

1.0 MAJOR INCIDENTS AND POLICING DIARY

MURDER / ATTEMPTED MURDER

1.1 Murder – Barnstaple

On Friday 9 June, police were called to an address in Barnstaple following the report of a stabbing. An ambulance took a 41-year-old injured Barnstaple man to North Devon District Hospital where he died soon after arrival. On Saturday 10 June, a police firearms operation was carried out in North Devon and a 36-year-old man from Barnstaple was arrested and charged with murder. He was remanded into custody at HMP Exeter where he is awaiting trial.

1.2 Murder – Tiverton

On Thursday 6 July, police were called to an incident in Tiverton. Upon arrival a 54-year-old man from Tiverton was found to have sustained serious stab injuries to the neck and despite the efforts of ambulance crew he died at the scene. A 55-year-old man from Sardinia was treated for facial injuries, arrested and charged with murder. He was remanded into custody at HMP Exeter where he is awaiting trial. A 50-year-old woman from Tiverton at the scene was also treated for minor injuries.

1.3 Attempted Murder – Exeter

On Sunday 23 July, police and ambulance were called to Redlands Close, Whipton, Exeter where a member of the public reported finding an injured woman in the road, beside a parked vehicle. The 48-year-old woman from Exeter had been sexually assaulted, was suffering from serious head injuries rendering her unconscious and had other cuts and bruises. She was taken to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital where she remains in a critical but stable condition. A £10,000 reward has been offered by Crimestoppers for information that leads to a conviction. Enquiries are ongoing.

1.4 Murder – Newquay

On Tuesday 22 August, a 19-year-old man from Newquay was found lying in the doorway of the Barracuda pub in Newquay. The man received treatment at the scene and was taken to the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Triliske where he died the following day. Two men, aged 37 and 26 from Newquay, have been arrested and charged with murder. Both have been remanded into custody and are awaiting trial.

SUSPICIOUS DEATH

1.5 Suspicious Death – Plymouth

On Thursday 8 June, police attended a report of a body on railings in the Mount Wise area of Devonport. At the scene a 26-year-old man from Plymouth was confirmed dead by paramedics. A 36-year-old man from

Plymouth was arrested on suspicion of supplying controlled Class 'A' drugs and released on police bail until early September.

1.6 Suspicious Death – St Austell

On Wednesday 6 July, police were called to an address in St Austell following concerns for the welfare of an occupant. A search of the surrounding area by police resulted in the discovery of a 39-year-old man's body at the base of a viaduct in Trenance Road, St Austell. A 20-year-old man from Bodmin, a 29-year-old man from Exeter and a 17-year-old woman from St Austell have all been charged with murder and remanded into custody where they await trial. Two 16-year old youths from St Austell were also arrested on suspicion of murder and released on bail.

VIOLENCE

1.7 Stabbing – Cullompton

On Wednesday 24 May, police received information regarding a stabbing incident at Bradninch near Cullompton. Officers attended the scene with ambulance personnel where they located a 46-year-old man from Bradninch who had sustained stab wounds. The man was taken to hospital for treatment; his injuries were not life threatening and he was kept in overnight. A 48-year-old woman from Tiverton was arrested at the scene and charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent. She appeared before Exeter Magistrates Court and has been bailed until July 2007.

1.8 Disorder – Totnes

On Sunday 18 June, a 33-year-old man from Dartmouth was restrained through the use of CS gas and charged with a public order offence of causing fear or provocation of violence. He appeared before South Devon Magistrates Court on 24 June where he pleaded guilty to the offences. He was given a community order, an 18-month supervision requirement, ordered to attend an Addressing Substance Related Offending (ASRO) programme, excluded for two years from five pubs in the area and ordered to pay £45 costs.

1.9 Stabbing – Dawlish

On Friday 23 June, police were called to Brook Street to a report of a 32-year-old man from Hampshire who had sustained stab wounds to the stomach. The man was treated by paramedics at the scene and taken to Torbay Hospital; his injuries were not life threatening. A 36-year-old man from Dawlish was arrested on Monday 26 June and charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent. He was remanded into custody at HMP Exeter on Wednesday 28 June where he is awaiting trial. Two other men, aged 27 and 32, from Dawlish and Hertfordshire were also arrested on Monday 26 June on suspicion of assisting an offender. They have both been bailed until September.

1.10 Serious Assault – Tiverton

On Saturday 30 July, police attended an address in Tiverton where a 40-year-old man from Oxfordshire was found with a serious injury to the neck. He needed life saving surgery for two arterial bleeds. A 29-year-old man from London was arrested and charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent; he has been remanded into custody where he awaits trial.

1.11 Serious Assault – Plymouth

On Saturday 5 August, police were called to a caravan in the Saltash Passage area of the city following the report of the assault of a 48-year-old man from Saltash. The victim was discharged from hospital after treatment to head, hand and leg injuries. A 45-year-old man from Plymouth was subsequently arrested and charged with causing grievous bodily harm. The man has been bailed to appear before Plymouth Crown Court on Friday 10 November 2006.

1.12 Child Cruelty – Ilfracombe

On Wednesday 9 August, police attended an address in Ilfracombe where a three-year-old girl was found with stab wounds. A 37-year-old woman from Ilfracombe was arrested and committed to a secure unit for 28 days under the Mental Health Act and has been bailed until 3 October 2006.

1.13 Female Stabbed – Plymouth

On Saturday 12 August, in the Stoke area of Plymouth, a 40-year-old Plymouth woman sustained stab wounds to the abdomen which were not life threatening. Three people were arrested in connection with the offence. A 28-year-old woman from Plymouth was charged with two counts of causing grievous bodily harm with intent. She was remanded into custody until mid September. A 39-year-old man from Plymouth was arrested and bailed to Tuesday 15 August when he was released with no further action. A 41-year-old Plymouth woman was also arrested but later released without charge.

1.14 Male Stabbed – Plymouth

On Saturday 12 August, a 45-year-old man from Plymouth sustained stab wounds at the Salvation Army hostel. His injuries were not life threatening. Police arrested a 75-year-old man from Plymouth who was charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm and threats to kill. He has been remanded into custody at HMP Exeter.

