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### SMARTWATER/G4S SUCCESS: CASH ROBBER GETS 8 YEARS

Prolific robber, Ali Lwanga, was sentenced to 8 years after being found guilty of conspiracy to rob, money laundering and concealing stolen property, following a string of East London robberies. During his trial, SmartWater forensic signatures from four separate robberies were presented as evidence after being discovered on money and clothing found in Lwanga’s possession.

The G4S SmartWater initiative has been rolled out across London, Hampshire, Merseyside, Lancashire, Manchester, Bradford, Northern Ireland and Northamptonshire with each cashbox containing its own unique forensic code.

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### 82% DROP IN METAL THEFTS AS RECYCLERS FIGHT BACK

Utility firm, ScottishPower, has announced an 82 per cent reduction in metal thefts from substations across the North West, following the introduction of SmartWater in 2007.

This success has been possible because of an ongoing forensics and policing strategy, which is being spearheaded by SmartWater, to tackle the UK’s metal theft epidemic. SmartWater is collaborating with key players including members of the British Metals Recycling Association (BMRA), major recyclers, and regional scrap metal dealers to tackle this nationwide problem at key points in the supply chain.

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A serial fly-tipper has been prosecuted after Sussex Police sprayed a lorry load of waste with SmartWater, which they believed was set to be illegally dumped.

David Howkins, of East Saltdean, who ran the bogus rubbish collection service for six years, pleaded guilty to two counts of dumping lorry loads of waste at the side of the road. He has been ordered to pay almost £5,000 and sentenced to 200 hours community service, whilst his lorry has been seized by the council.

Judge Mallins, sentencing Mr Howkins, said: “These were two very nasty offences. They scarred the countryside and did untold damage to people’s views. This was done deliberately and for money over a long period of time.”

The evidence provided by SmartWater, which forensically linked the waste with Mr Howkins, was fully accepted by the Defence.

Cllr James MacCleary of Lewes District Council said: “Howkins is a prolific fly-tipper. His actions have cost the local council tax payers thousands of pounds to investigate and to clear away, and I am glad the court recognises this and the impact his behaviour has had upon the environment and the local community.”

Suspicous staff alerted the Police who began monitoring Lwanga’s movements. Whilst under surveillance, Lwanga was seen discarding a glove stained with blue dye from a cash-in-transit robbery in a wheelie bin near his home. He was subsequently arrested and a search of his address revealed a quantity of stained cash notes hidden under his mattress.

Detectives submitted the evidence to SmartWater scientists for testing. Analysis revealed the money Lwanga was exchanging in Ladbrokes had been stolen during a cash-in-transit robbery at a NatWest branch in Enfield. A total of £25,000 was taken during the raid, whilst Lwanga was seen trying to launder it less than two hours after the robbery.

SmartWater samples recovered from the stained cash under Lwanga’s mattress were traced to a £25,000 haul from a cash-in-transit robbery at a branch of Barclays Bank and a second robbery of £25,000 at Opal Money Transfer in Leytonstone. Traces of SmartWater on the glove were linked to £5,194 stolen during a security van raid at a branch of Barclays Bank and a second robbery of £25,000 at a cash-in-transit robbery at a NatWest branch in Enfield.

Investigating Officer DC Laurie Bays, from Barking Flying Squad, said: “This is the first time SmartWater evidence has been presented during a trial to help us convict a cash-in-transit robber and it’s proving to be an extremely valuable tool in both detecting and preventing crime.”

Adam Miller, Risk Director of G4S Cash Services UK, said: “This conviction is testament to the excellent work of the MET Police and we thank them for their diligence in pursuing the perpetrators of this crime.”

“HONEY-TRAP” HOME RAIDED

A Nottinghamshire Police ‘trap home’, baited to capture crooks targeting student houses in Lenton, has scored its first conviction.

Burglar and crack cocaine addict, Darren Stokes, took just 14 seconds to sneak into a house and steal a laptop. Unfortunately for Stokes, the house had been rigged with CCTV and a SmartWater Index Spray system, which activated as he entered the property. He was arrested in a nearby pub 5 days after the incident.

Officers scanned his body with a UV light and detected traces of SmartWater on his trainers. When he saw the evidence on his shoes he swore at officers, saying “I’ve been SmartWatered!” Stokes confessed to the offence, along with three other burglaries and one attempted burglary, all on student properties in Lenton.

