

Rural Theft

Vehicle stopped by RTF as suspected to be on false ID. Full examination confirmed a stolen enterprise van from London area. Registered Owner and Insured known and ID confirmed to be possibly innocent purchasers.



RTF received a report of incident of national fraud crime where offenders target victims who are selling cars. The offenders attended to view the vehicle and when the victim was distracted, they poured oil in the coolant to make it appear as if the engine had a fault and offered considerably less money for the car, the offenders were unsuccessful on this occasion due to the knowledge of the victim. They arrived and left in a silver Audi A6 that has now been identified and stop marker active.

A burglary occurred overnight on 18th March at High Halden, where the suspects first cut fencing on 17th March and then returned in the early hours of 18th where they have broken into a garage and stolen 2 quad bikes, a brand new one which is only 3 days old and a child's quad.

Suspects have been disturbed attempting to steal a caravan and have abandoned a black Volvo. This has been recovered and enquires have linked this vehicle to an Organised Crime Group involved in the theft of Motor Vehicles and Plant Machinery.

In May, officers were investigating the theft of a John Deere Gator which was stolen from Whitfield, Dover. During a search of nearby woodland, the vehicle was discovered and recovered by Rural Task Force officers and returned to the victim.



In June following information received from Farmwatch members, officers from the Rural Task Force attended a Farm in the Maidstone area where recent crop damage had been found, this led to the recovery of property worth approximately £70,000 from an overnight burglary in the area.



An Ifor Williams Horse Box was stolen from West Hougham.



There has been a gradual increase in theft of metal from telecom boxes and underground lines across Kent. Happening overnight in rural locations. BT Manhole inspection covers are forced open with the cable cut at one end and then dragged out from the other end after being attached to a vehicle. RTF are speaking with BT Openreach Security Team. Large, booted vehicle /van would be required or vehicle suitable to tow the cable away out of sight to then be cut into manageable lengths.

3 Quad bikes were stolen from the Ashford rural area in early June. At all three sites entry has been forced to the area where the quad was stolen. Enquires have been made with all the victims and the offences are likely to be linked.



Theft of an Ifor Williams TT2515 Tipping Trailer that was stolen overnight. Offender (s) have driven a 4x4 vehicle with substantial off-road tyres into a field and backed it up to a perimeter fence. The trailer appears to have been pushed out to a waiting vehicle and then towed out. The suspected route of the suspects was checked, and CCTV was identified a short distance from the theft. The footage is from distance but shows a light coloured 4x4 towing a Trailer, however; the footage is not good enough for any positive ID.



RTF made aware of spate of 5 thefts at Chilmington Green, Ashford where horticultural plants from gardens on a new build housing estate stolen overnight. CCTV enquiries with one of the victims showed scoping vehicle the day before returning at 0100hrs stealing 25 laurel bushes that have just been planted. Suspect pulls all plants from fence line. Similar circumstances to 4 other properties mainly involving trees and plants in pots. Local officer identified suspect from CCTV facial image obtained by a victim's social media appeal. RTF enquiries and visits to known address of suspect and his partner resulted in suspect attending Police Station to hand himself in at Folkestone Police Station.

Victim at Chislet reported that one of his Irrigators had been attacked and had Red Diesel stolen, during the early hours. The machine was in use on a field a short distance from the farm pumping water onto crops. Offender (s) appear to have parked a vehicle up close by and forced the doors on the machine (causing minor damage to the locks) and syphoned around 400 litres of red diesel. A similar report has been taken from a neighbouring farmer.



ANPR activated on a Renault Master pickup truck linked to theft of a vehicle on 22nd June in Canterbury. Vehicle was located and stopped in Dartford and occupants arrested on suspicion of Theft of Motor Vehicle. Stolen vehicle, a Honda Civic, was located on rear of the pickup truck.

Whilst RTF were trying to locate a vehicle suspected to be involved in a theft of a local authority camera, they spotted a similar vehicle parked at an industrial estate and on checking it found it to be a vehicle stolen from the Medway area in March 2022. Vehicle seized.