1.15 Stabbing – Plymouth

On Tuesday 15 August, police received a call from the Ambulance Service that a 21-year-old man from Plymouth had sustained stab wounds in the Ringmore Way area of Plymouth. The victim was detained at Derriford Hospital where his condition was not life threatening. A 19-year-old man from

Plymouth has been arrested and charged with GBH with intent and remanded into custody where he awaits trial.

ASSAULT ON POLICE

1.16 Officers Injured – Penzance

On Sunday 28 May, a 19-year-old man from Penzance was arrested for assaulting an officer at J D Wetherspoons in Penzance. A 21-year-old man from Penzance was also arrested for a public order offence as well as assault on police. A total of four officers received minor injuries including bruises and grazes. The two men were released on police bail and are due to appear before Truro Crown Court on 29 September 2006.

1.17 Assault on Dog Handler – Newton Abbot

On Wednesday 31 May, a 28-year-old man from Newton Abbot was arrested and charged with assault on a police constable, assault with intent to resist arrest and animal cruelty. The man failed to answer bail in June and his details have been circulated nationally.

1.18 Assault on Police – Plymouth

On Thursday 1 June, an officer was assaulted on Mutley Plain, Plymouth, while arresting a 36-year-old man. The man, from Plymouth, was charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm and for being drunk and disorderly. He appeared before Plymouth Magistrates Court on the 16 August and the case was adjourned for a committal hearing on the 4 October.

1.19 Assault on Police – Ilfracombe

On Saturday 3 June, an officer was assaulted during the arrest of a man. The officer sustained cuts, bruising, grazes and a fractured finger. The 19-year-old man was charged with possession with intent to supply Class 'C' drugs and resisting arrest. He received a 15-month conditional discharge for the offences and was ordered to pay the officer £200 in compensation.

1.20 Injury on Duty – Plymouth

On Monday 5 June, a detention officer was assaulted at Charles Cross Custody Centre. A 23-year-old man from Plymouth was charged with assault by beating and remanded into custody. At court on 5 July he was found guilty, given a custodial sentence of 81 days and ordered to pay £100 compensation.

1.21 Assault on Police – Portreath

On Tuesday 11 July, police officers attended a disturbance at the car park in Portreath. A 24-year-old man from Camborne was charged with assault on a police constable and resisting/obstructing a person assisting a constable. The man pleaded guilty to both offences and the case has been adjourned.

1.22 Officer Injured on Duty – Paignton

On Saturday 5 August, police were called to a report of a man acting in a disorderly manner on the Esplanade Road in Paignton. As the 19-year-old man from Paignton was detained for being drunk and disorderly, he assaulted a male officer, which resulted in the officer requiring medical treatment at Torbay Hospital. The man was charged with assaulting a police constable, being drunk and disorderly and resisting a police constable in the execution of their duty. The man was released on bail and has since been charged with a further charge of being drunk and disorderly and released on bail again.

1.23 Officer Injured on Duty – Okehampton

On Thursday 10 August, officers attended a youth hostel in Okehampton following a report of disturbance. A 14-year-old youth from London was charged with assaulting a police constable and criminal damage. He appeared before Central Devon Youth Court on 16 August and has been bailed until February 2007.

1.24 Assault on PCSO – Bodmin

On Friday 11 August, a man detained by a PCSO in Fore Street, Bodmin assaulted the officer. The 39-year-old man from Bodmin was arrested for assault occasioning actual bodily harm, and has been released on police bail until late September. The officer returned to full duty after treatment.

1.25 Knife Attack on Police Officer – Torquay

On Saturday 12 August, a 21-year-old man from Paignton was charged with attempting to cause grievous bodily harm with intent on a police officer, assaulting a police officer in the execution of their duty and possession of an offensive weapon. The man has been remanded into custody at HMP Exeter where he is awaiting trial.

1.26 Injury to PCSO – Exeter

On Sunday 13 August, a PCSO was assaulted as he detained a man in Burnthouse Lane, Exeter. The 20-year-old man from Exeter was charged with assaulting a community support officer in the execution of their duty and has been released on bail. No serious injury was received by the PCSO during the assault.

FIREARMS

1.27 Firearms Operation – Hayle

During the evening of Monday 12 June, police and authorised firearms officers attended an address in Hayle following a report that a man with a machete had injured another person. It transpired that this was not the case and no criminal offences were discovered at the scene. The incident had been reported to the police in good faith by a third party. The knife was handed to officers voluntarily.

1.28 Firearms Incident – Barnstaple

On Saturday 24 June, police were called to an address in Barnstaple to a report of threats made with a handgun. An armed police unit later arrested a 29-year-old man from Cardiff. The man was charged with possession of a handgun with intent to commit an indictable offence (robbery). He has been remanded into custody at HMP Exeter and a plea and directions hearing is scheduled for 10 October 2006.

1.29 Firearms Incident – Axminster

On Friday 4 August, following a report of a man in possession of a firearm, units including firearms units attended an address in Axminster. Officers negotiated for approximately one-and-a-half hours with the 38-year-old man before he jumped from a bedroom window. The man was conveyed to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital in order to assess any injuries incurred. He was arrested for possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence and released on bail to return to Heavitree Police Station on Wednesday 4 October 2006.

ROBBERY

1.30 Securicor Robbery – Plymouth

On Thursday 1 June, four men attacked a Securicor guard delivering cash for an ATM at the One Stop convenience store at Miller Way, Plymouth. The offenders made off in a vehicle with a substantial sum of money. Police located the vehicle used in the crime nearby and two men were arrested on suspicion of robbery. One 27-year-old man from Plymouth was released with no further action whilst the other 27-year-old man from Plymouth was cautioned for a minor drug offence and eliminated from enquiries. No one was injured during the offence. Enquiries are ongoing.

1.31 Attempted Robbery – Truro

On Wednesday 12 July, a 16-year-old youth from Truro was arrested and charged with attempting to rob and has been bailed to appear before Crown Court. A 15-year-old girl from Truro was also arrested in connection with the offence and has been released with no further action.

1.32 Armed Robbery – Launceston

On Monday 24 July, police responded to a reported armed robbery at Going Places in Launceston. A man confronted two members of staff with a handgun and demanded money. He was given a substantial sum of money then escaped on foot. Details of a key suspect have been circulated and enquiries are ongoing.

