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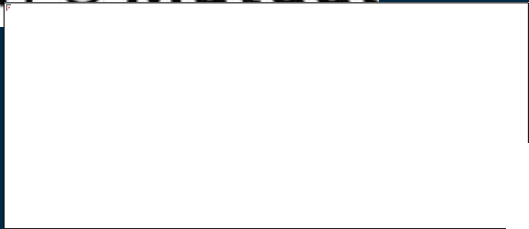
European Rental Association
Maastricht 4th June 2026

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NCATT - National Construction and Agriculture Theft Team

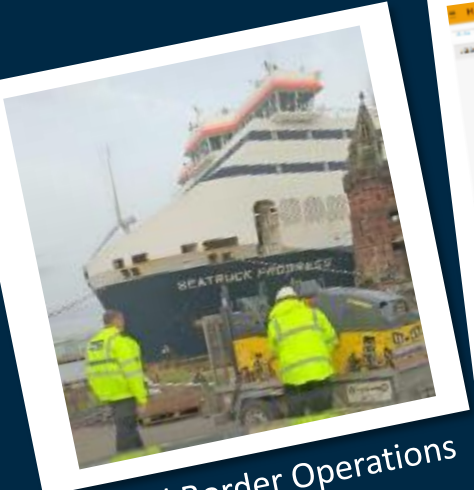
- Head of Unit Andy Huddleston KPM (Durham)
Head of the National Rural Crime Unit (NRCU) & NCATT
- NCATT DS Chris Piggott (Thames Valley)
- NCATT PC Ashley Tether (Cheshire)
- NCATT Police Investigator Gavin Hughes (South Wales)
- NCATT Police Investigator Adam Bush (Devon & Cornwall)
- NCATT Financial Investigator Liz Bagheri (West Yorkshire)

Funded by:

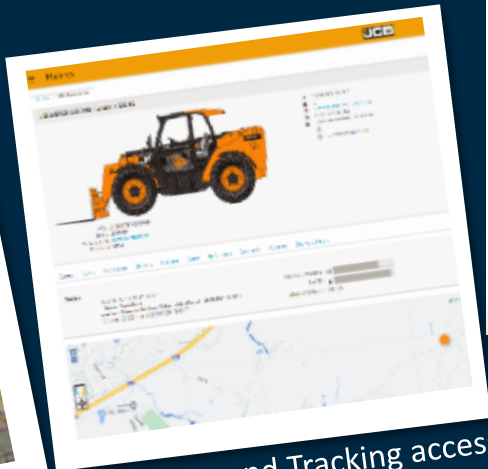


Industry funded Police Team





Port and Border Operations



Telematics and Tracking access



Stolen Vehicle Examinations



Support at Warrants/Arrests/Operations



What does NCATT do?



Financial Investigations & Civil Recovery



International Liaison



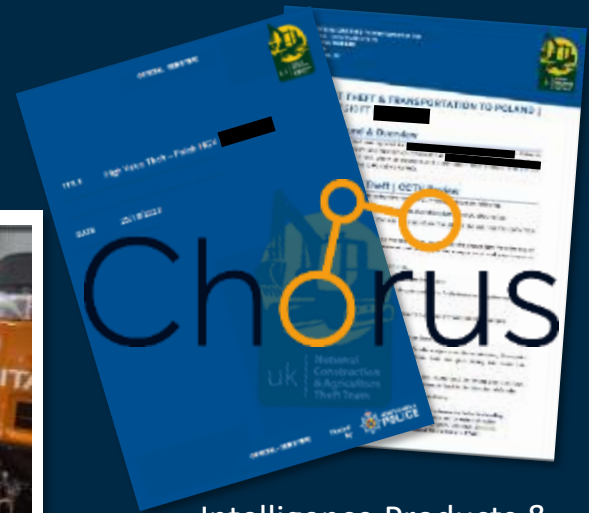
Assist Forces and Tracking Companies with recovery of stolen vehicles