OP Galileo (Poaching)

- **Court Result R v SAMUELS.**

PC PENNICOTT and PC GOODSALL attended Court for the hearing with Sydney SAMUELS, who was the **first** person in the 7 Force collaboration to be charged for breaching a Community Protection Notice in relation to Op Galileo Offences.

He pleaded guilty at Court and was given a £400 fine and costs. He was also issued with a Community Behaviour Order (CBO) with the following conditions applying to the 7 Force areas.

1. Any dog within your control must be on a lead.
2. Must not be on private land without the permission of the landowner.
3. Must not be in possession of any catapult or ball bearing.

Rural Task Force officers were following Land Rover Discovery on London bound M20 Maidstone. The vehicle had an information marker linked to several poaching offences in Kent. It was also vehicle of interest to Metropolitan Police with recent reports in London.



The vehicle had three occupants, a male driver and two children. Vehicle and Driver were searched under Section 2 Poaching Prevention Act. The following items were found and seized, a large quantity of ball bearings, high powered battery lamp and a tin of air pellets. The driver was interviewed under caution at the roadside for poaching offences. He was subsequently issued with a Traffic Offence Report for stopping on the hard shoulder of a motorway and issued with a Seven Forces Community Protection Warning for poaching.

Report of persons suspected poaching at Queenborough that had left in a suspect vehicle described as a white Citroen Berlingo with the last three letters starting "CT" and ladders on the roof. Similar vehicle seen travelling on A249 in the opposite direction. Vehicle stopped at M2 Services and contained three males, two from Essex and one from Croydon. Vehicle likely to be the one linked to the CAD report. Vehicle and occupants searched, and three dogs located in the rear that appeared to have been worked. Males previously linked to poaching offences but insufficient evidence to link them to this incident. Occupants told to leave the area and Intelligence report submitted.

Op Traverse (Fish Poaching)

Op Traverse incident at Mill Lane Redrow Development Maidstone. Repeat victim, police attendance previously resulted no persons present. RTF attended and found 3 persons present. They were searched and processed, and details passed to Environmental Agency for prosecution of rod licence offences.

RTF Specials continue to own OP Traverse and have devised a patrol route of the sites identified as most at risk for fish thefts/poaching. This includes vehicle patrol and foot patrol of the main routes around these sites and checking on potential access points.



Wildlife Crime

Report from member of the public who is a bird watcher, stated that whilst he was walking around the fields at Lower Higham, Shore Road Marshes, he found bait tied to a post which he believes this may have been poisoned and put out for Buzzards to eat, RTF attended the area but could not find any other bait traps. Informant was visited and updated. No evidence that the bait was poisoned, and no dead birds located in the area.

Male shooting and killing wood pigeons. Neighbour has found a dead pigeon in her garden suspected to have been shot by neighbour who has an air rifle. RTF attended address and 19-year-old suspect identified and to be interviewed.

RTF Specials attended an address at New Romney following a report from RSPCA that male suspected to have shot a gull from his garden. Officers attended and identified the male and seized an air pistol. RSPCA interviewed the male in respect of animal welfare offences and following legal advice the male was formally warned.

Report received that a group of five men were witnessed in suspicious circumstances close to the entrance of a badger sett located in a nature reserve at Cryalls Lane, Borden. They had a small white terrier dog with them that was covered in mud and had been heard encouraging the dog to "get in there". It is suspected that they were trying to get the dog to enter the badger sett and fight with badgers, however, this was not witnessed. The males left the area and got into two vehicles. These vehicles have now been identified and there is intelligence linked to both vehicles that they are suspected to be involved in poaching. Both vehicles have been nominated to be stopped.

Animal Welfare

RTF Officers attended two addresses in Brenzett with local officers from Folkestone and the RSPCA to execute two Warrants under the Animal Welfare Act. Warrants obtained after information was received by the RSPCA that the two addresses are involved in the sale of dogs with welfare concerns. The subjects at the addresses do not have dog breeding licenses. One person was arrested at one of the addresses after assaulting a Police Officer and evidence seized from both locations in respect of dog sales from both addresses.

