

# **Tayside Division**

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LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT	
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#### **PART A**

#### NATIONAL AND LOCAL CAMPAIGNS AND MESSAGES

# Alert: Cyber criminals send victims their own passwords in new sextortion scam

The following information has been recently posted by Action Fraud: www.actionfraud.police.uk

Cyber criminals are sending victims their own passwords in an attempt to trick them into believing they have been filmed on their computer watching porn and demanding payment.

There have been over 110 of reports made to Action Fraud from concerned victims who have received these scary emails.

In a new twist not seen before by Action Fraud, the emails contain the victim's own password in the subject line. Action Fraud has contacted several victims to verify this information, who have confirmed that these passwords are genuine and recent.

The emails demand payment in Bitcoin and claim that the victim has been filmed on their computer watching porn.

# Suspected data breach

Action Fraud suspects that the fraudsters may have gained victim's passwords from an old data breach.

After running some of the victim's email addresses through 'Have i been pwned?' a website that allows people to check if their account has been compromised in a data breach, Action Fraud found that almost all of the accounts were at risk.

Last month, fraudsters were also <u>sending emails demanding payment in Bitcoin</u>, using WannaCry as a hook.

# How to protect yourself

- Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision: paying only highlights that you're vulnerable and that you may be targeted again. The police advise that you do not pay criminals.
- Secure it: Change your password immediately and reset it on any other accounts you've used the same one for. Always use a strong and separate password. Whenever

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possible, enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA).

- Do not email the fraudsters back.
- Always update your anti-virus software and operating systems regularly.
- Cover your webcam when not in use.
- If you have receive one of these emails and paid the fine, report it to your local police force on 101. If you have not paid, <u>report it as a phishing attempt</u> to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

#### Recent crimes/issues in the area:

The Neighbourhood Watch alert system is up and running, with alerts being placed on a regular basis. The more people who get involved and sign up the better, www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

#### **FORFAR**

This month there have been four shopliftings, one is detected and there are positive lines of enquiry being followed on the others. One person was arrested for having an offensive weapon in their possession.

There has been a theft whereby the perpetrator entered a house in Lordburn Place through an open window. During the warm weather there is temptation to leave windows and doors open, please ensure that your property is secure when you are not at home.

A number of vandalisms have taken place, three have been detected and the following remain under enquiry. On 08/07 two vehicles were damaged in Restenneth Drive. On 17<sup>th</sup> June a trailer was damaged at Mens Shed, Craig O Loch Road and on 19<sup>th</sup> June a window was smashed in Threewells Drive.

One person has been reported for careless driving and another reported for driving under the influence of alcohol.

#### KIRRIEMUIR

There have been three shopliftings in Kirriemuir which have been detected to different local individuals, including a group of three youths. A further theft shoplifting at Co-op appears to be travelling criminals and is linked by CCTV evidence to similar crime in Carnoustie.

A fire-raising in Morrison Street has been detected to four youths who have all been charged and reported, a similar crime in Glamis Road is also believed to be linked to youths.

A vandalism in Croft Terrace has been detected to an adult male. Three smashed windows have been reported and remain under enquiry, police are appealing for information or witnesses to the following where windows have been smashed. These occurred on 30/06 Kinnordy Road, on 06/07

Middlefield Avenue and on 14/07 at Westfield.

### KIRRIEMUIR LANDWARD/ RURAL WATCH/HOUSEBREAKING UPDATE

A premises in the Glamis area was subjected to a theft by housebreaking and a number of tools and equipment was stolen, property has been recovered and individuals have been reported for being in possession of the stolen property.

A petrol generator was stolen from the Glenprosen area and Diesel tanks in the area have again been targeted, should you wish any crime prevention advice please contact the Local Community Teams and we will arrange for an Officer to attend.

TaysideForfarDistrictCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

Increased patrols are continuing in rural areas and residents are advised to ensure that their premises are secure and are asked to report anything suspicious to police, at the time on **101**.

