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Dear All,

Please see below the crime updates from Sunday 5th December to Sunday 12th December.

I was walking the beat last Thursday and I was somewhat disturbed to see a penguin walking in the High Street of Battle. After closer inspection it turned out to be a prominent person of the town council. Can I say how good he looked. I will lay down a challenge. If he wears this suit at the next Battle Town council meeting I will promise to give £10 to a local charity.!!!!!!

Please don't forget, if you see any form of Anti-social driving (speeding, using a mobile phone whilst driving, regular drink drivers, disqualified drivers etc), please report it to us via our Op Crackdown system : http://www.operationcrackdown.org/ or 01243 642222

Or, if you have any information about crimes that have occurred or, possible illegal activities that people are committing, you can always report it to Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 99, or anonymously to Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111, http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/

Update on Robertsbridge murder,
Detectives investigating the murder of Julian Gardner, 53, at his home in Robertsbridge are making an appeal for information on the BBC Crimewatch programme on 14 December, two months after his death.

Eight people have so far been arrested by Major Crime Branch detectives since Mr Gardner's body was found at Bush Barn Farm, off the A21 north of Robertsbridge, on 11 October.

Senior Investigating Officer DCI Adam Hibbert, who believes that this was a

burglary that went tragically wrong, says that there are more arrests to come.

He said: "We are now two months into this complex investigation, and have a clearer picture of what may have happened the night of Julian's death.

"I believe Julian was woken by a noise or commotion and set off to investigate, taking a shotgun with him. He would have confronted the gang who were ransacking his workshop and loading up at least two cars with property from his agricultural and car repair business.

"I think that Julian had brought a shotgun with him to defend his property but there is no evidence that the gun was fired before Julian was crushed and left dying as the gang fled."

It is hoped that a £10,000 reward, being offered by Sussex Police, will prompt someone to come forward with valuable information that will be crucial in this investigation. The reward is for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for Julian's violent death.

In an emotional appeal on Crimewatch Julian's mother Molly, 91, described her son as patient and kind and a great companion. Addressing those who are responsible for his death she said: "I would say was what you gained worth a life? If you think for a moment and realise it probably wasn't then come forward and say what you did and take your punishment and I would think a lot of you."

Fresh appeals, some illustrated with images, were made on the programme.

Detectives are keen to identify a man they would like to speak to in relation to the murder. The man was captured on CCTV at a local garage on the night of 10 October. DCI Hibbert said: "Do you recognise him and do you know where we may find him in order to eliminate him from our enquiries. Indeed, if you are the man pictured I urge you to come forward?

A shotgun is missing from Julian's home. DCI Hibbert said: "We believe Julian was in possession of a shot gun at the time that he confronted the gang. That gun - a Breda shotgun - is missing. It is a self loading shotgun, a rare model which takes five cartridges. Julian, a licensed firearms owner, used it for clay pigeon shooting. Do you recognise it? It is quite unusual. Have you seen it or have you seen it offered to anyone? If so, we would like to hear from you."

A Landrover Defender, which belonged to Julian, was found burnt out at Cripps Corner, the day his body was found. It had been taken in the early hours of 11

October and police would like to hear from anyone who may have seen it.

Other property stolen from Julian was a Dell computer, taken from his workshop office, vehicle parts, spray guns, tyres, wheels, drills and chainsaws. DCI Hibbert said: "Some of these were found abandoned nearby, but others are still to be accounted for. Have you been offered the computer or any of these items on the cheap?"

A Cherokee Jeep, which may have been used in the raid, was found burnt out at Sandhurst on 11 October. DCI Hibbert said: "If you saw it or know who was driving it just before or after the murder, we would like to hear from you."

A dark blue Subaru Legacy car, registration P304 MOO, has been recovered by detectives from the car park of the Crusade public house in Ashford. Police are keen to trace the car's movements immediately before and after the murder. Anyone with information is urged to contact police.

DCI Hibbert said: "Someone must know the people who committed this crime. People gossip. Whether it is the cars, the computer, vehicle parts or tools, something will link those responsible to the murder scene.

"I hope the reward will prompt someone to come forward because what these men gained was clearly not worth a life. Julian's family do not have the answers as to why Julian was killed. I still very much need the help of the public and I would urge anyone who any information, however small, to contact us."

Anyone with information should call Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 999 quoting Operation Bradford or the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Here are the latest crime updates.

Serial 274 of 06/12/2010
Old ladies Court, Battle

Between 1500 on 03/12 and 1200 on 05/12 the key pad to the premises was damaged. The key pad was removed which had been screwed to the wooden door frame. The key pad was found lying on the ground outside. No entry was gained. There are no suspects or witnesses. A reassurance visit was made by a PCSO.

Serial 329 of 06/12/2010
British Gypsum, Mountfield.