Non-custodial interview with undertaken with male suspect in relation to Animal Welfare Act offences. Suspect was suspected of kicking his dog and dumping it on waste ground in Dartford. He admitted the offences, RSPCA are prosecuting agency.

Deployed to Lydd and executed a Warrant alongside the RSPCA (inc two Vets) following information that the occupant had posted pictures on social media of his injured Terrier showing extensive wounds and loss of flesh to the lower jaw. This type of injury is consistent with fighting with Fox and Badger in the confines of earth or sett. A search carried out and eight Dogs were located, seven small Terrier type Dogs in a Kennel at the

side of the house. All were examined by the RSPCA and a Vet. Three of the Dogs were found to have injuries consistent with the Animals fighting Fox and Badgers, however the injuries were old. Investigation continues.

Livestock

Report of one sheep being killed by a long dog at Kenardington in March, with owner being identified as a Kent hare coursing offender. Statements obtained from Witness and Victim resulting in the dog owner being arrested and conveyed to Maidstone Custody where he was charged with Livestock worrying offence and bailed to court with conditions not to contact any witnesses.

The same male and dog were then linked to a further livestock attack in April in Appledore where due to the seriousness of the injuries the sheep had to be put down. A Search Warrant was obtained to allow officers to enter and search suspect address and confirm identification of dog and that it was still linked to the suspect. The dog was present at the address and the owner was arrested for the second offence and subsequently charged.

To ensure the impact of the continued offending was reflected at Court it was agreed with CPS that both offences would be heard together, and a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) would be added to the case. The suspect: Charlie Hawker was found Guilty of both offences and the CBO issued as detailed below.

Seven counties court order obtained following sheep worrying near Ashford.

A court order has been obtained preventing a man from having a dog off a lead in public following sheep worrying incidents near Ashford.

Kent Police's Rural Task Force was granted the seven counties Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) against Charlie Hawker after he admitted two counts of being the owner of a dog worrying livestock. Hawker, 28, of Appledore Road, Kenardington, was fined £300 for each offence and ordered to pay both victims compensation at Folkestone Magistrates' Court on Thursday 9 June 2022.

Magistrates also imposed a **three-year** CBO preventing him from:

- Being in possession or control of a dog on private land without the owner's written permission.
- Walking dogs in public unless they are muzzled and securely on a lead with a metal clip attached to the collar.
- Allowing his dogs to be off a lead, unless on private land with the owner's written permission.

Following an initiative with other police forces, the CBO applies in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex, as well as Kent.

The Rural Task Force applied for the order following two incidents in the Ashford area earlier this year, that on Thursday 10 March, Hawker's dog chased and attacked a sheep on agricultural land near Kenardington, leading to the sheep's death and on Friday 8 April, Hawker's dog attacked a pregnant ewe on agricultural land near Appledore. That sheep also died, as well as two unborn lambs.

Protecting rural communities

PC Paul Williams, of the Rural Task Force, said: 'CBOs of this kind are designed to prevent all kinds of crimes using dogs, including sheep worrying, hunting, poaching and hare coursing. 'Farmers have a right to raise their livestock without fear of dogs killing their animals and damaging their livelihoods.

'We will take action against repeat offenders like Hawker and I hope the CBO we have obtained protects farmers in Kent and the six other counties involved in this scheme.'



Charlie Hawker.

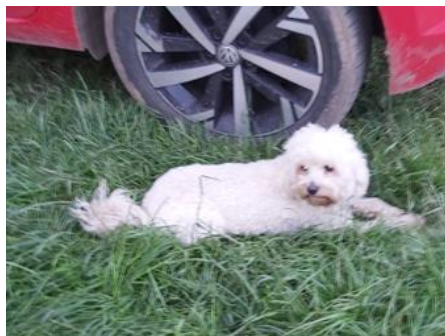
Ongoing Investigation work into livestock worrying at Cuxton, there has been five incidents this year alone where dogs from nearby location are escaping into the neighbouring fields and attacking sheep. Suspect identified and will be interviewed.