Detective Sergeant Dave Bola, said: “Capture Houses are one of a number of tactics that play a part in our burglary strategy. We have the technology to use SmartWater which will remain on offenders indefinitely. Next time a burglar breaks into a house it could be a Capture House.”

If you have a story that you would like to feature in the next issue of SmartWater Searchlight, please contact Dave Reynolds on 0870 242 8899 or email: davenoel@smartwater.com
10,000 HOMES TO BENEFIT IN LUTON

SmartWater systems are heading for 10,000 homes across Luton, after Bedfordshire Police unveiled details of one of the largest SmartWater campaigns in the UK.

The SmartWater forensic coding systems are being rolled out as part of Bedfordshire Police’s ‘Safer Homes’ burglary reduction campaign.

Residents living in burglary hotspots along with repeat victims of crime will be offered the SmartWater systems for free. The £160,000 initiative has been jointly funded by Bedfordshire Police’s Luton Division and ‘Go East’.

Superintendent Andy Martin of Bedfordshire Police, said: “Once offenders see this innovative product appearing more and more they will begin to think twice about committing crime in our area.”

Cllr Mohammed Ashraf, portfolio holder and champion for community safety from Luton Borough Council, added: “SmartWater enables ordinary citizens to play their part to reduce crime in Luton. I urge people to make use of this initiative.”

76% DOWNTURN IN BURGLARY

Hampshire Police in Basingstoke have announced a significant drop in burglary five months after the launch of SmartWater in the area.

500 SmartWater forensic property coding systems were distributed in the South Ham area of Basingstoke, which had suffered 68 burglaries in twelve months. An ongoing covert campaign was also launched at the same time to target commercial burglary and vehicle crime through the deployment of SmartWater’s Index Spray System.

Five months after the scheme launch, only three dwelling burglaries had been committed in SmartWater protected areas and only a further 13 outside of the SmartWater area, representing a 76 per cent reduction.

Chief Inspector Jill Baldry, District Commander for Basingstoke and Deane, said: “By increasing coverage of protected property across the borough, we will reduce the opportunity for offenders to trade stolen goods as they will always be uniquely identifiable.”

SCHEME REACHES 7,000 GOAL

Police in North Lincolnshire have issued their 7,000th bottle of SmartWater to home owners in the area.

Neighbourhood Watch groups have been working on the SmartWater campaign for the past 14 months, distributing kits across the region. Around 300 Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators have been trained on the application of SmartWater to assist their neighbours with the property coding process.

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Cash-in-transit (CIT) is an area where theft and fraud is still rife and it is difficult to prove who is responsible. CIT stands to gain from the SmartWater spray, which can be used to identify both the scene and the criminals involved. This is particularly important if a company may have become involved in a money laundering operation, as it can be difficult to prove.

CASH-IN-TRANSIT ROLLOUT

Sunwin Services Group, one of the UK’s leading providers of cash-in-transit (CIT) ATM services is introducing SmartWater forensic signatures into its cashbox delivery systems, known as iBoxes.

Part of The Co-operative Group, Sunwin Services Group is responsible for Co-operative’s ATM replenishment as well as servicing ATM sites for ‘Bank Machine’ and ‘Omnia Cash’.

Each iBox will carry its own SmartWater forensic code, which will enable the Police to directly link offenders to a specific CIT attack, which could have occurred many months previously, providing them with robust and irrefutable forensic evidence.

The UK-wide partnership, which is being operated with full Police support, is being rolled out in Birmingham, Manchester, Aylesford in Kent, and Slough in Thames Valley.

Neil Boofie, UK Security Manager at Sunwin Services Group said, “SmartWater is well known amongst the criminal fraternity, who fear its forensic properties, and it should therefore act as a major deterrent to those considering a robbery attempt.”

“The safety of our staff is paramount, so it is imperative that we continue to work closely with the Police service to combat the increase we have seen in the number and severity of criminal attacks on CIT couriers.”

ANGLIAN WATER PARTNERSHIP

In a multi-pronged attack on criminals, Cambridgeshire Police has teamed up with Anglian Water as part of a large scale rollout of SmartWater.

Officers in the county’s central division - which covers Huntingdonshire and Fenland - are rolling out SmartWater property coding systems to residents starting in the north of the division at Wisbech. Custody suites have been equipped with SmartWater UV arches and Police cars will carry hand held UV lights to help with detection.

