perception of police performance being good/excellent.

Tackling crime, the way in which the MPS investigates offences overall, was judged to have improved and was rated good. Resources and efficiency also improved and achieved a rating of fair.

In the satisfaction and fairness category performance remained stable and was rated as fair.

Commander Simon Bray, Met Police Performance Directorate, said:

"These results, together with our recent crime figures, show we are moving in the right direction.

"We are delighted that the work we have done to address things that really matter to Londoners such as neighbourhood policing and tackling serious crime and protecting the public has been recognised.

"We have continued to make progress from last year and are committed to improving our performance further."

4) Man sentenced in connection with speeding camera offences

A 38 year old man who consistently lied about speeding camera offences on Thursday 11.10.07 was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment at Snaresbrook Crown Court.

Benzion Leibowitz, (29.10.68-38ys) of Ravensdale Road, Stoke Newington, pleaded guilty to six counts of perverting the course of justice having falsely nominated a US resident as the driver of his vehicle at the time of the speeding offences on six separate occasions committed across London over an eight month period.

An investigation by the Metropolitan Police Service's London Safety Camera Partnership Investigation Unit revealed the nominated driver was a slight acquaintance who had emigrated from London to New York in 1997 and lived there ever since.

When police contacted him he was able to fully document his visits back to the UK and prove conclusively that he could not have committed the offences.

Though he initially denied any wrong doing Leibowitz eventually admitted to being the driver of his black Fiat Doblo van at the time of the offences.

Inspector Larry Jones, from the Met's London Safety Camera Partnership said: "This case is a prime example of what happens to those who attempt to pervert the course of justice. It sends a clear message that nominating other drivers for your driving offences will not be tolerated and those who attempt do so, will be held fully accountable."

Community Safety

Halloween crime prevention advice

While Halloween can undoubtedly be a great deal of fun, it can also be a particularly distressing time of year for some of the more vulnerable members of our communities - especially the elderly.

With this in mind, the Metropolitan Police Service is urging trick or treaters to think carefully about which doors they knock on this Halloween. Better still, why not just stay at home and have a Halloween themed party with your friends and neighbours!

If you do decide to go trick or treating, please respect the wishes of any household displaying a 'No Trick or Treat' poster.

When trick or treating you should also stay as safe as possible by following the 'Halloween Code':

- Always go trick or treating with an adult
- Only go to houses where you or your friends know the residents
- Don't knock on doors where there is a 'No Trick or Treat' sign
- Stay in areas that are well lit with street lights - take a torch with you just in case
- Stay with your friends - don't split into smaller groups unless an adult goes with you
- Don't talk to strangers on the street
- Don't enter any house - stay on the doorstep
- Be careful not to frighten vulnerable people, especially the elderly
- Be visible
- Look carefully before crossing the road, even if you're part of a group.
- Don't vandalise anything or throw things like eggs and flour. This can cause a great deal of damage and misery. What's more it can be classed as criminal damage, or even assault, and a night of 'fun' could end up with you in trouble with the police.

[To download the No Trick or Treat poster click here](#)

Special Constable recruitment campaign

A new Internet site has been launched as part of the Special Constable recruitment campaign, which allows the viewer to 'enter' the world of the Special Constable.

The site ties in with the current outdoor advertising campaign using a testimonial approach to target potential Special Constables. Quotes on the front-page link directly to various interactive pages, each offering a unique insight into the Special Constable's role within the Met.

The site includes an interactive video vox pop where you get to choose the questions and a series of interactive scenarios where you have the chance to test your skills, reacting to tricky situations based on video re-enactments of the kind of scenario a Special Constable would come across.

There is also an image gallery and a page of testimonials from serving Specials and a 'day in the life' timeline showing how the skills learnt as a Special have helped someone progress in other areas of their working life.

To fully experience the microsite and to really get inside the rewarding world of being a Special Constable you will need access to a computer with Flash capability although the site can also be viewed from any Aware terminal as an HTML version.

If you would be interested in becoming a Special Constable you can apply directly from the site www.metpolicecareers.co.uk/specials

Latest Counter Terrorism advertising campaign

"IF YOU SUSPECT IT, REPORT IT" COUNTER-TERRORISM CAMPAIGN

- How do you tell the difference between someone just video-ing a crowded place and someone who's checking it out for a terrorist attack?
- How can you tell if someone's buying unusual quantities of stuff for a good reason or if they're planning to make a bomb?
- What's the difference between someone just hanging around and someone behaving suspiciously?
- How can you tell if they're a normal everyday person, or a terrorist?