A dog attack occurred in Deal, whereby a dog from a neighbouring farm attacked three sheep causing injuries, which consisted of scratches to legs and neck. The dog owner was spoken to at the time and details were taken and passed onto the RTF for investigation. Victim did not wish to support a prosecution, however asked the dog owner to be advised so that this does not happen again. The owner of the dog has been spoken too and he is very remorseful and has been informed he will be served a Community Protection Warning which he accepts. He has agreed to stay away from the land and always keep his dog on a lead.

Two sheep attacked at Sevenoaks where one had to be put down. The dead sheep was swabbed for a DNA sample and the owner of the dog identified and interviewed. They admitted the offence. The owner of the attacked sheep did not wish to pursue Court action so the investigation was dealt with through Community Resolution with the Suspect and Victim discussing compensation and the dog owner will be attending 'sheep proof you dog' course as well as improving fencing at the property.

Victim who farms sheep at Loose, Maidstone has on several occasions sighted and chased of a small white terrier type dog and a bull type dog. On one of the occasions the victim has followed the dog back to a nearby traveller site.

Whilst RTF Officers were walking the footpath that runs along the rear of the site a white Bison Friese dog was seen re-entering the land through hole on metal wire fencing. A male approached police stating that the dog belonged to his partner. They also owned another puppy which has been seized by police as suspected banned breed at a previous incident. The Victim only wished that the owners be advised on this occasion.



A sheep had been attacked and had jaw removed at a farm in Ashford area. Vet attended and sheep put to sleep. CSI have attended and taken swabs. At this stage there are no witnesses to the attack. The field that the attack happened in has a public footpath running through it. RTF have given the farmer victim advise and offered support where he is now a member of Farm Watch and posters are being delivered to be placed near the foot path advising dog walkers that sheep are in the field and to please keep dogs on a lead.

Livestock worrying at Stockbury. Victim has on several occasions seen the neighbouring German shepherd dog jumping into their small holding then chasing and attacking resulting in the killing of 20 Chickens, a goose mauled, and ducklings killed. Victim has tried to negotiate with neighbours in fixing their fencing, but attacks continued. RTF attended Dog owner issued with a Community Protection Warning (CPW). Owner planning to re-home her dog.

HERITAGE

Contact made with English Heritage security and Natural England following and increase in urban explorers Western Heights now that it has been publicised on youtube. Plans made to try and secure the site and make it harder for people to access.

Churches at East Farleigh and Chiddingstone have had lead stolen from the roof. Enquiries at one of the churches has linked suspect vehicle to a lead theft from a church at Frant in Sussex near to the Kent border. There were 4 offenders at the theft at East Farleigh. They made off in a Rover 75 vehicle and following a brief pursuit decamped and made off from Police. The vehicle with the lead were recovered and enquiries at the scene of the offence has revealed an image of two of the suspects. RTF are liaising with Sussex Police Rural Team and investigation on-going.

Environmental Crime

Fly Tipping (Op Assist)

RTF and the Swale Community Policing Team carried out a three-day joint operation with Environmental Agency due to industrial scale fly tips in Warden Cliffs, Isle of Sheppey on SSSI designated area. No vehicles linked to the fly tipping were present during the operation, however, this produced positive feedback from the community.

On the 9th May RTF officers teamed up with our colleagues for the Road Safety unit working in collaboration with, DVSA and the Environment Agency, working across Swale. In total 25 vehicles were stopped and checked where waste carriers licences were checked along with other documentation and all vehicles were inspected. 4 arrests were made throughout the day, 3 vehicles were seized, 9 traffic offence reports issued, 3 vehicles were found to be overweight and the drivers dealt with accordingly.



Op Assist deployment at Folkestone and Maidstone on the 11th March with Local Authority Waste Enforcement Officers. Of note was a vehicle stopped in Folkestone that was linked to a theft of aluminium from the front garden of a residential property the previous day. The driver was also disqualified from driving and no insurance, the passenger was found to be in possession of cannabis when searched. Both males were arrested and conveyed to Folkestone Police Station. In addition to the arrest, two Waste Licence Production documents were issued and five Intelligence Report submitted.