1.33 Robbery – Exmouth

On Thursday 27 July, police received a report of a robbery at the Brixington post office, Exmouth. Two men wearing balaclavas and carrying baseball bats threatened staff and stole a large sum of cash. During the robbery, the postmaster was assaulted and received a minor injury to his right hand. The offenders made off in a red Peugeot 206. Rewards and requests for information have been made in the local papers. Enquiries are ongoing.

1.34 Armed Robbery – Torquay

On Monday 31 July, a man armed with a handgun entered a post office in Torquay and made off with large amount of money. A search of the area with authorised firearm officers proved negative. No one was hurt during the incident. Enquires are ongoing.

1.35 Armed Robbery – Liskeard

On Thursday 3 August, police received a report of a robbery at the St Neot post office. A 32-year-old man from Truro was arrested on suspicion of the robbery. He has been released on police bail to return to Launceston police station on Friday 27 October 2006.

ARSON

1.36 Arson with Intent to Endanger Life – Paignton

On Sunday 18 June, a residential property in the Preston area of Paignton was subjected to an arson attack. The fire, which was near to the house, consumed two wheely bins and caused damage to the surrounding buildings and trees. Devon Fire and Rescue Service (DFRS) brought the fire under control. No one was injured during the incident. The offence was further aggravated by profanities written on the front door of their address in excrement. Enquiries into the incident are ongoing.

1.37 Fire – Callington

On Thursday 29 June, emergency services responded to a report of a fire at a disused building in Church Street, Callington. Fire appliances from Callington, Liskeard and Saltash plus specialised units from St Austell and Newquay attended to fight the fire, whose origin was of a suspicious nature. Two youths, a girl aged 13 and a boy aged 16, were arrested, interviewed and released without charge. A 14-year-old youth was also eliminated from enquiries. Enquiries are ongoing.

1.38 Arson/Operation Grimaldi – Yealmpton

Operation Grimaldi is the investigation of a number of arson offences at sheltered accommodation for the elderly in Yealmpton, Devon. On Monday 17 July, police from Ivybridge arrested a 73-year-old man from Plymouth as a result of a pre-planned operation. The man was charged with four offences of arson with intent to endanger life. He was remanded into custody and will appear before Plymouth Magistrates Court for a plea and directions hearing on Tuesday 24 October. He requested three further likewise offences be taken into consideration.

1.39 Arson – Looe

On Wednesday 27 July, police received a report of an explosion in Looe. The source of the explosion was found to be a fire from a garage. Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service attended. Police arrested a 17-year-old man from Looe on suspicion of causing arson. He has been bailed to return to Launceston police station on 27 September.

ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

1.40 Fatal Road Traffic Collisions

Between 1 June and 31 August 2006 there were 21 collisions resulting in 24 deaths on the roads of Devon and Cornwall.

1.41 Fatal RTC – Holsworthy

On Friday 9 June, police units attended the scene of a RTC on the B3254 Launceston Road near Holsworthy involving a Ford Escort van and a Suzuki 600cc motor cycle. The motor cyclist – a 31-year-old man – was pronounced dead at the scene. A 22-year-old man from Launceston has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving. He was released on police bail to return to Launceston police station in early September.

1.42 Serious Road Traffic Collisions

Between 1 June and 31 August 2006 there were 20 serious RTCs on the roads of Devon and Cornwall resulting in 23 people being seriously injured.

1.43 Police Accident – Newton Abbott

On Tuesday 25 July, a patrol car was involved in a road traffic collision in which no one was seriously injured. A 20-year-old man from Torquay was interviewed and then charged with taking a vehicle without consent. He is due to answer bail in September.

OTHER

1.44 Illegal Rave/Drugs Arrests – Davidstowe

On Monday 29 May, three men, aged 21, 24 and 26, from Surrey were charged with possession of a Class ‘A’ drug with intent to supply and firearms offences. They were remanded into custody at HMP Exeter on 6 June for eight weeks. Due to lack of evidence the 21 and 24-year-old were released with no further action. The 25-year-old remains in custody for possession of a controlled Class ‘A’ drug with intent to supply.

All revellers and associates attending the illegal rave at Davidstow had left the site by 1pm on Tuesday 30 May. There were in total 14 arrests for drug and minor public order offences and eight vehicles containing sound systems were seized. The police worked with the community and local agencies to support the clear up of refuse left at the site.

1.45 House Fire – Teignmouth

On Friday 9 June, a police unit attended a fire at a first floor flat in Teignmouth. Officers were informed that an occupant of the flat, a 36-year-old woman, was trapped inside. An officer and the woman’s 41-year-old partner entered the flat where they located her asleep on the sofa in the smoked filled lounge. They carried her out of the flat and she came round. Devon Fire and Rescue Service personnel quickly extinguished the fire, which had accidentally started in the kitchen. The couple and their two children were taken to Torbay Hospital as a precaution, due to smoke inhalation.

1.46 Burglary – Plymouth

On Monday 12 June, police were called by a householder in the Stoke area of Plymouth following a burglary. Officers attended and within nine minutes had arrested a suspect. A 36-year-old Plymouth man was charged with three offences of burglary. On 26 July at Plymouth Crown Court he pleaded guilty to the charges and was sentenced to a community order.

1.47 Arrest and Search – South Pool

A 46-year-old man from Essex was arrested in Romford on 14 June on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of a Class ‘A’ drug following a routine stop and search on Wednesday 21 September 2005 in the Kingsbridge area. The man was charged with offences of possession of 5.85 kilograms of amphetamine with intent to supply and a customs offence of fraudulent evasion of the same drug. He was remanded into custody at HMP Exeter on 17 June where he is awaiting trial.

A 62-year-old man from London, who was arrested at the scene in September, had his bail cancelled with no further action to be taken against him.

1.48 Damage to Police Station – Wadebridge

Overnight between Thursday 15 and Friday 16 June, several windows at Wadebridge police station were smashed whilst officers were attending other incidents in the town. A DNA sample was recovered and a suspect from the Avon and Somerset area is sought.

