A leading dissident republican has pleaded guilty to handling £10,000 of SmartWater stained banknotes following a cash-in-transit robbery in Belfast.

Convicted bomber and alleged Real IRA leader Terence McCafferty (45) appeared in the dock at Belfast Crown Court alongside co-accused George Martin Daniel McGrady (53). Both pleaded guilty to handling stolen goods, specifically the contents of a cashbox that was taken at knifepoint from a G4S guard.

The prosecuting lawyer claimed the pair were arrested after being seen coming out of a barn that had been converted into a ‘production plant’ for attempting to wash banknotes that had become marked with SmartWater-coded purple dye after being forcibly removed from the stolen cashbox.

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Police in Florida have said that a crime prevention project involving the deployment of SmartWater is working so well they are seeking additional funds to expand the initiative.

Boynton Beach Police Department first handed out SmartWater packs to homeowners in December 2013, allowing residents to mark their personal possessions. Since then police have reported a 38% reduction in burglaries within Boynton Lakes North neighbourhood, where the SmartWater packs were distributed.

Leaders at Boynton Beach Police Department expect the City Commission to authorise the use of federal grant dollars to expand the project.

Stephanie Slater, a spokesperson for the police department, said: “SmartWater has been a terrific deterrent for crime in the city of Boynton Beach. Those (crime reduction) numbers are extremely encouraging for us.”

SmartWater Chief Executive Phil Cleary, said: “We approached Police Scotland with an opportunity to test the effectiveness of SmartWater’s crime prevention strategy at no financial cost to the police. The results of that pilot demonstrated the full potential of SmartWater which has resulted in the project being extended on a national basis. This is the first time SmartWater has been rolled out on a national scale and we are committed to working in close partnership with Police Scotland to deliver similar results to those that were achieved in the pilot area.”

4,000 homes throughout Pollokshields, Rutherglen, Tory, Gullane, the Duddingston area of Edinburgh and the Stirling West area will be provided with SmartWater traceable liquids for residents to protect their personal possessions. High-visibility signage is also being put in place within the participating areas to warn criminals that SmartWater is in use.

Superintendent Matt Richards, who is leading on the operation said: “This exciting opportunity with SmartWater Technology Ltd sends a very clear message - we will not tolerate housebreaking or theft of property and remain willing to utilise any and all tactics at our disposal to bring anyone involved to justice.”

Police Scotland project using SmartWater technology and tactics has been launched nationally across Scotland. This follows a successful pilot in the Grange and Greenbank areas of Edinburgh where the distribution of 600 SmartWater traceable liquid packs produced a 53% reduction in domestic burglary.
GANG JAILED FOR WALSALL CASH ROBBERY

Four men and a woman have all pleaded guilty to handling stolen goods after being caught in possession of SmartWater stained banknotes from a stolen G4S cashbox.

The cashbox containing more than £6,000 was stolen outside The Bell public house in Walsall after an unidentified man threatened a G4S cash-in-transit courier with a handgun before making his getaway in a stolen car.

Within hours of the robbery West Midlands Police officers raided the home of Andrew Fellows (49) and Tina Richards (49) in Yew Tree, Walsall where they discovered £2,850 in cash together with cutting equipment that had been used to break open the stolen cashbox. Forcing open the cashbox resulted in the notes inside becoming stained with purple dye containing a SmartWater forensic taggant unique to the box. Police believe the gang had attempted to remove traces of the SmartWater-coded dye by washing the stolen notes, as many of them were found neatly laid out on a towel to dry. The stolen car used as a getaway vehicle was also found inside Fellows’ garage.

Accomplices Dadlin Sutton (24), Tyler Friths (24) and Michael Miller (27) were seen leaving the Yew Tree address in a Ford Focus shortly before the police arrived. They were all arrested a short time later after being stopped by armed officers. £1,200 of stolen banknotes were found in Dadlin Sutton’s possession and more notes were discovered in the boot of the car.

Traces of SmartWater recovered from banknotes found at the Walsall address and in the Ford Focus, together with samples found on the hands of Andrew Fellows, were all positively identified as having come from the stolen cashbox. All five gang members admitted handling stolen goods. Fellows was jailed for 28 months, whilst Richards, Friths, and Miller were all jailed for 18 months each. Sutton, already a serving prisoner after being found guilty of conspiracy to import and supply cocaine at an earlier hearing, was sentenced to nine months in prison. This will run consecutively with the 13 years in jail that he is already serving.

SHEFFIELD STING NETS CONVICTIONS

An undercover sting operation using trap flats and trap cars that are fitted with SmartWater and CCTV has led to four convictions in Sheffield. Values estimated to be around £1,000 were left on display and subsequently stolen from the flats and vehicles. They were then used to link the thieves back to their crimes.

Simon Collins (37) and Shaun Leon (32) were jailed for three years and two years respectively after admitting to the burglary of a trap flat in Broomhall. They were both caught on CCTV and had SmartWater on their faces and clothing when arrested. A 25-year-old Sheffield man was handed a 26-week suspended jail sentence and supervision order after being convicted of the burglary of a trap flat in Highfield. A 57-year-old man was also convicted of handling stolen goods and received a community order.