Op Assist deployment at Dartford and Dover on the 22nd March with Local Authority Waste Enforcement Teams. The results were one Fixed Penalty Notice issued for Littering, two producers issued for Waste Transfer Notes, one Traffic Offence Report for Driving Licence offence, two vehicles seized for no insurance, two vehicles seized for no tax, three further drivers were reported for vehicle tax offences and one suspect report for summons for no waste carriers licence offences.



Op Assist deployment at Swale on the 29th March with Local Authority Waste Enforcement Teams. One Stop Notice was issued to a Tipper loaded with soil and stone that was suspected to be tipped at Warden Point, a £300 FPN was issued for a Waste Transfer Notice breach, a driver was issued a £300 FPN for having no Waste Carrier Licence, another driver was issued with 2 FPN totalling £600 for waste carrying offences, and a vehicle was seized for no vehicle tax.



A White Ford Transit, seen driving along the A257 towards Sandwich. Vehicle stopped and searched under Control of Pollution Act and substantial amount of scrap metal located in the rear, consisting of vehicle parts mainly. Two dumpy bags of general waste located at the front under metal. There were two male occupants. Driver had Waste Transfer notes, but not for the load he had. Details passed to Local Authority Waste Enforcement Team.



A white DAF TR Tipper Lorry was seen driving on Gravesend Road, Strood and had a marker as a suspected clone. The vehicle was eventually stopped on Chalk Road, Higham. Driver stated that it was his vehicle and he had bought it 8 weeks ago. The vehicle was examined, and the correct index was identified. Driver was shown as disqualified and had no insurance and the vehicle was seized. Driver was dealt with for all offences and is linked to several nominals believed to be involved in commercial scale fly tipping offences. The following week the same male was seen driving another tipper truck full of soil in Rochester and was stopped with the same result.



Stop check in Maidstone on a White Ford Transit. Vehicle carrying waste and subject to search under Control of Pollution Act. Maidstone waste team contacted and through partnership working Fine of £300 issued for failing to produce Waste Transfer notices upon request.



Other Business

Rural task force officers stopped the above vehicle in Canterbury which was linked to suspect bulk shopliftings in Thanet. RTF were assisted with TPAC by our firearms team, proactive traffic team and dog units. Three persons were detained and arrested the vehicle seized.



A blue Suzuki Grand Vitara was seen blocking the road on Park Road, Boughton Monchelsea and then failed to stop, after a short pursuit it crashed in Lucks Lane, Chart Sutton where the driver decamped but was detained in woodland. The passenger remained in the vehicle and was also detained. Vehicle was searched and small amount of herbal cannabis was found as well as a kitchen knife. Under the driver's seat was half a house brick, which could have been used to enter properties to commit burglaries. Crashed vehicle was found to be on clone plates, the correct index for the vehicle was identified, which is shown with an owner from Bedfordshire. The driver was found to have breached his court bail by removing his electronic tag and was arrested for Breach of Bail, dangerous driving, fail to stop, no insurance, no licence and drug driving. The front seat passenger was arrested for possession of a bladed article and possession of cannabis.



A vehicle was stopped on St Phillips Avenue, Maidstone. There was a male driver and a female front seat passenger. The female was acting suspiciously during the initial interaction and then the driver attempted to distract officers, however, female was seen to conceal items under her jumper. S23 MDA search conducted and cannabis with vaporiser located. Driver was drugs wiped and tested positive for cannabis and subsequently arrested for driving over specified limit and driving whilst unfit. Conveyed to Medway custody. Passenger deal with for possession of Cannabis.

Male was stopped in Maidstone driving a Ford Transit Tipper showing as previous keeper and no insurance. Driver stated he was insured and called his partner to send him over the details. When these arrived, it was found that the vehicle had been insured after the call with a day policy. Driver was subsequently issued a Traffic Offence Report for no insurance, and he was reported for no Vehicle Tax.

