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Appendix 3 – Local Authority CCTV Examples



Type of Incident	Detail of incident
Armed Robbery	As a result of a CCTV viewing previously control centre operators had been asked to look out for a male who had committed an armed robbery late at night on a lone female. He went onto commit a further two robberies using the same modus operandi until he was observed on CCTV. Police were alerted and guided to his location where he was arrested and a knife recovered from his person.
Identification of offender	As a result of a CCTV viewing by police post incident last week the offender for a triple stabbing was identified from the excellent footage obtained by an operator who had seen a scuffle break out late at night. A vehicle registration number was also obtained which has given the police a new line of enquiry.
Assault	Report of male assaulted at train station, offender made off, description given. Operator spotted male matching description, informed patrols, monitored male until arrested.
Wanted person	Obs requested for male, wanted by police; description given. Operator spotted male in town centre, passed location to patrols, arrested.
Anti-Social behaviour	Report of youths on roof of health centre. Operator monitored area, spotted youths, passed location to patrols.
Wanted person for robbery and sexual assault	Obs requested for male wanted for robbery & sexual assault, description given. Operator spotted male matching description entering town centre shop; informed EQ, patrols despatched, male arrested.
Assault	Male assaulted in cathedral grounds, offender made off across town centre. Operator monitored offender, passed location to patrols, male detained.
Assault	Report of male assaulted at train station, offender made off, description given. Operator spotted male matching description, informed patrols, monitored male until arrested.
Road Traffic Collision	Assistance requested by officer investigating fail-stop RTC; local footage obtained but blurred. Operator edited & enhanced footage, obtained VRN of offending vehicle, passed details to OIC.
Anti-Social behaviour	Organised mass brawl in town centre between large groups of youths. Operator monitored until patrols arrived & dispersed youths, obtained clear images of main offenders, secured footage for evidence.
Missing person	Obs requested for male, absconded from hospital after making threats of suicide. Operator spotted male matching description in town centre, informed patrols, male detained & taken back to hospital.
Wanted vehicle	Obs requested for wanted vehicle, ANPR hit, description given. Operator spotted vehicle, alerted patrols, driver detained.
Kidnap and sexual assault	Review requested following report of kidnap & sexual assault. Operators reviewed cameras, found evidence of offence; traced movements of vehicle & obtained VRN, secured evidence & passed to OIC

Assault	A man was assaulted very badly by a group of attackers resulting in him receiving a fractured eye socket and two bleeds to the brain which resulted in his hospitalisation. A group of youths aroused a CCTV operators suspicions who monitored them for a short while, taking excellent footage of their facial features and clothing. A short while later, the group embarked on the unprovoked assault, which was captured and the control room was alerted to the incident. The camera tracked the offenders as they left the scene and went just out of view, at which point officers arrived and the arrests took place. The footage provided excellent evidence, which was used in all suspect interviews and thanks to the earlier close up shots the actions of each particular offender could be identified
Theft from a vehicle	CCTV operator observed two suspicious males and directed police officers as to where the males were hiding and where the property they had been stolen from. This led to the arrest of two males for theft from vehicles also one of these was wanted for a Met Police Burglary.
Assault	Excellent work by Camera Operators that has led to an arrest and charge of an offender for a nasty, vicious assault. Without this vital and valuable evidence, a nasty and ferocious assault may well have remained undetected.
Rape	CCTV operator managed to track the victim and offender through a town obtaining close up footage of the offender and circulated the images.
Rape	CCTV captured the offence taking place and the offender pleaded guilty to two charges. The police reported that had the footage not been obtained, they do not think the offender would have pleaded guilty would have struggled to progress further.
Burglary	CCTV footage captured a known burglar carrying his swag from a burglary in a dwelling.
Rape	Town Centre CCTV was pivotal in this case enabling the investigating officers to track the offender from a nightclub to where he met up with the victim in the town. This footage corroborated with the victims evidence and times.
Prostitution	An offender ran from police but, thanks to research of CCTV monitored locations, he was found hiding in bushes; police were directed and he was detained.
Theft	Op zooms in on males pushing moped through town late evening, slightly suspicious but NFA at time. Next day report of stolen bike comes in and is quickly cross referred by operators as being same incident, males were easily identified by footage and arrested next day.
Rape	Police request us to monitor female on high st who is reporting having being raped. Footage reviewed and possible offender traced through town to an address in outlying area. Officers updated and male arrested at property.
MFH	Vulnerable MFH spotted by operator - Police informed welfare check.