RAILWAY PARTNERSHIP ‘HIGHLY COMMENDED’

An innovative crime fighting partnership that reduced live cable thefts on a critical section of the UK’s rail network by 54.7% has been acknowledged at a prestigious rail industry awards ceremony.

The collaboration between SmartWater Technology, Network Rail and British Transport Police (BTP) achieved a “Highly Commended” acknowledgement within the Innovation category at this year’s National Rail Awards in recognition of the partnership’s achievements in suppressing cable thefts on the London to North West (LNW) mainline. The three year project also reduced the number of delayed minutes to train services by 54.9%, providing a better service to commuters and increasing their confidence in the rail network. Representatives from all three parties were present at the National Rail Awards ceremony to collect their “Highly Commended” acknowledgement.

PRESTIGIOUS INNOVATION AWARD WIN IN FRANCE

SmartWater has received a prestigious innovation award at this year’s Préventica exhibition in Marseille, France for its originality and efficacy in the ongoing fight against crime. SmartWater’s forensic spray system was named “Innovation of the Year” in the Intrusion and Identification product category at the exhibition, which brings together specialists from across France in the fields of health and safety and the protection of employees in the workplace.

Didier Cottin, General Country Manager for SmartWater SAS, said: “We are extremely delighted to have received this award which will help to generate significant awareness of SmartWater across France. We believe SmartWater has the potential to revolutionise France’s security industry.”

Didier Cottin and Michel Lagarrue from SmartWater SAS

Pictured: Gang member, Dadlin Sutton

Pictured: Trap flats and trap cars in operation across Sheffield

Pictured: Representatives from SmartWater, Network Rail and BTP at the National Rail Awards
NEW PRODUCT LAUNCHED

SEAL™ is SmartWater’s newly developed crime prevention device, that has been created to restrict access to underground networks and other infrastructure that are the targets of metal thieves.

The product consists of two key components - an extendable steel brace, which prevents intrusion, and a bespoke, mouldable bag from which the air can be removed, forming a tight seal around any aperture. The bag is fitted with forensically coded SmartWater SmartGel™, which is uniquely registered to the location of its deployment.

Should a manhole cover be removed illegally, SEAL™ will protect the site from opportunistic thieves looking to target underground cabling and infrastructure. It may also act as a temporary health and safety measure to help reduce the risk of injury to the public whilst a replacement manhole cover is sourced. If attacked, the mouldable bag will rupture, covering the would-be thieves looking to target underground cabling and infrastructure.

PEOPENREACH (a BT Group Business) has become the first organisation in the UK to deploy SEAL™. Bernie Augustine, General Manager of Security Services for Openreach, said: “Ensuring that our customers do not suffer loss of service is of paramount importance to us, and SEAL™ is another tool to help us achieve this.”

Phil Cleary, Chief Executive and co-inventor of SmartWater, said: “The development of SEAL™ underlines our commitment to innovative thinking and our determination to help our clients overcome the crime-related challenges they face. We believe SEAL™ has global-reaching applications and is already attracting attention from a number of overseas territories.”

CALECORE SEeks to minimise theft disruptions

Provider of offshore investigation solutions, Calecore, is deploying SmartWater in order to suppress thefts of specialist tools and plant equipment.

Despite experiencing relatively few incidents of theft, Calecore has deployed SmartWater as a proactive measure in order to deter would-be thieves. The theft of essential tools and plant equipment has the potential to delay vital work and lead to significant costs to replace stolen assets.

Calecore provides offshore geotechnical and geophysical site investigation services primarily to the oil and gas sector from their vessels the DP2 geotechnical drill ship Highland Spirit and two multi-role survey vessels Kommandor Stuart and Kommandor Calum. Rik James, Head of Purchasing for Calecore said: “All of our equipment has now been forensically marked with SmartWater and signage is on display around the vessels to warn would-be thieves. I’m pleased to report that since we introduced SmartWater there have been no incidents of theft at all.”

SMARTWATER aids conviction of former terrorist bomber

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Two men, including a convicted bomber, have pleaded guilty to handling banknotes stolen during a cash-in-transit robbery in Belfast. During the raid a G4S guard was threatened by a man brandishing a samurai sword or machete-type knife.

Prosecutors alleged that following the robbery police tracked two men in a car to a barn, which Terrance McCafferty and George Martin Daniel McGrady were spotted coming out of 25 minutes later. The pair were both arrested at the scene.

Inside the barn police found large quantities of cash in mixed denominations, a basin of red liquid, gloves, irons and a machete.

The prosecution lawyer told the court: “Police described the scene as a production plant for washing and ironing banknotes. It was clear the efforts were made to wash dye and SmartWater from the notes and dry them with the irons.” A defence lawyer told the High Court that police no longer suspect McCafferty was the robber armed with the sword or knife.

Back in 2005 McCafferty was jailed for 12 years after he was convicted of leaving a bomb outside a vehicle licensing office in Belfast city centre. He was released on licence in November 2008, but was then arrested again just a few weeks later.