Legislation & government advice



Officer Training Events



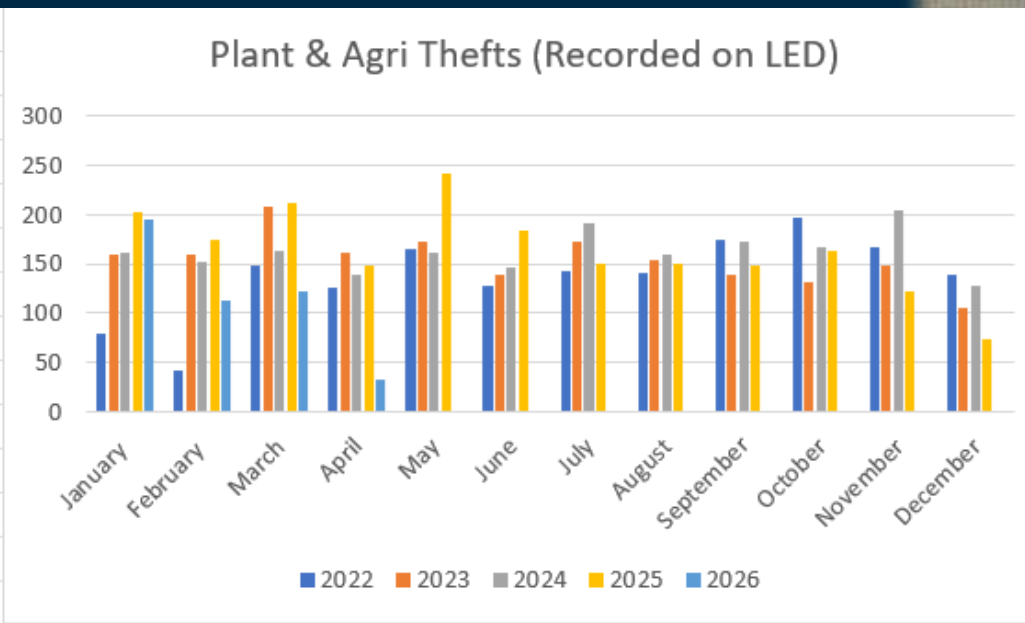
Intelligence Products & Strike Packages



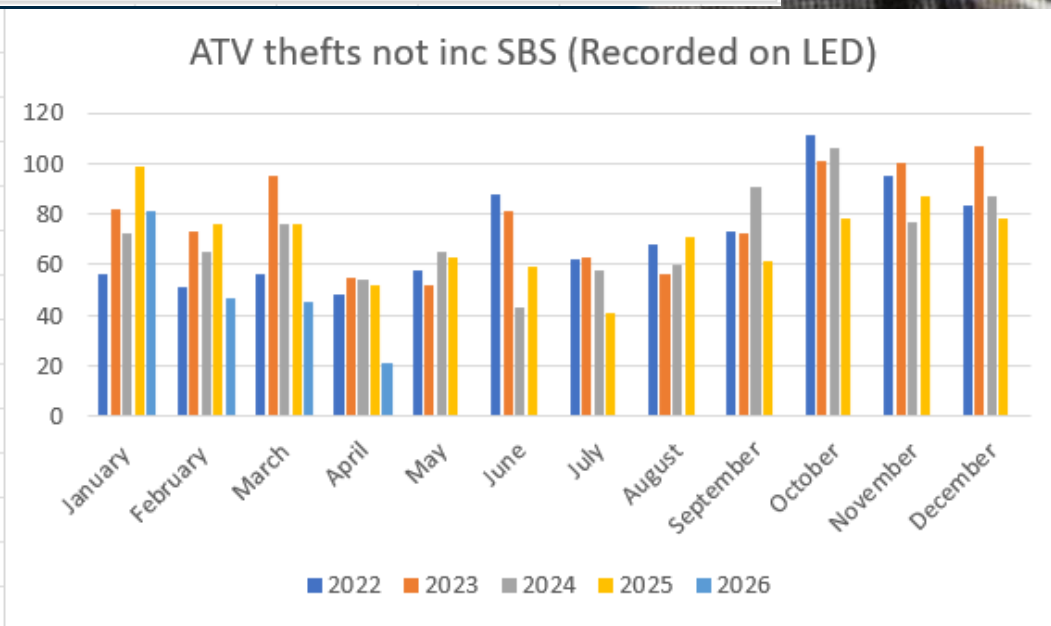
UK Theft figures

50-85% Lower than reality!