Alerts are being placed on the Rural Watch platform which is now up and running in the local area.

We are reminding our rural communities to be vigilant and report all suspicious activity. Please also remember to secure buildings and consider improving security. We would also encourage you to sign up to the new Angus Rural Watch scheme at <a href="https://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk">www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk</a>

# Road policing issues locally:

Angus Officers continue to work with our colleagues in the Divisional Road Policing Unit (DRPU) and Trunk Road Policing Group (TRPG) to tackle road safety and associated crime. There has been a 100% increase in persons killed on the roads in Angus over the last year. An increase from five persons to ten persons losing their lives.

The number of persons seriously injured on our roads rose from 38 to 45 an increase of 18.4% over the period. The last quarter saw an increase of only 7 persons being seriously injured and continues the reduction compared to the first two and third quarters of the year.

The numbers of persons slightly injured has increased from 109 for the previous year to 122 for this period. A rise of 11.9%.

Thankfully, no children have died on our roads but there has been an overall increase of children seriously injured from 1 to 3. However, these were the same figures for the first two quarters of the year which again demonstrates no further rise in the last six months.

As highlighted in previous reports, the local policing area (LPA) and Division are stopping a significant amount of vehicles, the reductions in driving license, insurance, seat belt and mobile phone offences demonstrated a positive change in driver behaviour.

The single biggest contributory factor to fatalities, serious injuries and minor injuries on our roads is speed. Enforcement activity in this area remains high with over 1900 speeding tickets issued.

Ancillary to enforcement, there is a comprehensive program of prevention, engagement and

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education ongoing in the area. This includes; a Motorcycle Safety Weekend, Operation Golders and 213 persons have completed the New Driver Scheme.

A motorcycle safety program has also been instigated with sessions already held in Angus. Further are planned.

#### **Local initiatives:**

# ANTI-SOCIAL DRIVING/ NOISE

Community Officers are continuing a summer operation assisted by Community Investigation Unit, Road Traffic Officers and Special Constables. Several ASBOs have already been given out and vehicles seized. The operation will focus on specific problem areas such as Myre Car Park but will cover Kirriemuir and other areas in both towns.

# Forthcoming events in area (associated issues):

• Cortachy Highland Games and Flower Show - Sunday 12 August

Other topics of note or messages:

# **Counter Terrorism and Serious Organised Crime**

Police Scotland, through our Counter Terrorism Security Advisors and in liaison with the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO), has been busy working within the Crowded Places sector in order to keep people safe.

#### Be Reassured

The threat from International Terrorism to the United Kingdom is at SEVERE.

### Be Alert, Not Alarmed

Police have exercised plans to respond to multi seated firearms attacks and may increase their presence in some areas. Don't become fearful or withdraw from the streets. Businesses and priority Crowded Places have been working with police (NaCTSO and the CTSA network) to protect sites and staff from a variety of terrorist attacks. This includes music, sport and entertainment venues, restaurants, hotels and shops.

Statements from Police Scotland are posted on the Police Scotland website, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

Police Scotland will continue to work with all of our partners in order to Keep People Safe.

# Be Vigilant and Report Suspicious Behaviour

Police act on information from the public who report suspicious people or behaviour. I would encourage everyone to remain alert and vigilant and, "If you suspect it, report it" by contacting Police Scotland directly by calling 101. In an emergency dial 999 or report it through the <u>antiterrorist</u> hotline on 0800 789 321.

Vigilant behaviour by staff and the public can disrupt attack planning. Businesses can run <u>Vigilance</u> <u>Campaigns</u> and their staff can attend Project Griffin events.

The following videos released by Counter Terrorism Police UK, show the best plans of action when encountering suspicious behaviour and items.

# Plan Now What You Will Do to STAY SAFE

'Stay Safe' principles (Run Hide Tell) give some simple actions to consider at an incident and the information that armed officers may need in the event of a weapons or firearms attack. Full guidance is contained on the <u>NaCTSO website</u>.