The answer is, you don't have to.

If you call the confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321, the specialist officers you speak to will analyse the information. They'll decide if and how to follow it up.

You don't have to be sure. If you suspect it, report it.

Call the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321 in confidence.



London Gets Safer



Latest Crime Figures from the MPS

The latest crime figures show that total crime fell by 5.8% and the sanction detection rate is up by 4% compared to this same period last year. Robbery, motor vehicle crime and violent crime are down by 7% and the theft of motor vehicles is 34% lower than 10 years ago. GBH offences have also reached a 10-year low and Trident gun crime fell by 2%. To read more click [here](#).

Trident campaign



The latest Trident advertising campaign was launched last month; it will run for four weeks and is aimed at 13-19 year olds with the intention of deterring them from becoming involved in gun crime. The campaign features radio and TV ads with the message: "Don't blow your life away." To read more click [here](#).

Operation Neon

As part of ongoing initiatives to combat the rise in gun enabled crime the MPS carried out increased pro-active operations across London throughout September, targeting those involved in gun crime. Under Operation Neon, officers stopped those suspected of having involvement with firearms by using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology.

ANPR identified 244 vehicles associated with firearms and gangs. A further 124 were identified as being connected to drugs and 62 involved in other crime or weapons. Additionally 13 stolen vehicles were recovered. Officers made 40 arrests in total for a variety of offences including armed robbery, possession of firearms, money laundering, burglary, and disqualified driving. To read more click [here](#).

Convictions

- A 25-year-old man from Peckham has been sentenced to life imprisonment for possessing firearms and ammunition. Click [here](#) to read more.
- Charles Myton, a corrupt civil servant, had been jailed for two and a half years after being found guilty for seven counts of forgery after knowingly countersigning seven fraudulent passports. Click [here](#) to read more.
- A criminal network that was responsible for the importation of £8m worth of cocaine was smashed. The men were sentenced to a total of 68 years. Click [here](#) to read more.
- Three men were jailed for eight years and ordered to pay a £2.3m confiscation order for breaching immigration laws. Click [here](#) to read more

Stop and search figures

Terrorism stop and search figures have been released for each London borough for the first time by the MPS. Click [here](#) to read more.



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Latest Crime Figures

Key Achievements

- Total notifiable offences fell by 5.8% and the sanction detection rate is up by over four percentage points.
- Robbery, motor vehicle crime and violent crime all declined by at least 7%.
- Gun enabled crime has increased noticeably but Trident gun crime fell compared with the same five months last year.
- Reported rape offences are 19.4% lower than last year and its sanction detection rate is up by three percentage points.
- All types of hate crime are down compared with last year.

<http://www.met.police.uk/crimefigures/index.php>

Data in relation to Stop and Search can be obtained at the following link

<http://www.met.police.uk/stopandsearch/>

Hate Crime

The figures quoted in the following tables and graphs, have been provided by the Performance Information Bureau (PIB) with figures for financial year 2006/2007 containing reconciled data.

Faith Hate- The Faith Hate figures for financial year 2006/2007 are substantially lower (25%) than those for the 2005/6. The main reason behind this is that 2005/6 contained Operation Theseus (London bombings) where there was a significant short- term increase experienced in reported faith hate crime. April's 2007's figures are lower than the corresponding month last year. May 2007 is lower than both April's monthly total and the corresponding total last year. Factors that have been assessed as contributing to last year's higher figure include the Israel-Palestine conflict and extreme right wing activity ahead of London elections. Though June is higher than May's total and the corresponding month last year, it is still substantially lower than the monthly total in 2005. Counter terror operation, Operation Seagram (Haymarket and Glasgow bombings), does not appear to have contributed to a significant increase in faith hate offences, as July was lower than last year's monthly figure. Further research into recorded faith hate incidents reveals that few incidents since Operation Seagram have involved the suspect making specific Islamophobic comments. August is lower than both July and the corresponding month last year. August this year was a relative quiet month in terms of media incidents linked to counter terror operations whereas August 2006 contained high profile arrests as part of Operation Overt (Operation relating to fights from Heathrow airport) which may have contributed to a short term increase in hate crime last year. September was also lower than the corresponding month last year continuing this downward trend.