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	80	160	161	203	194
February	43	159	151	174	112
March	149	207	164	211	123
April	126	162	139	149	33
May	165	172	162	241	
June	128	139	146	183	
July	142	172	191	150	
August	141	153	159	150	
September	174	139	172	149	
October	197	131	166	163	
November	166	148	204	123	
December	138	105	128	73	
Total	1649	1847	1943	1969	462



	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	56	82	72	99	81
February	51	73	65	76	47
March	56	95	76	76	45
April	48	55	54	52	21
May	58	52	65	63	
June	88	81	43	59	
July	62	63	58	41	
August	68	56	60	71	
September	73	72	91	61	
October	111	101	106	78	
November	95	100	77	87	
December	83	107	87	78	
Total	849	937	854	841	194



31st January 2020... European sharing stopped



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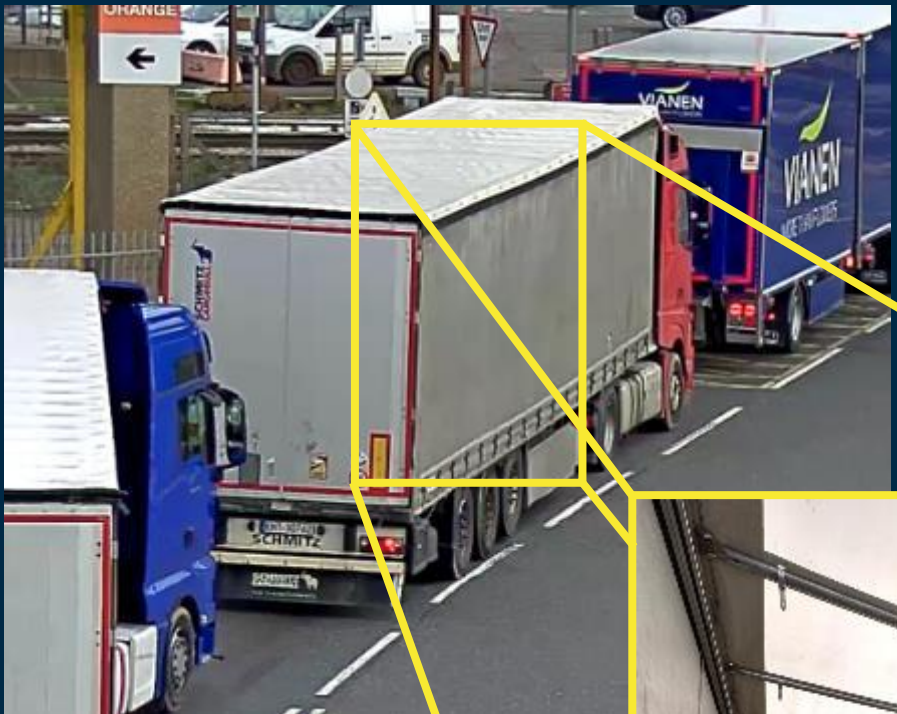
Unlocks circulation to 196 member states, **BUT...** must be recorded as stolen





Lorry intercepted Rotterdam Port in April 2023. 4 machines and one trailer in the rear, linked to Polish/GRT OCG involved in import of large quantities of Class A drugs, all machines stolen 3 forces involved.

Only one machine circulated correctly, had that been missed all machines would have been lost.



Port Operations: Harwich, Dover & Liverpool

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4 Items
Plant
Recovered

1x Sunbelt

2x GAP

1x Independent

30 Migrants
leaving the UK!



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Recent UK recoveries in Europe

7 items of cloned plant machinery located in Poland. Identified via CESAR stolen from UK



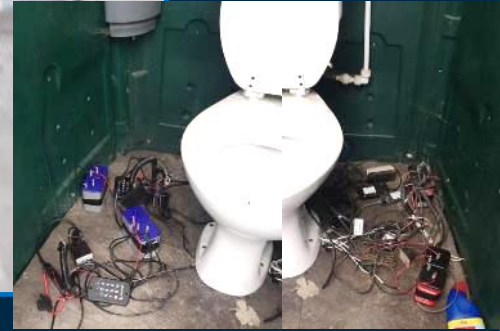
Lithuania



Holland



Ireland: Trackers removed and re-wired!



Essentials for the discerning Plant Thief



Hard Hat



Face covering



Hi Vis





Facebook Marketplace- Gloucestershire

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Current Trends: Fraudulent Hire for Theft



“As many other businesses will have experienced, we have been victims of fraud. Fraudulent hires negatively impact our business, our staff and our customers. We feel there has been a noticeable increase in attempted fraud since the start of the pandemic. We have implemented more stringent checks and with our compliance team, we work hard to ensure we communicate with other members of the hire association, our customers and the police and report, share and try to prevent fraud in our industry.”