1.49 Drink Driving Double – Herniss to Falmouth Road

On Sunday 18 June, an off duty police officer was travelling on the Herniss to Falmouth road when he saw a black Renault Laguna being driven erratically. The officer telephoned colleagues to attend and whilst waiting for their arrival witnessed the driver swap places with the passenger. Both men failed a breath test and were arrested. The two men, aged 31 and 33, from Callington and Bristol respectively, were charged with driving with excessive alcohol. They were found guilty at West Cornwall Magistrates Court on 29 June. They both incurred fines, had their licenses endorsed and were disqualified from driving.

1.50 Attempted Theft of ATM – Plymouth

On Thursday 22 June, police received a report of a ram raid at the Mannamead stores in Eggbuckland Road, Plymouth. Police units were deployed to contain the area and the Force helicopter was called out. Seven people – one woman aged 25 and six men aged between 15 and 28 – were arrested in connection with burglary. All seven were released with no further action. Enquiries are ongoing.

1.51 ANPR Operation – M5 Southbound

As part of an extended three-day operation, officers from the Force ANPR team were assisted by the Tactical Aid Group, the dog section, CID, and communication officers. From 22-24 June, officers stopped and checked over 150 vehicles. Utilising ANPR technology, officers were able to identify drivers with no insurance, no licence or those who were sought by the police. Officers made 13 arrests for a variety of offences including possession of Class ‘A’ drugs with intent to supply, possession of Class ‘C’ drugs with intent to supply, disqualified driving and the theft of a £15,000 caravan reported stolen from Doncaster. In addition, 15 vehicles were taken off the road believed to be uninsured.

1.52 Lorry Looters – North Devon

Two men were arrested on Tuesday 13 June in Barnstaple on suspicion of theft from a motor vehicle in connection with a number of thefts from lorries that had occurred in the area since late April. The men, aged 57 and 25 from Liverpool, have been released on bail until mid September.

1.53 Man Rescued From the Sea – Wildersmouth

During the afternoon of Monday 10 July, members of the public raised the alarm about a man at sea in Wildersmouth and threw the 39-year-old from Barnstaple a lifeline. Two officers entered the water to assist the man in getting to shore assisted by two members of the public and the RNLI lifeboat. The man was met by waiting paramedics before being airlifted by 22 squadron from RNB Chivenor to North Devon District Hospital. He has since recovered and returned home. Neither of the officers were injured as a result of the incident.

1.54 Drugs Arrest – South Brent

On Thursday 13 July a targeted policing team together with South & West Devon BCU conducted an intelligence driven stop-check on a vehicle in South Brent and arrested the two male occupants. Two men from Plymouth, aged 19 and 37, and a 38-year old man from Liverpool, were charged with offences relating to the supply of Class ‘A’ drugs. They have all been remanded into custody at HMP Exeter.

1.55 Taser Defence Utilised – Plymouth

On Tuesday 18 July, police in Plymouth were called to a disturbance at a flat in the Stonehouse area where it was decided to deploy a taser. This was the first time a taser had been used in Devon and Cornwall although the tactic had been already been used successfully by many other forces. A 43-year-old man from Plymouth was arrested for criminal damage and checked over by Westcountry Ambulance personnel who confirmed he had no injury. Routine practice meant the incident was reported to the IPCC. The man has been released with no further action.

1.56 Operation Krantz – Newquay

On Wednesday 19 July, two men and one woman from Cornwall were arrested for being concerned in the supply of heroin in the Newquay area. A 41-year-old man and a 36-year-old woman were charged with possession of a Class ‘A’ drug with intent to supply, supplying a quantity of Class ‘A’ drugs and receiving stolen goods. They have been remanded into custody at HMP Exeter and at Eastwood Park Women’s Prison where they are awaiting trial. A 45-year-old man from Newquay has been released on bail until late September.

1.57 BB Gun Incident – Plymouth

On Wednesday 26 July, police received a report that a 22-year-old man from Plymouth had been shot in the eye. A 65-year-old man from Plymouth has been arrested on suspicion of causing actual bodily harm and released on bail until Wednesday 4 October 2006.

1.58 Drugs Seizure – North Devon

Police in North Devon made a significant seizure of drugs following the arrest of a 37-year-old man from Ilfracombe on Thursday 27 July. Two further men,

aged 37 and 51, were also arrested. Drugs with an estimated street value of £20,000 were recovered during the operation, which was led by Barnstaple's targeted policing team, assisted by officers from around North & East Devon. The three men have been released on police bail until Wednesday 8 November 2006, whilst enquiries continue.

1.59 Drugs Warrant – St Austell

On Thursday 3 August, a 59-year-old man and a 58-year-old woman from St Austell were arrested for being concerned in the supply of cannabis and money laundering. They have been released on police bail until 13 November 2006 whilst enquiries are ongoing.

1.60 Hoax 999 Caller Fined – Exeter

A 50-year-old man from Exeter was issued with an £80 fixed penalty notice on 14 August after making a series of 999 calls to police and ambulance staff earlier in the same month.

The Force received over 750 hoax calls between July 2005 and June 2006. Examples of calls received included a claim that a major road accident had occurred and that there was a large obstruction on a railway level crossing, a request from someone asking the police to deliver a pizza to them late at night, people in a drunken state asking police to taxi them home, someone reporting an injured pigeon in a park and a man who dialled the emergency number from his mobile to advise the Force that he couldn't use his home phone.

People reporting a crime or seeking advice in a non-emergency situation should phone 08452 777444. Calls to this number are charged at local rates. The hard of hearing or people with speech impediments can phone a minicom on (01392) 452935.

2.0 OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

2.1 On the Ball

Cornwall & Isles of Scilly officers have seen their World Cup hopes realised, despite the rest of the nation reeling from another quarter-final penalties defeat.

Officers in the region have seen England's World Cup campaign supported and watched peacefully, following a pro-active initiative to tackle anti-social behaviour. Any persons who came to the notice of officers for boisterous or anti-social behaviour were handed a 'yellow card'. The appropriately coloured card explained to the person that their details would be recorded, that the card was a final warning and should they come to attention of officers again, then positive action would be taken against them.