The team received reports of a black Suzuki Grand Vitara driving across fields at Thanet and doing doughnuts. Vehicle had four to five young males; driver was believed to be 12-13 years of age. Vehicle has caused around £1,000 worth of crop damage in a field in the area it was seen. PNC checks on the vehicle reveal it has a previous keeper from Norfolk and is showing In Trade. The vehicle also has No Insurance details held. Vehicle located parked in Denton Way, Margate. Vehicle has been seized for No Insurance and enquiries are ongoing to identify the Driver.



RTF officers were tasked to arrest a suspect who was outstanding for the offences of Rape, Controlling and Coercive, Assault Grievous Bodily Harm, Assault Actual Bodily Harm, Criminal Damage and Harassment. He was located, arrested and conveyed to Medway Custody.

The team were tasked to arrest a suspect for Causing or Inciting a child to engage in sexual activity and or sexual communication. The suspect was located, the address searched for related evidence and the suspect taken into Custody.

Following reports of a High-Risk Domestic Abuse incident in Teynham area where the offender had left in a motor vehicle, the RTF conducted a search and located the vehicle on Faversham Road, Seasalter. Suspect was arrested for DA ABH Assault, Criminal Damage and Harassment and conveyed to Canterbury Custody.

Officers from the Rural Task Force were on patrol near Ash, Canterbury when this Grey VW Golf was stopped, it transpired the owner did not have any insurance in place and the vehicle was seized.



A blue Nissan Micra was stopped in Cliftonville. The male driver was wanted on Warrant and was arrested. In addition, the vehicle was seized for No Insurance and a Traffic Offence Report issued.

White Ford Transit stopped on Cranbrook Road. Driver was Disqualified and was not insured, however; passenger was insured with children in the vehicle and therefore not seized. Driver interviewed at roadside for the offences and case file submitted.

Grey Ford Transit ANPR hit A2 Sittingbourne. Vehicle was stopped and subsequently seized No Insurance, Tax or MOT. Traffic Offence Report completed.



A silver Vauxhall Vivaro was stopped on the A249 Sheppey Way. Tax expired Dec 21 & MOT Feb 22. Vehicle seized and Traffic Offence Report submitted.



ANPR research on a vehicle linked to a wanted male, resulted in the vehicle being stopped by RTF and the driver arrested for FTA Warrant issued by Nottingham Magistrates.

Ford Transit was stopped A2 Newington. Vehicle shown no insurance and no tax. Driver was also shown as having a revoked driving licence. Vehicle seized and driver issued a Traffic Offence Report.



Suzuki Grand Vitara was sighted Meresborough Lane, Rainham. Vehicle was stopped on Playstool Road, Newington. Vehicle was seized for No insurance and Driver issued a Traffic Offence Report.



A white Citroen Berlingo displaying Vehicle was seen static in traffic in Faversham with the driver holding a phone to their ear. Vehicle was stopped on and Driver was issued a Traffic Offence Report for using a mobile phone whilst driving and the vehicle was seized for having No Tax.



A yellow Renault Traffic spotted on Lower Road, Minster on sea with driver not wearing a seatbelt. Vehicle stopped and driver admitted to having a Provisional Licence and No Insurance. Vehicle seized and Driver issued Traffic Offence Report for no seatbelt, Provisional Licence and No Insurance.



A black Vauxhall Insignia reported suspected poaching in orchards at Upchurch in May 2022, was seen in June on the move in Maidstone and stopped by RTF. Driver was shown wanted outstanding for theft and an assault on PNC and was arrested for these offences.

On the 23rd June RTF Officers worked with other Police Teams for an pre-planned stop operation in Dartford. 16 vehicles were stopped, with one wanted male arrested for assault and harassment offences, 2 penalty Tickets issued for Seatbelt offences, and 2 Traffic Offence Reports issued for the offences of no licence or insurance and no MOT.

RTF were requested to assist following a serious Affray involving persons fighting with baseball bats, air rifles in Swanley. A male suspected to be involved was identified as using an extendable baton during the incident. 7 other people had been arrested during the day and RTF were tasked with locating and arresting this further suspect. He was located at an address and clothing matching the description from the offence was seized and he was arrested.

