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Dear All

Good news from Hampshire Constabulary...!

Six more people have been sentenced over the last week (Sept 1 and 2nd) to a total of 22 years in prison for their part in Operation Buntline - Hampshire Constabulary's biggest drugs investigation carried out as part of a crackdown known as Operation Fortress.

The six people were:

- 24 year-old Sherief Ali from Stockport, Cheshire; sentenced to four years in prison for two counts of conspiracy to supply class 'A' drugs.
- 35 year-old Leanne Dutton from Grayrigg Walk, Manchester; sentenced to six months in prison suspended for two years for money laundering.
- 24 year-old Jack Impey from Kingsway South, Warrington; sentenced to five and a half years in prison for being concerned in the supply of class 'A' drugs & three years in prison for money laundering to be served concurrently.
- 30 year-old Sophia Jones from Sykeside Court, Rossendale, Lancashire; sentenced to 18 months in prison suspended for two years for money laundering.
- 30 year-old Frankie Lee from Ashworth Street, Oldham; sentenced to four years in prison for two counts of conspiracy to supply class 'A' drugs & three years in prison for one count of money laundering to be served concurrently.
- 66 year-old David Morgan from Montgomery Street, Oldham; sentenced to six months in prison suspended for two years for money laundering.

They join 23 other people who have so far been sentenced for their part in the drugs conspiracy, some dealt with in the recent trials but some who were dealt with separately by the courts as part of Operation Buntline. They have been jailed for a cumulative total, including some concurrent sentences for those who have been convicted for more than one offence, of nearly 159 years in prison.

Detective Inspector Mandy Horsburgh said: "These sentences bring to an end the main part of Operation Buntline. The aim of the investigation was to dismantle and bring to justice an organised crime group from Manchester who conducted their business of supplying controlled drugs through the fear and use of violence, made extraordinary cash profits and exploited the vulnerability of those addicted to drugs within our communities – today that aim has been successfully achieved. This has been a long and thorough investigation which has seen 30 people brought to justice for the part they have played in the supply of controlled drugs into Southampton, Winchester and Brighton. We are very pleased with the outcome of all the sentences that have been handed out, not just today, but over the past few months. I would like to thank the dedicated team of Hampshire officers who have

worked on this case with the outstanding support provided by the CPS. I am also grateful for the assistance provided by our colleagues in Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Cheshire and Sussex Police.

“If you have any information about drug dealing in Hampshire please 101 to let us know or if you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”

Rogue trader ordered to pay back £145,000

A rogue trader has been ordered to pay back £145,000 today having been convicted of overcharging vulnerable people for house repair work.

Albert Brazil, 58, of Amberley Close, Botley, was made subject to a confiscation order at Portsmouth Crown Court on Friday, August 19, 2016. Brazil pleaded guilty to three counts of fraud and two counts of money laundering on July 13, 2015, and was sentenced to a total of two years' imprisonment. In each case, Brazil approached elderly and vulnerable people in Fareham, Gosport and Liphook in 2014 and claimed they needed work done to their homes. He overcharged them for the work done, which was later found to be of low quality.

Officers from Hampshire Constabulary's Financial Investigation Unit worked on the case and looked at the amounts Brazil was paid, as well as others that were found in his bank accounts.

On Friday, Mr Recorder Clarkson QC made Brazil subject to a confiscation order totalling £145,000. This included £8,561.50 to the victim of the Fareham fraud, a man in his 90s, £11,667.50 to the victim of the Liphook fraud, a woman in her 70s, and £458.50 to the victim of the Gosport fraud, a man in his 80s. The rest of the total was made up of money found in Brazil's bank accounts for which he could not provide an explanation.

Speaking after the hearing, Detective Constable Scott Lymbery, of Hampshire Constabulary's Financial Investigation Unit, said: “I am happy that the victims in this case, who were vastly overcharged by Brazil, will get back their money. These orders were secured using the Proceeds of Crime Act. The power of this legislation has been used to claw back money from a man who targeted the elderly and vulnerable for his own financial gain. We will continue to use these powers to make sure convicted criminals have to literally pay for their actions.”

Tackling rogue traders

Hampshire Constabulary has supported Operation Rogue Trader this year, by reinforcing the protection we give to vulnerable residents and disrupting the activities of doorstep criminals.

This work is led by Operation Liberal, the national intelligence unit that links associated crimes and gathers intelligence on suspects and organised crime groups who travel extensively throughout the UK.