Between 1700 on 03/12 and 0700 on 6/12 outbuildings to the mine were broken into. A large quantity of expensive copper cable was stolen. Police attended to carry out enquiries. A scenes of crime officer attended as it is believed that fingerprints were left at the scene. Enquiries are continuing.

Serial 378 of 07/12/2010
Lymden Lane, Stonegate.

About 0930 hours on 7/12/10 a bag was stolen from a van parked in the above location. A male suspect was seen entering the unlocked vehicle and making off with the bag. The victim gave chase but could not catch the suspect. Enquiries are continuing to try and identify the suspect. The bag contained money and medication.

Serial 876 of 07/12/2010
North Trade Road, Battle

Between 1700 on 5/12/10 and 0830 on 6/12/10 fuel was stolen from a vehicle overnight, to the value of £20. There are no suspects or witnesses.

Serial 443 of 08/12/10
Market Square, Battle

Between 1000 on 6/12/10 and 0830 on 7/12/10 the Breast Screening van was damaged whilst parked in the above location. A railing was ripped off which was located at the side of the van. There are no witnesses or suspects, but CCTV is being checked.

Serial 1187 of 08/12/2010
Silverhill, Robertsbridge.

Overnight on the 6/7 of 12th, an intercom system situated on an electric gate was damaged. The box to the system had been opened and the wires have been damaged. There are no suspects or witnesses. Local neighbourhood officers attended for reassurance.

Serial 1453 of 08/12//2010
High Street, Robertsbridge

Between 2200 on 6/12 and 0700 on 7/12 damage has been done to the Christmas tree lights outside the youth centre. Enquiries are continuing with a possible eye witness.

Serial 0246 of 09/12/2010
Ashburnham, Battle
About 0230 hrs on 09/12 a quantity of logs were stolen from the grounds of 2 properties. One of the victims heard a vehicle around this time pull up, then drive off. It is believed that the occupants of this vehicle were responsible. The vehicle was not seen. The local PCSO has contacted the victim and given reassurance.

Serial 0724 of 09/12/2010
Earlsdown, Dallington, Heathfield.
Between 0900 on 8/12 and 1200 on 9/12 a car tyre was stolen from outside the garage. There are no suspects or witnesses.

Serial 1587 of 09/12//2010
Etchingham Road, Burwash
About 2100 hours on 09/12 an attempt was made to steal a half ton digger on a building site. This was unsuccessful. A shogun vehicle was seen to be acting suspiciously around the area. Enquiries are being made with local ANPR cameras to try and identify the vehicle. A scenes of crime officer attended the scene to examine the digger.

Serial 0740 of 11/12/10
St Marks Church, Staplecross
Between 0900 and 1100 on 11/12 a vehicle was damaged in the car park of the church. A rear windscreen was broken. Nothing was seen or heard. The local PCSO mad a reassurance call to the victim.

Serial 0834 of 11/12/2010
Smith Close, Ninfield.
Between 1330 on 10/12 and 1330 on 11/12 a local resident had eggs thrown at her house. My team have visited the victim and will continue to support her. Enquiries are being made as to who is responsible.

Suspicious vans.

Once again we are getting a number of reports on suspicious vans on peoples land. The majority of these are asking about scrap metal or car batteries. Please be aware

of this and take down registration numbers and report to the police. Thank you

Picture (Metafile)

CASE RESULT..

Ramdan SHARIFF 31 of East London was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment today at Hove Crown Court following a two week trial. SHARIFF was found guilty of two counts by the jury, Conspiracy to Steal and Conspiracy to Commit Fraud by False Representation.

An investigation was conducted during the summer of 2009 into a series of cash point distraction thefts targeting elderly people at cash points in Hastings and Battle. A group comprising 2-3 males would observe people entering their PIN while using the cash point and then distract them and take their bank card. They then went on to make fraudulent transaction on the cards, in many cases emptying the bank accounts.

The crimes which took place between 29th June and 11th September 2009 were investigated by detectives in Hastings culminating in the arrests of SHARIFF and one other male.

The trial took place after SHARIFF was charged with the offences. The other male skipped bail and has so far never been traced by police.

DC Bendon who led the investigation said following the trial “these were crimes committed by organised professional criminals who used subterfuge to take advantage of victims, who for the most part were vulnerable people. The eldest of the victims was well into her 90’s. The good will of members of the public who assisted the victims at the time and gave evidence in this case was vital to SHARIFF’s prosecution.”

Charges on raid at Redlands Site, Robertsbridge.

Four adult males have been charged with production of cannabis.

All are due to appear at Hastings Magistrates on Tuesday 21st December.

I will give you further details about this as soon as possible.

Update regarding burglary series.

On Friday 10th December a police operation took place in response to the recent series. 10 search warrants were executed. As a result of this, 6 persons were arrested and a large quantity of stolen property was seized.

One person has been charged with 3 burglaries and has been remanded in custody. The other suspects are on police bail.

Since the arrest and charges there have been no further burglaries in this series.

Please however remain vigilant.

Kind regards to everyone

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