The Think Safe Drink Safe campaign was also given a World Cup rejuvenation, with posters sporting slogans such as: 'Kicking off leads to extra time and penalties'. The campaign was used to tackle underage drinking, as well as issuing warnings against anti-social behaviour.

Acting Inspector Jim Pearce said that early intervention using both these methods has stopped behaviour escalating later in the evening when more alcohol had been consumed, and has contributed to keeping violence down.

2.2 Torbay Police Engage with Foreign Students

Torbay police have worked in conjunction with the Probation Service, Torbay Council and 'Safer communities Torbay' to design a DVD aimed at visiting international students.

The DVD, entitled 'Be cool, stay safe', was created for foreign students aged between 12 and 16 and is shown at international schools to visiting students on their first day in Torbay.

Tieneka Drew, South & West Devon BCU marketing communications officer, said that the idea behind the DVD was to communicate personal safety messages to the visiting students in a way they can relate to, as well as reducing the need for police officers to attend each welcome session in person.

Tieneka approached Automatic Media, a company based in Plymouth, as they had previously worked with Torbay tourist board and had images of Torbay that could be re-used which helped keep costs down.

The DVD links into marketing material such as a useful contacts card for student leaders which is designed to fit into a wallet, flyers and personal safety posters.

Acting Inspector Adrian Leisk created a leaflet for victims of crime that is written in five languages. Adrian and his team has also visited schools in Torbay to put the message to pupils that if they get caught up in an incident with a visiting student that they will go straight to court.

TVIS is the new name for Operation Columbus, which was concerned with visiting international students.

2.3 To Catch A Thief...

The latest means of catching criminals in the act has been unveiled by police in Plymouth. The mobile CCTV van is a joint venture between Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, the Government Office for the South West and Plymouth Community Safety Partnership.

The mobile CCTV van is technologically advanced and contains digital, audio and visual recording equipment.

The state-of-the-art van is a medium wheel base Ford Transit Van and has a 4.5 metre rotating telescopic pole on which the CCTV camera sits; this is then operated from inside the van. The vehicle is staffed by two specially trained officers who are able to watch, record and download footage at the touch of a button.

The van can be deployed to large-scale public events such Navy Days and games at Plymouth Argyle, along with being a community safety tool to aid in preventing, deterring or catching those committing acts of violence and anti-social behaviour.

2.4 Cross Border Criminals Targeted

The Force's Special Constabulary from coastal East Devon has worked in partnership with Avon & Somerset and Dorset Police, Customs and Excise and the Force's Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) team to target cross border criminals.

The idea stemmed from Honiton-based Special Sergeant Andy Turner who noted that many criminals from Somerset and Dorset were at work in the East Devon area and obtained permission to set up ANPR operations with neighbouring forces.

In January this year, seven break-ins in one evening in the Axminster area were swiftly followed by the discovery of the stolen property and three arrests in Dorset. Although the suspects were from Somerset, the stolen items had been property marked by a Devon & Cornwall Constabulary special constable, which facilitated their safe return to the owners.

It was then that Sgt Turner decided to set up two cross border ANPR operations; one with Avon & Somerset Police on 3 June and one with Dorset Police on 17 June.

And the results speak for themselves: 142 cars were stopped in total and almost 50 were found to have no registered keepers; 44 were untaxed and over 20 had no insurance. One arrest was carried out following a positive breath test and updates on one known sex offender and one known drug dealer were given. A £500 on the spot fine was also given to one driver for the use of red diesel.

2.5 Grow Your Own

A network aiming to support female officers and staff has been held at St Mellion Golf and Country Club.

The Force Women in Policing Network – which will provide support in policy development, identifying potential discrimination and ensuring fairness for all female employees – was launched on 7 September. It offers mentoring opportunities and seeks to improve prospects for women in specialist roles and part time and flexible working.

‘Grow Your Own’ was the theme of the day and offered the chance to acquire new skills, improve self-confidence and network. Keynote speakers were local, high profile women such as Angela Wright (managing director, Crealy Parks) and Michaela Breeze (Commonwealth Gold Medallist).

In addition there were workshops on life coaching (led by Liz Scott), corporate & personal image (led by Pat Ayerst), OSPRE preparation, fitness & health and assessment & interviews.

2.6 Force Trials Harley Davidson Bike

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary is using a Harley Davidson for the first time for traffic policing and to engage with the motorbike community about road safety.

The Force is one of around six in the country trialing the Harley Davidson Road King 1510cc motorbike.

The Force could buy one of the machines if it proves a useful addition to the regular fleet of BMW K1200RSP police motorbikes.

Harley Davidsons are used in roads policing around the world, in countries such as America.

2.7 Knife Amnesty Hailed a Success

The Force is pleased with the encouraging response from the public to the recent knife amnesty.

The amnesty, which was part of a national Home Office led initiative, concluded at midnight on 30 June and saw a total of 3,752 knives handed in across Devon and Cornwall.

Secured knife bins were positioned at most police stations across the two counties to enable those with illegal or unwanted weapons to drop them in without fear of prosecution.

The majority of knives handed in were domestic, such as kitchen knives, which was appropriate as they are used to commit most knife-related crime.

However, the campaign gained national media when an anti-tank rocket launcher was handed in at Wadebridge police station. Apparently the weapon, which didn't contain a shell, was American and had been brought into the country from Germany in the 1970s.

Knife-related crime figures for the first three weeks of June also show a slight decrease when compared to the same period in 2005.

Breakdown of knives handed in across the Force area:

<u>BCU</u>	<u>Number of knives</u>
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly BCU	911
Plymouth BCU	635
South & West Devon BCU	938
North & East Devon BCU	1,268
Grand total	3,752

2.8 Roll-Out of New Custody System

A new and improved custody system that interfaces with Force systems will be implemented in N&E Devon in the autumn and rolled out across Devon & Cornwall Constabulary over the next 18 months.

The National Strategy for Police information Systems (NSPIS) custody application replaces the Northgate custody application and is due to be launched in Barnstaple at the end of October.

The new system will then go live in Heavitree Road in December before rolling out in Exmouth, Tiverton and Cullompton in January 2007.

NSPIS is an initiative driven by the Home Office to develop common police systems for use by forces across England and Wales. The NSPIS custody project team, within the ICT department, is responsible for the implementation of the national custody system.