Our key advice to members of the public:

- **Lock:** All doors, even when at home. Use a chain or spy hole
- **Stop:** Unknown people from entering your home
- **Tell:** Police about unwanted or suspicious callers, phone us on 101.

And remember **if you're not sure, just don't open the door.**

- If you feel threatened, call 999

- Deaf? Mini-com call users call 18001 101 or send a text to 07781 480999
- Want to stay anonymous? Call the independent Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111.

Further information and crime prevention advice on doorstep crime can be found here: http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/news-and-appeals/campaigns/Doorstep_crime

Bordon Man jailed for robbery

A 35 year-old man from Bordon has been jailed for four years and six months following a robbery in the car park at Lidl in the town on July 1. On Thursday August 25, at Winchester Crown Court, Ashley Austin of no fixed address was sentenced to 56 months imprisonment for robbery and 20 months in prison to run concurrently for possession of a bladed article, after admitting both offences.

On Friday, July 1, a 56 year-old woman returned to her car in the Lidl car park in Bordon and was approached by Austin armed with a kitchen knife. He pulled at her handbag before cutting the strap, and running off. The victim shouted for help and then gave chase. Two men aged 53 and 46 who saw what happened also gave chase, catching the suspect and disarming him of the knife. They detained him until police arrived.

Ashley Austin was subsequently charged with robbery and possession of a bladed article. He entered guilty pleas for both offences at Winchester Crown Court on Wednesday, August 3.

Following sentencing, Her Honour Judge Evans QC commended the two men who disarmed and detained Austin and has recommended them for a High Sheriffs Commendation.

Police Staff Investigator Adam Osborne, who oversaw the investigation, said: "I would like to thank both of the men who detained and disarmed Austin. Without hesitation they bravely and selflessly put themselves in danger to help the victim and to apprehend a robbery suspect armed with a knife.

"Austin's sentence shows just how seriously the courts view this kind of violent crime, which could have led to someone being seriously hurt. I'm pleased that his victim can take comfort knowing that he will be serving a significant sentence for his actions".

Doorstep Crime Prevention Campaign

Please find attached a hyperlink to the [doorstep crime prevention campaign page](#) on our website where you can read and download literature.

http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/news-and-appeals/campaigns/Doorstep_crime

August Edition of Our News from National NW

Here's your August edition of the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network

monthly newsletter [Our News](#).

Inside you'll find 11 pages of news, pictures and advice.

- We've got a welcome message from our new chair Lynn Farrar
- An exclusive offer to Neighbourhood Watch members from our sponsor ERA Home Security.
- A fun story from our sponsor the Co-op Insurance about the strange places people are keeping their bikes to keep them safe.
- A round-up of pictures from National Neighbourhood Watch Week.
- Advice on keeping your pet cats safe.
- Plus lots more.

Alerts and Warnings

Please find attached a number of alerts that we hope you find relevant and informative.

Crimestoppers Annual Report

Attached is the recent report from Crimestoppers. It has some very interesting articles and is well worth a read.

Please distribute to your network as appropriate. If you have any questions or comments on the report please contact John Dick, our HINWA representative on the Hampshire Crimestoppers panel. (john@thedicks.co.uk)

Regards

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HINWA secretary

[Crimestoppers Impact Report 2015 - 16.pdf](#)

Kind regards,

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WARNING

Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is warning the public to be wary of cold callers at the door offering to tarmac driveways. Reports have been received from the Langrish/ East Meon area, but the warning applies to all of Hampshire.

Although consumers have statutory rights when buying at the door, including a 14 day right to cancel for goods over £42, the right to a refund, replacement or repair if the goods are faulty, falsely described or not fit for purpose. **Those rights can only be exercised if the seller is a trader, and if they give full and correct contact information. The trader must also give a consumer paperwork detailing a 14 day cancellation period. This paperwork must also request your authorisation to start within the 14 day cancellation period. Please note that if you agree for work to start within the 14 days but decided to cancel within the cancellation period a consumer must pay a reasonable sum for the work completed.** Trading Standards recommend residents do not buy goods at the door.

For further information on buying at the door, click on the following link to Hampshire Trading Standards website [Your rights when buying at the door](#).

Members of Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Buy With Confidence scheme are fully audited to ensure their trading practices are legal, honest and fair. All members have been checked for trustworthiness and compliance with consumer protection laws. Details can be obtained by telephoning 01962 833620, emailing buy.with.confidence@hants.gov.uk or via the website <http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/>

If anyone has any information about traders who are cold calling or requires any advice on doorstep crime they can contact Hampshire County Council's

Quick Response Team on 01962 833666
(Monday – Friday 0900hrs to 1700hrs)

where specially trained officers are on hand to provide advice.