Date	Faith Hate 2005/2006	Faith Hate 2006/2007	Faith Hate 2007/2008
April	38	69	61
May	57	69	45
June	82	57	60
July	303	73	68
August	155	87	43
September	78	97	63
October	93	90	18
November	66	66	
December	50	40	
January	38	50	
February	68	68	
March	75	57	
Totals	1103	823	358

All Hate Crime – The financial year figures for all hate crime in 2006/7 are significantly lower than those for 2005/6. As with faith hate crime, the substantially higher reported incidents in July and August 2006 due to Operation Theseus was largely responsible for the comparatively higher figure in 2006/7. Hate crime figures are significantly lower in April 2007 than the corresponding month last year with factors which impacted on faith hate crime likely to have also influenced hate crime figures. If figures for May 2007 are extrapolated across the entire month, There is a slight increase in May for all hate crime compared to April which appears to follow the trend experienced by all violent crime where recorded offences tend to steadily increase over the spring and summer months. May 2007's total is, however, lower than the corresponding month last year for which those factors outlined above affecting faith hate crime are likely to also have had an effect on hate crime. There was also a racist murder of an EA4 male in Barking and Dagenham in May last year which increased community tensions and which may have encouraged more reporting of hate crime. Though June represents an increase on previous months, it is still considerably lower than the corresponding total in each of the last two years. July's total was lower than the figure for June and the corresponding month last year. This suggests that neither Operation Seagram nor London's Gay Pride have had a significant impact on hate crime. August is slight lower than July's total and the corresponding month last year. Although September was slightly higher than August's total, it was still lower than the corresponding month last year.

Date	Hate Crime 2005/2006	Hate Crime 2006/2007	Hate Crime 2007/2008
April	1295	1053	938
May	1304	1134	991
June	1449	1192	1057
July	1841	1299	1036
August	1551	1114	980
September	1366	1135	1021
October	1371	1060	235
November	1211	957	
December	1101	819	
January	1050	859	
February	983	923	
March	1141	919	
Totals	15663	12464	6258

UK Threat levels



MI5 The Security Service

More information on threat levels can be found on the MI5 website:

www.mi5.gov.uk



Information for people intending to travel overseas can be obtained from Foreign and Commonwealth Office

www.fco.gov.uk

Key Dates and Events

The following link to will take you to the Metropolitan Police Website where a list of forthcoming events in London that are likely to involve road closures or to cause significant disruption can be found. This information is compiled by the Metropolitan Police **CO11 Public Order unit** as part of its task of helping to enable large events to take place while minimising disruption to the public.

- [20th October 2007](#) - March and rally
- [26th October 2007](#) - Ceremony
- [27th October 2007](#) - March and rally
- [30th October 2007](#) - Ceremony
- [2nd November 2007](#) - Christmas Parade
- [3rd November 2007](#) - March and rally
- [2nd December 2007](#) - Street Market

www.met.police.uk/events/index.htm

If you wish to organise a protest march visit:

http://www.met.police.uk/publicorder/protest_march.htm

Useful Contacts

Anti-Terrorist Hotline	Communities Together Help and Advice Line
0800 789 321	0800 028 2390 or 0800 028 6522 for minicom users
Minicom 0800 032 4539	CommunitiesTogether@met.police.uk

How do I report hate crime?

Contact your local police station. You can also report crime online through <https://online.met.police.uk/>

If you'd feel more comfortable giving information about hate crime to someone else, these organisations can help:

Fair Forum Against Islamophobia and Racism

www.fairuk.org

Muslim Safety Forum

0207 375 1811 or 0207 375 1812

www.muslimsafetyforum.org

Muslim Women Talk (website for all Muslim women, from all walks of life)

www.muslimwomentalk.com

Sikh Secretariat

www.sikh-secretariat.com/sikh_incident_form.htm

Hindu Forum Britain

020 8965 0671

www.hinduforum.org

The Community Security Trust (for members of the Jewish community)

020 8457 9999

www.thecst.org.uk

Commission for Racial Equality

020 7939 0178

www.cre.gov.uk

Galop (For members of LGBT communities)

0207 704 2040

www.galop.org.uk

Victim Support	Crimestoppers (anonymous)
0845 30 30 900	0800 555 111
www.victimsupport.org	

A "Communities Together" leaflet has been produced that provides details of organisations that can help you if you have been a victim of prejudice or hate. This can be ordered from the MPS Publicity Department on 020 7230 3644 or via your local police station.