CONSTRUCTION FIRM SIGNS UP

Swedish construction and civil engineering company, Peab, has chosen to mark tools and other equipment with SmartWater in order to suppress the risk of theft. SmartWater’s Swedish agent, Eurosafe Security Solutions, has recently seen heightened interest in SmartWater from within the Swedish construction industry, with Peab the latest organisation to adopt the technology.

Peter Martin, Chief Security Officer at Peab, said: “We believe in SmartWater and hope to use it more widely in the future. We are confident that the thefts of marked products will decline, while the chances to recover stolen products through police seizures will increase.”

Picture: SmartWater is in use on three Calecore vessels

Picture: All G4S cashboxes are fitted with SmartWater

Picture: SmartWater’s latest innovation: SEAL™

Picture: SmartWater is in use on three Calecore vessels

Picture: Openreach are the first UK organisation to deploy SEAL™

Picture: Peab is protecting tools and equipment with SmartWater
ROYAL SUPPORT FOR IN MEMORIAM 2014

Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall has demonstrated her continued support of the In Memoriarn 2014 project by marking the metal gates of the Welsh National War Memorial with SmartWater. Her Royal Highness visited the war memorial site during a visit to Cathays Park in Cardiff and met with representatives of War Memorials Trust, the SmartWater Foundation and One Voice Wales, along with local veterans and schoolchildren.

In Memoriam 2014 is a partnership between War Memorials Trust and the SmartWater Foundation that was established to provide greater protection to war memorials across the UK. Launched in November 2011, In Memoriam 2014 provides SmartWater free of charge to war memorial custodians. Since it reached a peak in 2011, the number of war memorial metal thefts reported to War Memorials Trust has fallen for two consecutive years.

War Memorials Trust’s Director, Frances Moreton, said: “War Memorials Trust greatly appreciates the support of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall. As we mark the centenary of World War I this year interest in war memorials has been at record levels. We hope today we can encourage more communities across Wales to engage with In Memorium 2014 to pro-actively protect their war memorials.”

Sir Keith Povey QPM, Chairman of the SmartWater Foundation, said: “In this, the centenary year of the start of the First World War, the commemorative role of war memorials has never been more important. In Memoriam 2014 is committed to doing everything within our power to protect these important symbols of our heritage.”

CHARITY BIKE RACER SMASHES RECORD

SmartWater’s Business Development Manager for Scotland, Martin Graham, has raised more than £900 for Marie Curie Cancer Care after winning the UK Coast to Coast off-road bike race. On his way to victory Martin smashed the existing course record by over an hour. More than 700 competitors from around the world took part in the three day event, which covered 290km from Whitehaven to Scarborough.

Martin said: “It was my goal to win the race in memory of my late Father-in-Law and raise funds for Marie Curie. Not only did I achieve my goal, but I broke the course winning time by over an hour and 20 minutes, so naturally I’m thrilled.”

ALDI HOPING TO DETER ROBBERIES

Supermarket chain Aldi has installed SmartWater spray systems at 16 of its supermarkets in regions across France. The Board of Directors at Aldi decided to introduce SmartWater to combat the threat of robberies to stores in high crime areas. If it proves to be a successful deterrent its use is expected to be extended across other Aldi stores.

M Driss, Purchase Manager for Aldi’s Epinay-sur-Seine store, said: “I have witnessed six robberies over a 10 year period while working at various Aldi supermarkets and they are very traumatic experiences. This system will help shoppers and staff members to feel safer by creating a powerful deterrent to criminals.”

MITIE PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCED

Mitie, the FTSE 250 strategic outsourcing company, has announced a strategic partnership with SmartWater.

In the first partnership of its kind within the security sector, the enterprise will see Mitie’s total security management business and SmartWater work together across a number of different business areas to help Mitie clients reduce their risk of theft.

Mitie will add SmartWater’s services and products to its mobile and void property security offerings including its key-holding and alarm response services. Mitie personnel will also undergo training to create an elite team of specialist Forensic Technicians within its mobile and technology services teams. The addition of SmartWater will make Mitie’s offering unique to the market, providing additional support to new and existing customers.

Darren Gamage, Managing Director of Technology Services, Total Security Management, said: “Part of our investment in innovation is forming high value strategic partnerships with new and effective product and service providers such as SmartWater. The potential of introducing SmartWater into our customer base is huge. This is a pivotal opportunity for our key-holding customers to better protect their estate and infrastructure.”

Phil Cleary, Chief Executive of SmartWater Technology Ltd, said: “We believe that enhancing the skills of Mitie Security Officers to use SmartWater and deliver the deterrence strategy that we have created, adds real value to Mitie’s offering. This will ultimately be of benefit to their clients and we are confident that our proven success will encourage more to come on board.”

THE CRIME FIGHTING COMPANY

Our philosophy is simple - the more criminals we help to convict, the more SmartWater acts as a powerful deterrent. We offer a range of cutting-edge forensic security services and traceable liquid products to both detect and deter criminal activity.

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