If assistance is required outside of these hours please contact Hampshire Police on their non-urgent number 101 or dial 999 if you feel threatened or intimidated.

Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Service

Montgomery House Monarch Way
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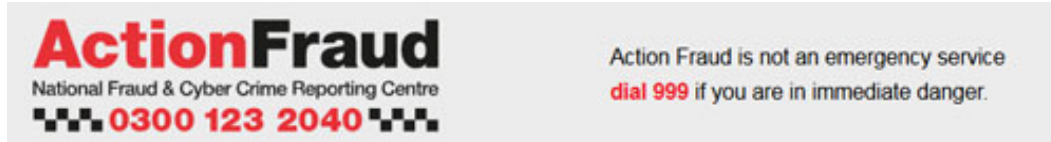
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E-mail: ts.safeguarding@hants.gov.uk



Rental Fraud in Student Accommodation

This is a message sent via Hampshire Alert. This information has been sent on behalf of Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau)



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Action Fraud (Action Fraud, Administrator, National)

Seasonal rental fraud is an emerging trend with students looking for suitable accommodation around August, before the start of the new term. Fraudsters use a variety of websites to advertise available properties to rent, often at attractive rates and convenient locations. Adverts will seem genuine, accompanied by a number of photos and contact information to discuss your interest. Due to demand, students will often agree to pay upfront fees to secure the property quickly, without viewing the property, only to discover that the fraudster posing as the landlord does not have ownership of the property, or often there are already tenants living there.

Protect Yourself

- Only use reputable letting companies.
- Do some online research such as using Google maps to check the property does exist.
 - Make an appointment to view the property in person.
 - Always view the property prior to paying any advance fees.
 - Look out for warning signs, such as landlords requesting a 'holding deposit' due to the property being in high demand.
 - A landlord will usually conduct some due diligence on any successful applicant. Be wary of handing over cash without the landlord requesting employment or character references.

If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Advance Fee Fraud (Courier)

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People selling their items on online platforms are falling victim to a new type of advance fee fraud. This involves a fraudster, posing as a buyer, sending an email to the seller (victim), agreeing to the full asking price of the item. They state that they are unable to collect the item themselves and will arrange for a courier to pick it up instead.

The fraudster then sends a fake payment confirmation email from a different email address, one which falsely purports to be from a payment platform. In the course of the email exchange, the seller/victim is requested to pay the courier fee. Once the payment is made the contact is broken, the item is not picked up and the money paid for the 'courier' is gone.

An example of the most recent emails received by the victim/seller, from the 'Buyer', read:

"I want you to consider this a deal as i am willing to pay your full asking price! i actually want to buy it for a family member who is urgently in need of it, i have checked through your posting and i'm fully satisfied with it. Unfortunately, i would not be able to come personally to view/collect, i work offshore as an instructor on a oil rig so i dont have time at all, but like i said i am 100% OK with the advert"

Protect Yourself:

- Be wary when buyers wish to purchase items at the full asking price without viewing them.
- Check the validity of the payment receipt confirmation
- Avoid paying an advanced fee if you are a seller; should you choose to use a courier, arrange your own.
- Check feedback online by searching the associated phone numbers or email addresses of the seller/buyer. Feedback will give you useful information about recent transactions other buyers/sellers have made.
- If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

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Ellis Parish (Police, PCSO, East Hampshire District)

We have received a report of contact being made over a photography App called IM. The App is used to share photography photos between users.

A male has commented on a photo posted by the user stating that he wanted to get in touch with the user and requested their email address. Email address was exchanged and an email was received from the male. It stated he wanted the user to look after a package for him. It was advised the package contained gold and gifts from people in Afghanistan. The male claimed to be an Army Sergeant from American serving in Afghanistan. He asked the user to look after the package and would come to England to collect. The male then asked for the user's home address which he refused.

Following this report we would like to remind you,
Do not give out personal details.
Don't take people at face value, they might not be who they claim to be.
Do not click on a link or download a file, unless you know and trust where it comes from.

Below is a link to our Little Book of Big Scams.

http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/advice-and-information/general/document-library/mps_little_book_big_scams.pdf
[internet/advice-and-information/general/document-library/mps_little_book_big_scams.pdf](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/advice-and-information/general/document-library/mps_little_book_big_scams.pdf)

Kind regards,
Longmoor Neighbourhood Policing Team

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