As part of the campaign Cambridgeshire Police have partnered with Anglian Water, which is using SmartWater at 1000 sites across the region in a bid to stem the number of metal thefts from its premises. The theft of machinery from treatment sites often puts both site operators and the offenders at great risk of serious injury. The potential for damaging the environment is also considerable if water treatment works is unable to function properly as a result of equipment being stolen.

Cambridgeshire Police has launched its own initiative to combat metal theft, called ‘Operation Saruman’. The Police will be working with commercial companies as well as scrap metal dealers to tackle the problem.

Detective Inspector Andy Gipp, who leads Operation Saruman, said: “Metal theft can affect anyone - residents and businesses, so it is fantastic that Anglian Water is taking it so seriously. There is no hiding place for thieves. Police and partner agencies will relentlessly pursue the offenders that cost the county so much in time and money.”

Inspector Robin Sissons said: “I am really excited about the introduction of SmartWater across the division. It has the double effect of enabling us to place offenders at the scene of a crime, and reassure the public that their property is safe.”

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**RETAIL SPECIAL**

**TURNAROUND FOR WORST HIT STORES**

Supermarket chain Waitrose has announced details of a major crime reduction success at ten of its most frequently burgled sites following the introduction of SmartWater’s Index Spray Systems.

The ten stores were specially selected to trial SmartWater as all had suffered two or more burglaries in the proceeding calendar year, with cigarette kiosks the most frequent targets.

Since the introduction of SmartWater, eight out of the ten stores have not suffered a burglary. The remaining two stores were broken into but nothing was taken as the thieves spotted the SmartWater signage around the premises and immediately withdrew. The trial has now been extended with more Waitrose branches coming onboard.

**AGENCIES JOIN FORCES TO PROTECT RETAIL PARK**

A multi-agency operation has been launched in Yorkshire to battle a crime-hit retail park, which has suffered an average of three burglaries a week, with thousands of pounds worth of goods stolen.

Seven Safer Neighbourhood Teams across York have teamed up with City of York Council, North Yorkshire Police, local ward councillors and members of the community to help tackle a series of break-ins at Clifton Moor Retail Park.

More than 50 businesses have now been issued with SmartWater, whilst deterrent signage has been placed at all entry points to the site.

Police Community Support Officer Rob Milliner, who has been distributing the SmartWater systems, said: “Some businesses have had goods worth thousands of pounds stolen, whilst smaller firms have not really had anything taken but have had to replace smashed windows and that kind of thing.”

“We are now looking for a long term solution to the problem. In the last two or three months I’ve visited at least 50 businesses and issued SmartWater to each one.”

**300 STORE ROLLOUT**

Supermarket chain, Somerfield, has installed SmartWater’s Index spray system in over 300 stores as part of a major security upgrade to protect stock, and in particular cigarette kiosks, from being stolen. The £1.2 million initiative comes after a trial period at more than 20 of Somerfield’s most vulnerable and frequently targeted stores. If the latest rollout is successful then Somerfield plans to rollout SmartWater Index at all of its UK sites – nearly 1,000 stores.

Mike Hargreaves, Head of Security for Somerfield said: “The deterrent value offered by SmartWater is well established; Police forces across the UK cannot deny they were there. We are confident that this scheme will have a major impact on burglary levels.”

**SERIAL JEWELLERY RAIDERS CONVICTED**

A year after the first attack, the trio of armed robbers entered Jeremy France Jewellers in Winchester for the second time, wearing balaclavas, and one wielding a handgun. Shop staff immediately activated the intruder alarm system and the three offenders left the store empty handed. However, all three passed under the SmartWater spray which tagged them with a forensic code.

Five months after the aborted robbery, four suspects were arrested at separate addresses in the Birmingham area. All premises were fully searched and a handgun was recovered at one of the suspects’ addresses. Upon inspection under a UV light, traces of SmartWater were clearly visible and following forensic analysis the SmartWater samples found on the gun were traced back to the Winchester robbery.

Elliott Burton was convicted for his roll in nine robberies. His co-defendant Luke Nash was found guilty of conspiracy to rob, acquiring criminal property, money laundering and possessing an imitation firearm at the time of committing an offence. Simon Waller pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to a number of robberies committed over an 18 month period.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**NORTHANTS CONVICTION**

Northants Police have announced details of a SmartWater related conviction following the recovery of a stolen computer monitor. A 17 year old male was arrested and admitted possession of stolen goods. East Sector Commander, Inspector Tom Thompson, said, “This is the first time that SmartWater has successfully been used in the county of Northamptonshire to secure a conviction.”