Wanted person	Wanted male spotted by operators - Police informed male arrested.
Recall to prison	Email informing of Recall to prison, 1.5 hrs later male spotted on camera by operator and arrested.
Drink driving	Pubwatch alerts op to group getting into vehicle, manner of driving alerts operator and control room subsequently advised . Male stopped blew 72.
Shoplifting	Police Control Room inform us of early shoplifting incident 7am and give out descriptions. Op picks up on two males who match description, police informed, males monitored and police directed to them. CCTV footage proved to be good evidence for both males to be charged.
Knives	Police request us to monitor a female with knives. Monitor known female brandishing large knives at public until officers arrive.
Knives	Police report young males with knives. Monitor group until police arrive, axe and knife recovered.
Night time economy	Night Time Economy live monitoring and use of Local Radio Link helps reduce ASB and alert police of issues providing early intervention. Live patch invaluable when officers involved in a brawl or disorder.
Footage used in evidence	Footage of an assault outside a pub proves invaluable to securing a murder charge instead of manslaughter.
Footage used in evidence	Footage identifies a VRM of vehicle being used by persistent male committing fraud at point of sales in small retail units across a few towns.
Footage used in evidence	Footage eliminates reported sightings of high risk MFH saving police time.
Murder enquiry	Murder enquiry after local Vet is attacked and murdered. Male suspected but no links found to tie him to murder. CCTV Operators trawled through hours and hours of footage to find this male or his car and link it to the crime. After many hours a link was established and he was convicted of her murder
Assault	Male assaulted in Town Centre and stabbed with a knife. Two males made off on a mobility scooter. Operators managed to track suspects and point officers in right direction and by reviewing the footage managed to put together the two suspect's movements prior to the attack. Resulting in one male receiving a nine year jail term.
Hit and run	Female hit and run victim by suspected section 5 driver female left in a critical condition. When Operators reviewed the evidence for officers it was found that it was not accidental but a deliberate act to run her over by her sister's boyfriend. Her sister was with her at the time and evidence provided was to show the sister aiding and abetting the driver by hiding evidence in a nearby bin. The driver was detained the next day.

Robbery	A distraction robbery took place in a local jewellers where one male distracted the shop assistant whilst the other stole a large quantity of jewellery from the displays. They were caught on camera leaving the shop but they were not known to Officers. Several weeks later Eagle Eyed Operators saw the two males and a female leaving the County Courts. Police were informed and suspects followed by CCTV until officers they were detained. It was established that they had come to the UK from Romania where one of the males was wanted for attempted murder.
Missing person	We have reports of Mispers on a regular basis and the CCTV system is a fantastic aid in finding these people. We have on numerous occasions been informed of a Misper and within minutes have managed to locate them and help get them reunited with their families.
Drugs	During a night shift, we took a report from a venue that a customer had been approached by two males who were offering to sell him cocaine. These two suspect males were pointed out by door staff. We advised the police control room of the situation and a unit was despatched. On arrival of the unit, the two suspects hurried down a side street, where one threw a package behind some bins. They were stopped and searched by officers with no gain. We advised officers of the package by the bins and the area was searched and the package was found. Both males were arrested for possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply
Theft	On a late afternoon in January, a shop watch member radioed to say they had identified a suspicious male who was just leaving their store. This male was then picked up on camera, before entering several more premises, which were alerted. The male then drove off just as details of a theft came into police, with the description matching that of the male in question. CCTV followed his vehicle and guided police in, where the occupant was found in possession of several stolen items.
Sexual assault	Reports were received by CCTV that a number of sexual assaults had occurred in the city centre. A general description was given of three males. Operators conducted an area search and located three males fitting the description. The males were seen to be approaching lone females in an aggressive manner. Operators alerted the police and guided them to the three males who were arrested as they attempted to enter a night club. In the subsequent trial the three men pleaded guilty to a total of seven counts of sexual assault, three counts of theft, one case of indecent exposure and one count of aggressive behaviour towards the police. Later on the same evening CCTV received a report that a male had been raped in one of the parks. A search of images showed two men moving away from the park at about the