A phased roll out to Plymouth, South and West Devon and Cornwall and Isles of Scilly BCUs is planned for 2007 during which appropriate training will be delivered to officers and the NSPIS custody system will be installed at all required custody suites.

The roll out will focus initially on the busiest custody suites in N&E Devon namely Barnstaple, Heavitree Road, Exmouth, Tiverton and Cullompton. It will then be introduced at Charles Cross and Crownhill in Plymouth, Torquay and Newton Abbot in S&W Devon, Launceston, Newquay, Camborne, Penzance, Falmouth, Truro, St Austell, Bodmin, Liskeard and St Marys in C&IoS.

NSPIS custody is a 'paperless system' so custody records will not be printed unless specifically asked for. Instead detainees can view details on their own screen, which is suitably protected and sign records using an electronic signature pad.

In addition, there will be an interactive electronic whiteboard at designated custody suites – Barnstaple, Heavitree Road, Charles Cross, Torquay, Launceston, Newquay and Camborne – and bar code scanners for DNA packs.

If a match is found on Video Witness, the detainee image will be displayed to the custody officer during booking in. A fingerprint search will return results to the custody application, giving a possible positive identification of the detainee whilst they are still in custody. NSPIS custody will provide easier to use PNC checks and will update PNC directly with detainee details, giving more current information on PNC.

2.9 First Student Officers Hit the Streets

Twenty student officers have successfully completed the Force's pilot of the Initial Police Learning & Development Programme (IPLDP).

The recruits graduated on 21 July after undergoing in-house training at Seale Hayne, including practical days in Ashburton and Sidmouth and two weeks of placements within other organisations within the community.

Half of the students officers will be posted in North & East Devon Basic Command Unit (BCU) and the other half in Plymouth BCU.

IPDLDP was introduced Forcewide in April as part of the Government reform of the police service. All recruits, now known as student officers, are trained in-Force rather than attending regional residential courses.

Programme designer Sergeant Mick Glynn said that they were delighted at the way that the pilot course had gone and that the student officers would now be well equipped for the next phase of their training.

2.10 Get Your Message Out to the Public

The Force's community messaging system (CMS) has been upgraded to include fax and email messages as well as telephone calls.

With over 30,000 volunteers across the Force area, 60 telephone lines that broadcast simultaneously and the capacity to target up to 2,500 people per hour, CMS is an effective way of disseminating key messages to the local community.

Messages that can be sent include information about missing or wanted people, stolen vehicles or property, bogus callers, suspicious people and activity and general information or meeting invitations. Updates and cancellations to previous messages can also be sent for example when a missing person has been located.

Recipients include various groups such as Shop Watch, Neighbourhood Watch, Holiday Watch, hotels, bed and breakfasts and campsites, Age Concern, local councils and schools among others.

Each basic command unit (BCU) has its own community messaging officer (CMO) who is responsible for the dissemination of messages in their area. The CMOs have their own terminal with access to both OIS & CIS and work Monday to Friday.

All CMS messages sent are created by the CMOs and normally relate to an incident log number or crime reference number so that members of the public can call the police on the general inquiries number, Crimestoppers or in an emergency 999 with any information. That call can then be linked to the original log or crime for the officer in charge to note.

An added feature to the upgraded system is that messages can be sent in the future with a particular date and time in mind. This is particularly helpful for promoting meetings for Neighbourhood Watch or NBM surgeries.

2.11 Think Last Drink

A Cornwall & Isles of Scilly initiative is encouraging officers to submit more alcohol-related intelligence in a bid to pinpoint the premises that are serving people who then go on to commit offences.

The 'last drink initiative' is aimed at reducing alcohol-related violent crime, anti-social behaviour (ASB) and criminal damage by changing the way incidents are recorded.

If officers simply ask offenders the question: 'Where did you get your last drink from?' then specific intelligence can be submitted to the licensing teams

that will help them to build up a picture of premises that are frequented by offenders.

Gathering intelligence specific to establishments has been a challenge in the past because recording did not take into account the originating location, but rather where an incident occurred. It is for this reason that most public order or drunken violence offences appear as 'street offences' and are not necessarily linked to specific premises.

The scheme will provide vital information to ensure that clubs, pubs and off licences are being run properly and that they are fully aware of their responsibilities and their duty of care to their customers.

2.12 Brownies Bake Cakes in Name of Crime Prevention

Paignton-based neighbourhood beat managers have been working with Torbay Brownie packs to ensure they achieve their crime prevention badges with flying colours.

The NBMs visited each Brownie pack over a four-week period to teach them crime prevention methods and since August of last year over 160 Brownies have successfully received their badges and a specially designed certificate.

In order to achieve their badges, the Brownies had to tell the examiner what to say to their parents when they are going out and what to remember to do if a stranger talks to them. They also had to explain how to protect their homes from burglary and show an understanding of property marking schemes.

The Brownies were asked to source two crime prevention leaflets from their local police station and explain their message to the examiner and find out about the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in their area.

Their creative skills were also tested; the Brownies had to draw a picture and design a slogan encouraging other children to respect the property of others and discourage vandalism. These posters will be put in shops local to their Brownie pack.

Paignton-based Sergeant Steve Rooke said that working with the Brownies had been a fantastic opportunity to disseminate crime prevention messages not only to the Brownies but to their parents as well.

Mayor Nick Byre and Inspector Mark Backhouse awarded certificates and badges to the Brownies at the award ceremony, which was attended by around 300 people. Prizes were also given for the most artistic and imaginative posters.

2.13 Vision Expressed

A pioneering initiative that tackles the issues surrounding hate crime has been relaunched in Plymouth.

The True Vision campaign, which was originally introduced in May 2004, is aimed at improving the service the Force provides to minority communities.

Forces across the country have joined together to provide a self-reporting and information pack together with an online facility that allows victims and witnesses to report hate crime directly to the police.