**TRAP CAR ARREST**

West Yorkshire Police in Bradford have recorded its first trap car conviction. Nathan Shuttleworth was sentenced to six weeks in prison after activating a SmartWater ‘capture car’. Acting Sergeant Alex Artsi, said: “While we are confident that this tactic will help in the fight against vehicle crime, we continue to urge the public to keep valuables out of sight.”

**QUAD THEFTS DOWN**

Quad bike thefts in Cumbria have fallen by over a third since the introduction of SmartWater. Cumbria Police and the Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association (CNWA) launched the Farm Watch initiative in 2005, obtaining 2,000 SmartWater property coding systems to be distributed to its members, prompting a 400% increase in CNWA memberships. Superintendent Bob Pallas, said: “SmartWater has been a fundamental element to the success of this partnership scheme.”

**BEAVERBROOKS SIGNS UP**

High street jewellery retailer Beaverbrooks has installed SmartWater into all of its UK stores on a Trademark Licence scheme. SmartWater will be used as part of a co-ordinated security strategy to help ensure the continued safety of Beaverbrooks staff members and customers. A range of SmartWater products will be used as part of the strategy, including SmartWater’s Index Spray System.

Jewellers across the UK are increasingly turning to SmartWater as more and more criminals are disregarding traditional security methods which are often unable to secure a criminal conviction, even if they lead to an arrest. A simple balaclava or scarf can render the likes of CCTV useless as evidence in court.
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ESTATES TACKLE BURGLARY

Residential areas in Northampton and Daventry have seen sharp reductions in burglary during the first quarter of 2009.

Thorplands Estate in Northampton, considered to be a county hotspot, has seen a 54 percent reduction in domestic burglary. At a recent public meeting, Thorplands residents declared SmartWater to be one of the top factors responsible for increasing public confidence in the area's crime reduction partnership. The partnership now hopes to repeat this success on the nearby Lumbertubs Estate; the next area to receive SmartWater.

Inspector John McKinney from Northamptonshire Police said: "SmartWater was a fundamental part of the Thorplands burglary reduction project and is producing genuine results. The added bonus has been the reduction in related acquisitive crime, with theft of and from vehicles seeing similar reductions. We are now working with Housing partners to ensure that the level of SmartWater deployment will be sustained together with the resulting reductions in crime."

Elsewhere, residents on the Southbrook Estate in Daventry are experiencing a 29 percent reduction in domestic burglary for the first quarter of 2009, with further reductions predicted.

Over 2,000 homes in Daventry are already protected by SmartWater with plans for a further 1,000 homes scheduled over the coming months. As part of the campaign’s ongoing awareness programme, The Daventry District and South Northamptonshire Safer Stronger Partnership together with SmartWater have agreed to sponsor the youth section of Daventry Rugby Club. The sports equipment has been branded with the SmartWater logo as a way of reinforcing its use in Daventry and the impact it is having in the local community.

STAFF SUPPORT FOR AIR AMBULANCE

A campaign of fundraising events by staff at SmartWater’s Head Offices has resulted in a donation of over £300 to Midlands Air Ambulance. The money has been raised internally by SmartWater employees throughout the financial year and will now be put towards supporting the ongoing work of Midlands Air Ambulance’s helicopter service.

Midlands Air Ambulance operates three Air Ambulances, covering a geographical area of 6,000 square miles across six Midland counties. The rescue charity carries out approximately 3,500 missions each year and has completed in excess of 30,000 life saving missions since it commenced in 1991.

SmartWater Chief Executive, Phil Cleary, said: “To have raised so much money solely from the contributions of our staff is a wonderful achievement. SmartWater’s infrastructure offers a range of support services to help ensure the SmartWater deterrent works for you. SmartWater employees throughout the financial year and will now be put towards supporting the ongoing work of Midlands Air Ambulance’s helicopter service.

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CROOKS AVOID SMART FARMS

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25 Cumbria farms have been targeted in the last three months and according to crime prevention officer David Thompson, thieves are being very selective. He said: “They’re targeting farms that aren’t members of Farm watch or haven’t got SmartWater. These people are looking for easy opportunities. Farms with good security measures in place are at a considerably reduced risk of becoming victims. We’re encouraging farms to make life as difficult for the criminals as possible.”

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If you require any assistance, please contact SmartWater on 0800 521 669 or email enquiry@smartwater.com

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