	<p>time of the attack. Police were abler to identify them and make arrests. In all cases CCTV was crucial in identifying the offenders and used in court to support the CPPS's case.</p>
Assault	<p>Whilst monitoring the town centre the duty operators noted a group of men acting in an aggressive manner towards an individual outside a pub. They alerted the police but no units were available at that time. The Operator continued to observe and suddenly the group produced sticks and baseball bats and started beating the individual male. Again the police were contacted and shown the images and units were dispatched.</p> <p>The group of men dispersed in different directions. The operators were able to track the males and direct the police to them. A total of five were arrested and are held in custody awaiting trial. The victim was so badly beaten he was unrecognisable.</p>
Firearms	<p>At 02.41 hours CCTV operators called Police as they were observing two men in a car handling what they thought was a handgun. Firearms officers attended and were directed by CCTV to the men and one is arrested on suspicion of possessing a firearm. A search of the car revealed a WW1 aged, working luger pistol with viable 9mm ammunition. One of the rounds was jammed in the loading mechanism. In the police interview, the male claimed he found the gun and ammunition on the floor of a local nightclub before taking it to the car for examination.</p> <p>There had been a fight at a club nearby minutes earlier and it is suspected that the gun may have gone on to be used to settle whatever had occurred there. Had the gun have been loaded properly, given that there were nine live rounds suitable for use with it anything could have happened in the heat of the moment.</p>
Robbery	<p>A Careline client activated her alarm shouting to via the telephone intercom system that a man had entered her home. The Operator could hear him yelling "give me the money" over and over at her. She shouted "he's knocked me over, I'm on the floor" and "get out, get out". The operator immediately called police via and units were dispatched. He made off with her purse and handbag. Police used local authority CCTV cameras and found more than 10 sightings of him in very distinctive clothing in the area close to her home. He was identified by police (a frequent offender) and was arrested.</p>

Weapon	A male caught walking with a 2.5 foot samurai sword. He had been monitored as there was an altercation between 2 males, both where highly intoxicated and body language indicated they had taken drugs or have mental health issues. Two males where fighting but went their separate ways. One of the males was joined by a 3rd party and retrieved a red coated sword from a hidden spot behind the wall. Male was arrested.
Assault	In the early hours a 40-year-old man was subjected to two unprovoked attacks. After making purchases in a garage, the victim was approached by two males who punched him several times in the head. The pair then assaulted an unknown man who ran away. A third man was then assaulted who was walking on the forecourt who also fled the scene. The first victim was then attacked for a second time during which he was repeatedly kicked while he was on the floor. The incident was picked up on CCTV where the police were informed. The defendants attempted to leave the area but were detained by police and were arrested.
Damage to vehicles	Whilst on a night shift, I noticed two males that looked like they had been drinking. Within a short time they were both jumping at the shutters on one of the shop fronts. The police were called and within a short time, one of the males was soon jumping on the roof of a car in which the car alarm was activated. The males looked like they had a weapon and the police were updated with this information. Police held back until the Armed Response Vehicle was close by and when the units arrived one of the males tried to throw a steel bar down the alley out of sight of the police. With this both males were arrested and the owner of the car was very happy both males had been captured.
Injury to wildlife	Located two males firing stones from a sling shot into a pond, injuring swans, item discarded as units arrive, search was negative, informed units of precise location of the discarded item, dog unit deployed and locates sling shot, both males arrested.
Wanted vehicle	Located a vehicle which had previous ANPR hits, units guided into location, vehicle stopped, no insurance, tax or mot, female arrested for shoplifting offences and vehicle seized.
Drink and drug driving	Located two possible intoxicated males around a vehicle, males were seen staggering before getting into car, police informed and units deployed, males started driving off but didn't get too far. Positive result for alcohol, class A and C, driver arrested for driving whilst unfit through drink and drugs.

Theft from a vehicle	Two males monitored in an open air car park; one of the males was trying the doors of every car, this information was passed onto the police with descriptions and units were deployed. The males managed to get into a silver seven seated vehicle with a flick knife. The males rummaged through the car and made off. Police were updated and the males were stopped and both males were arrested for Theft From A Motor Vehicle
Affray	Two males monitored at a petrol station, the males came across another male who was just passing through the petrol pump and they followed him. Both males punched the male – police were and passed descriptions. The males were stopped and arrested for Affray
Suicidal male	A male went missing and was flagged as high risk due to texts he had sent implying suicide, previous attempts to take his own life and a history of mental illness. Whilst a trace was placed on his phone his description was circulated including the detail that he drove a van. Within an hour CCTV operators had proactively continued to scan the town and located a similar vehicle. Officers were sent and the male was located and detained under the Mental Health Act, such were their concerns for his safety. A grateful wife contacted police thanking them for finding and, in her mind, saving her partners life. This may not have been the case but for the scrutiny and resilience of the operators.
Domestic assault	A male is seen by the CCTV operator with his hand over a woman’s face. He then tries to carry her away. Other people nearby arrive to intervene and the female runs away. The male is confrontational with the other people. CCTV informs the police. The police attend and the male is arrested and the female is treated by Ambulance for head injuries. This incident occurred away from the main streets and if it hadn’t been for the CCTV operator no-one would have been aware that this incident had occurred. It is also quite likely that this would have escalated into a more serious crime.