Hate crime, where victims are targeted purely because of their colour, sexuality, ethnic origin, culture or lifestyle, is among the most under-reported types of crime in the country. The fear, confusion and insecurity caused by hate crimes is felt by individuals, but can then go on to spread through whole communities, causing them to feel victimised and vulnerable to further attack. Forces across the country are now recognising the need to make considerable efforts to overcome the reluctance of people to report hate crime incidents. The True Vision campaign addresses the issue by encouraging victims to come forward, so that the offenders can be dealt with appropriately.

The True Vision packs will be made available for patrol officers, NBMs, PCSOs, special constables and front office staff in time for the public launch. Officers will be encouraged to carry the packs and distribute them among their community contacts.

2.14 All the Small Things

Police forces from across the UK have visited Plymouth in order to learn about how officers are producing outstanding results from tiny head cameras worn on duty.

More than 100 delegates, including some from Turkey, attended a meeting and demonstration in the city in late June to hear about the initiative run by officers from Devon & Cornwall Constabulary and funded by the Plymouth Community Safety Partnership.

Police authorities in the USA and Japan have also shown an interest in the headcams following worldwide publicity on several international TV channels.

The headcams, which are the size of marker pens, are worn by officers patrolling the city's club lands and also when police are called to deal with cases of domestic violence. The first successful prosecution using evidence recorded by one of the cameras took place in Plymouth in March, involving a case of domestic abuse and assault on police officers.

The headcams, which feed images and sound to a digital recorder holding up to 12 hours of footage, are now being supplied to 30 other forces across the country.

3.0 AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

3.1 Mrs Wallis, the former chief constable, awarded her commendation to the following officers for their bravery in acting without hesitation to restrain and disarm an offender, who presented a threat to the public, officers and himself. Standing resolute, even though he was in fear of being seriously injured, Sergeant Matthew Lawler and his two colleagues, Sergeants Martine Moore and Mark White, tackled the man and arrested him. Judge Griggs commended Sergeant Lawler's actions in subduing a drug-crazed criminal without regard for his personal safety.

Mrs Wallis awarded her commendation to PC Michael Ellis for showing great courage and professionalism in an extremely dangerous situation.

PC Ellis was called to a report of a distressed woman on the harbour wall at Mevagissey. On arrival at the scene the area was extremely dark, the weather was blustery, and the sea was crashing over the outer harbour wall with winds gusting to force five. An initial search of the area around the lighthouse end of the harbour wall failed to locate the woman. However, PC Ellis caught sight of movement at the other end of the sea wall where the waves were breaking at the top of the harbour wall making movement on the outside of the sea wall treacherous and both PC Ellis and the woman were in danger of being swept off the ledge into the sea. With the assistance of a colleague, PC Ellis was able to remove the young woman from the ledge on the wall and take her to safety.

Mrs Wallis awarded her commendation to PC Philip Nankivell for his professionalism and courage in a potentially dangerous situation.

Information was received that a man in a residential street of Camborne was brandishing a handgun, which was being fired into the air. PC Nankivell, a dog handler, attended the telephone kiosk where the member of the public had allegedly made the 999 emergency call. As he arrived a man was walking away from the kiosk and he asked this person to stop. The man had what appeared to be a 9mm pistol in his right hand and a long bladed kitchen knife in his left. PC Nankivell contained the male until other colleagues arrived. The man was detained and arrested. He later appeared at Truro Crown Court where

he pleaded guilty to a firearms offence and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Mrs Wallis awarded her commendation to the following officers for their leadership, professionalism and detective ability whilst working on Operation Rowan, in respect of the professional and focused manner in which they gave clear direction to this major operation:

Detective Superintendent Stuart Newberry
Detective Inspector Stuart Ellis

They are to be congratulated on their awards.

- 3.2** On Thursday 3 August 2006, Her Majesty's Coroner for Plymouth, Mr Nigel Meadows commended the Force vehicle and collision investigators for their professionalism and the quality and detail of their reports. Their work has assisted him in carrying out his investigations into the deaths of road users over the past ten years.

3.3 Community Police Officer of the Year

Sergeant Matthew Lawler of North & East Devon BCU has been nominated for the Police Review 2006 Gala Awards Ceremony in the category of Community Police Officer. The award is in its 15th year and highlights the work of 'Bobbies on the beat'.

Sgt Lawler has in the past three years shown the highest level of effective community policing. Crime statistics in his area have fallen 27%. He is responsible for producing sector policies on beat managers' terms of reference, anti-social behaviour and burglary response. Last year Sgt Lawler was in the top five officers in his role for submitting intelligence information.

Our best wishes go with him for the award ceremony, which is being held in London on 23 November.

3.4 Chief Constable's Award Ceremony

The former Chief Constable Maria Wallis presented the following awards to police officers and police staff during a ceremony at police headquarters, Middlemoor on Tuesday 27 June 2006:

Ada Murrin Cup – Sgt Matt Lawler, Heavitree Road, Exeter.

The David Farley Challenge Shield – Caradon Team

Waddell Prize – PC Chris Stewart, Charles Cross.

Runners up, PC Steven Hawkins, Newquay; PC Grahame Bailey, Exeter; PC Miranda Brown, Torquay.

Lifetime Achievement in Policing award – PC Pete Cole, Bodmin.

The Vera Murrin Torphy – Plymouth Neighbourhood Watch.

3.5 Student Officer of the Year

Constable Miranda Dalton of S&WD BCU has been nominated for the Police Review 2006 Gala Awards Ceremony in the category of Student Officer of the Year. Practical policing skills, making an arrest and dealing with incidents are some of the criteria student officers need to meet to be eligible for the award.

PC Dalton, who has been with the Force for two years, showed moral and physical courage earlier this year when she was threatened by a male brandishing a hammer and other weapons. She was able to apprehend and disarm him.

PC Dalton has been described as ‘exceptional’, ‘selfless’ and ‘enthusiastic’. Skills that have seen her convince a male to come down who had been threatening to jump from a multi-storey car park and gain information from a woman regarding an incident in which she had been held at knifepoint by her partner, where other officers had in the past failed.

Our best wishes also go with her for the award ceremony.