A silver Hyundai Van was stopped due to having no insurance. Driver was found to have no licence and no insurance, and the vehicle was seized. Due to him being extremely nervous vehicle searched and a small amount of herbal cannabis inside a grinder was located and seized. He failed a drug swipe and was arrested for Drug Driving.

In Staplehurst RTF sighted an off-road motorcycle riding from the main road onto Hanmer Way. Rider had no helmet and no licence plate. Officers were able to approach in the unmarked vehicle and rider attempted to make off but was detained. Motorcycle was a KTM 450 which was seized as no insurance. Rider was dealt with for no insurance, and licence offences.



A black Peugeot 407 stopped in Headcorn with boot open and 3 male youths in the boot holding onto a pony trap. Driver was issued a Traffic Offence Report for use on a road a motor vehicle in a position likely to cause danger. Vehicle was also dealt with for No tax.

A silver Mercedes E280 stopped on Thanet Way, Whitstable due to information that it was being driven by provisional licence holder. There were two male occupants. Driver confirmed he had only a provisional and no licence. Vehicle searched due to strong smell of cannabis and two bags of herbal cannabis located in the centre console that belonged to the passenger. Vehicle seized and passenger dealt with for possession of cannabis.

Further Court Results

Defendant Sam Cross

Offences - Fail to Stop and Careless Driving.

Sentenced to:

Fine £120

9 Penalty Points

Court Costs £117

Defendant Jamie Thompson

Thompson was stopped during an Op Assist (targeted day of action against Fly Tipping suspects) and was issued with a Production Notice to cover the transfer of waste in his vehicle. These Production Notices were ignored. The case was heard a Magistrate Court at which Thompson pleaded Guilty.

Offence - Failing to Comply with Waste Notices

Sentence to:

Fine £975

Defendant Miley Cash

CASH nearly ran over 2 RTF Officers on 03/01/2020 when we found him slumped over the wheel of his car on Eastwood Road, Ulcombe. Officers knocked on the window and he then woke up, made off and could not be located. He then had a pursuit with patrols in Maidstone 31/01/2020 where he abandoned the vehicle and made off on foot. He was caught and arrested for disqualified driving and failed breath test. He failed to turn up at court and a warrant issued. He was arrested on 18/03/21.

Sentenced to:

Offences – Disqualified Driving and Drink Driving

180 days imprisonment

Driving Licence endorsed.

Fine £748

Defendant Mark Bond

RTF and the RSPCA jointly investigated a group of Kent males identified through a seized phone by Suffolk Police who engaged in badger baiting and other animal welfare related offences. There was a total of 7 identified suspects. 6 have already been convicted with 5 receiving custodial sentences. Mark Bond was the last of the group to be convicted.

Sentenced to:

150 days imprisonment, suspended for 18 months

250 Unpaid Work.

Imposed Court Costs of £1300

Disqualification order under s.34 for keeping any animal for 10 years

Deprivation order for dog called Vegas and all other animals within the household .

Defendant James Milner

Sentenced for 6 Fly Tipping offences, 6 Failure to Produce Waste Documents and 1 offence of operating as an unlicensed scrap metal collector.

Sentenced to:

18 Month Community Order with 150 hours unpaid work

20 Days RAR (**Rehabilitation activity requirement**)

£1761 Costs

Given a 5 year CBO Criminal Behaviour Order with the following conditions that prohibit him from: –

And it is ordered, for the purpose of preventing the defendant from engaging in such behaviour, that the defendant shall be **prohibited from**:

- i. collecting, carrying or transporting controlled waste including scrap metal from any residential or business premises of which he is not the premises owner or lawful occupier.
 - ii. Approaching any person or entering the curtilage of any residential or commercial premises to solicit or offer to remove waste material from any premises, other than his own.
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Defendant John Elyja Smith

Entered guilty pleas to all offences on 28/03/2022 (fly tipping x2, failure to produce waste transfer notes, failure to produce waste carriers' licence, and operating as an unlicensed scrap metal collector)

Sentenced to:

8 months imprisonment suspended for 2 years

35 rehabilitation activity requirement days

Curfew for 6 months between 7pm and 7am

£150 costs

£156 victim surcharge

£324 compensation

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Kind regards

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