More information about the 'Stay Safe' principles can be found at the following website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-safe-film">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-safe-film</a>

Conduct a health check on your premises. <u>Crowded Place booklets</u> contain clear self-help guidance and check-lists.

 Review your building response plan to consider your response now and if the UK threat rises. • Test and exercise with partners (around the table) to check your preparation for terrorism and wider business continuity (e.g. flooding/flu).

# Suspicious Airport Behaviour - Project Pegasus

Be vigilant around airports and airfields- notify Police Scotland of anything suspicious or which you have concerns about.

# <u>Suspicious Maritime Behaviour – Project Kraken</u>

Project Kraken delivers an enhanced crime and counter terrorist 'vigilance' capability within the maritime environment of Scotland.

# **Serious Organised Crime**

Serious Organised Crime a wide range of activities and individuals involved in areas such as drug trafficking, counterfeiting, money laundering, organised immigration crime and fraud.

Find out more about how to spot and report suspicious behaviour to help us Keep People Safe from terrorism and Serious Organised Crime on the Police Scotland website at http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/280693/



If you see or hear something that could be terrorist related, ACT on your instincts and report it to the police, in confidence, at gov.uk/ACT.

Police Scotland is backing a UK-wide campaign to encourage the public to report suspicious behaviour and activity in a bid to prevent terrorism and save lives.

The call to action is part of the second phase of the ACT – Action Counters Terrorism – initiative, led by Counter Terrorism Policing, a collaboration of UK police forces working alongside intelligence agencies.

Research carried out by CT Policing suggests that three-quarters (75 per cent) of people who live in Scotland are concerned about terrorism. Two thirds (66 per cent) of people in the UK say they have become more concerned over the past year.

But while 82 per cent said they would report suspicious behaviour to police, many are unclear exactly what they should be looking for.

The campaign features a 60-second film based on real-life foiled plots. It shows examples of terrorist-related suspicious activity and behaviour, as well as attack planning methodology.

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Some examples of suspicious activity or behaviour could potentially include:

- Hiring large vehicles for no obvious reason
- Buying or storing a large amount of chemicals, fertilisers or gas cylinders for no obvious reasons
- Taking notes or photos of security arrangements or inspecting CCTV cameras in an unusual way
- Looking at extremist material, or sharing and creating content that promotes or glorifies terrorism.
- Anyone who goes away travelling for long periods of time but is vague about where Someone carrying out suspicious or unusual bank transactions

Assistant Chief Constable Steve Johnson said: "We work tirelessly with security partners to identify and thwart the terrorist threat.

"But the public can also play a crucial role in helping to keep communities safe and we would encourage anyone with suspicions to report their concerns.

"We want to provide people with all the necessary information they need to help them identify suspicious activity and, more importantly, keep themselves safe and secure.

"Any piece of information could be vital in helping the police prevent terrorism and save lives. That cooperation between police and the public is Scotland's greatest defence against the terrorist threat."

Justice Secretary Michael Matheson said: "Public vigilance is key to help Police Scotland keep our communities safe from terror threats. I very much welcome this campaign which highlights a number of ways in which members of the public can spot suspicious activity and how to make the authorities aware.

"I would urge the public to note the kinds of activity to be on the lookout for. Anyone who feels they may have witnessed and anyone who feels they have witnessed suspicious behaviour should report it immediately."

Anyone who wishes to report suspicious behaviour or activity can do so by calling Police Scotland on 101 or 999 in an emergency, or via the online tool at <a href="mailto:gov.uk/ACT">gov.uk/ACT</a>.

#### **Contact Details**

Call 101 for non-emergencies and general enquiries, in an emergency call 999. If you have information about a crime you can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

# PART B **Feedback from Community Council** (Issues raised worthy of police interest for feedback) Issue of police interest raised Raised by 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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