3.6 Long Service and Good Conduct Presentations

The former Chief Constable Maria Wallis presented officers and police staff with more than 22 years of service with long service and good conduct medals during a ceremony at police headquarters Middlemoor, on Tuesday 11 July 2006. Awards were presented to:

Police Constables:

Christopher Barker, Cornwall & Isles of Scilly BCU,
Nigel Hyde, Cornwall & Isles of Scilly BCU,
Julian Morgan, North & East Devon BCU,
Carl Skepper, Crime Department,
Timothy Sleath, Command Team Support,
Karen Stiven, South & West Devon BCU,
Peter Tuck, South & West Devon BCU.

Detective Constable Kevin Giles, Plymouth BCU.

Sergeant Peter Sarney, North & East Devon BCU.

Inspector Alastair Cuthbert, Plymouth BCU.

Special constables with more than nine years’ service presented with long service and good conduct medals were:

Special Constable Sergeant Lindi Braud, North & East Devon BCU.

3.7

Qualifications

Andy Lidstone, from the Force Chemical and Optical Enhancement Unit has been selected as the Development Fingerprint Enhancement Student of the Year 2005. This award from the Centrex National Training Centre at Harperley Hall in Durham is given to the most outstanding student to have attended any of the Development courses held during a training year. Andy is to be congratulated on being the very first student ever to gain this award.

Helen Wichall, Personnel Unit, Plymouth BCU has been awarded an advanced diploma in Therapeutic Counselling from the Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body (CPCAB) undertaken at Plymouth College of Further Education.

Janet Moon, Assistant Data Protection Officer, Corporate Services Department, Headquarters, has been awarded a Certificate in Data Protection from the Information Systems Examinations Board, following an extensive course of study.

Robert Wastell, Buildings Surveyor (Projects), Headquarters has been awarded a BSc (Hons) Building Surveying qualification by the University of the West of England (Bristol).

Andrew Morris, Head of Estates, Headquarters, has been awarded a Master of Arts with Merit Degree in Real Estate and Business Management by the University of the West England (Bristol).

They are all to be congratulated on their achievement.

4.0 SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES – UPDATE

4.1 CRIME

In the period April to August 2006 the Force recorded a 1.0% increase in British Crime Survey Comparable crime (the target was a reduction of 7%). Total recorded crime has also risen, by 1.9%. This figure includes a 7.1% reduction in common assault and a 4.8% decrease in vehicle crime.

The Force detected 25.2% of recorded total crime. The sanction detection rate was 23.9%, below the year-end target of 27.0%.

4.2 ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

The Force is committed to reducing the number of casualties on our roads. April to July 2006 performance (compared with April to July 2005) shows a 16.3% decrease in RTCs has been recorded, with a decreasing trend in casualties in the past few months. Projections to year end indicate that the target minimum reduction of 5% in the number of people killed or seriously injured in RTCs will be achieved. Over the past 9 years casualties have fallen significantly and remain on line to achieve the ACPO target by 2008. The number of RTCs is defined as the number of people fatally and seriously injured in RTCs.

4.3 PROVIDING ASSISTANCE

74.5% of service users are satisfied with the service they received (April 2006 to June 2006). This is below the year end target of 80%. 84.9% of burglary victims are satisfied with the overall service, 79.6% of RTC victims, 68.0% of vehicle crime victims and 65.5% of violent crime victims. Racist incident victim satisfaction is below the year end target of 80%, at 66.7%.

4.4 PERSONNEL

Police officer strength at 31st August 2006 stood at 3,485.1 officers (Full Time Equivalent). A decrease in numbers on the 3,500 optimum level was expected, given that there has been no scheduled probationer intake since June 2006,

although an intake of 24 probationers is due in September, together with three transferee officers.

This situation will continue to occur throughout the year as the Force strives to maintain strength levels at 3,500. Plans are in place to ensure that the projected wastage for the forthcoming year is offset through probationer intakes and transferee officers. With the Force having filled its complement of Detective Constables into Major Crime through the transferee programme, focus has turned to other specialised roles although the exact details of these posts are in the process of being finalised.

4.5 SICKNESS

The projected average figures for 2006/07 are detailed below. Comparison is again drawn on the actual year end figures for 2005/06 together with the variances for each category.

	<u>Apr-Mar 2006</u> (Actual)	<u>Apr-Mar 2007</u> (Projected)	<u>variation</u>
Police Officers	7.92	8.4	+ 6.1%
Police Staff	11.16	10.8	- 3.23%

The projections are based on the figures at the end of the first quarter i.e. June 2006, which have been annualised. The situation has improved since the last report in June 2006 where the variances were +22.7% for officers and +11.4% for staff.

4.6 CALL HANDLING PERFORMANCE

A total of 117,795 999 calls were received by the Force for the period April 1st 2006 to August 31st 2006. Of these, 83.08% were answered within 10 seconds, below the Force target of 90%. The average wait before answer was four seconds. The number of 999 calls received over the same period in 2005 has risen by 1,653 calls.

A total of 448,089 calls were received at the switchboard until the end of August 2006 compared to 448,583 the previous year, a decrease of 494 calls. A total of 89.41% of calls have been answered within charter of 30 seconds. 72.47% of those calls answered within charter were answered within 10 seconds. The average wait time before answer is currently eight seconds.

FEC performance between April 1st and August 31st 2006 is 45.58% of calls answered within 30 seconds, compared to 44.28% the year before, an increase of 1.3%. Demand has increased from 260,127 calls received between April and August 2005 to 262,719 in 2006. The average answer delay before answer to August 2006 is 1min 42 seconds which is well below the 2005/2006 average of 3 minutes 15 seconds.

CDIB overall performance (combining 0800, custody, Internal number, public network and Missing Person/DV 121a lines) is 63.49% with 45,298 calls answered within 30 seconds. An increase in performance of 2.03% has been seen over the same period as last year where overall demand was slightly higher by 1,130 calls at 72,476.

4.7

RECOVERY OF ASSETS

Assets Recovered 1 April to 30 June 2006

Number of Confiscation Orders	3
Value of Confiscation Orders	£48,834.96
Number of Forfeiture Orders	4
Value of assets recovered through Forfeiture Orders	£6,133.78
Value of Cash Forfeitures under PoCA S.295	£13,313.20
Number of Production Orders for the purposes of asset recovery	83
Number of financial investigations for the purposes of asset recovery	144
Prosecutions for money laundering	1
Total Assets to be Recovered	£68,281.94