Stefano Lobban – Director at Herts Tools

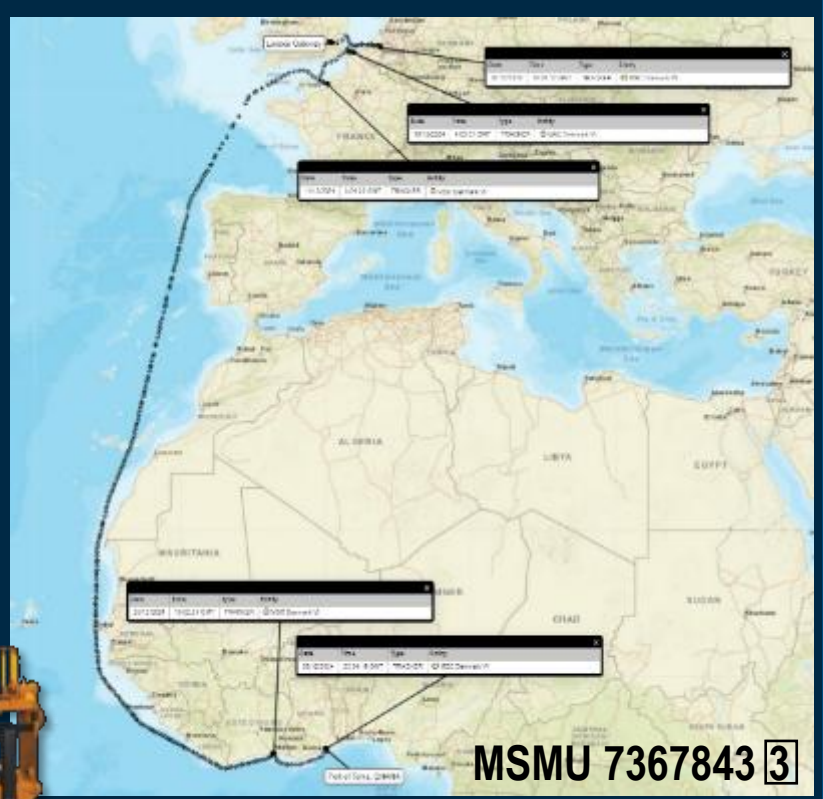


Hire Fraud Case Study

Fraudulent Hire of equipment is not to just meet local needs. The Telehandler which ended up in GHANA was **fraudulently hired on 14/11/2024**.

Within **1 month** it was on a container ship **outside UK** waters.

Within **2 months** it had cleared Customs in **GHANA** and is currently being operated by a Ghanaian plant hire company.



Hire Fraud – Look at the email!..

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>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>> From: Andy Wilkinson <domisconstruction@accountant.com>
>>>> Sent: 15 October 2024 13:40
>>>> To: Hire [REDACTED]
>>>> Subject: Domis construction att [REDACTED]
>>>>
>>>> Hi hope u well
>>>>
>>>> Plant needed
>>>> 2 x 7 mt reach telehandler
>>>> 1,5 ton excavator
>>>>
>>>> Delivery address
>>>> The Vestacare Stadium
>>>> Oldham, OL8 3JH
>>>>
H [REDACTED]

That great would like to proceed with the order
P/O Dc/660099

Is delivery tomorrow am / pm

Site contact
A Wilkinson
07386629510



 **4 Items Recovered**

Fraudulently Hired Machinery Oldham Manchester



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Headline: Hire Industry must do more



Quick Tips to Reduce Risk of Hire Fraud

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COMBINED INDUSTRIES THEFT SOLUTIONS

Quick Tips to Reduce Risk of Hire Fraud Driver Aide-Memoire

If there is no-one there to receive the delivery, contact your supervisor immediately, and DO NOT UNLOAD

When arriving on site, if you are asked to deliver to another location, DO NOT UNLOAD unless authorized by your supervisor

If it feels wrong DO NOT UNLOAD, contact your depot and seek further guidance. DO NOT UNLOAD until authorised by your supervisor

DO NOT leave keys hidden in the plant/equipment and DO NOT disclose ANY tracker information

Photograph the person on site & their photo ID when delivering items

IMPORTANT:

- We recommend taking a clear facial photograph of the person signing for the plant /equipment, asking them to remove any hat, hood and sunglasses **BEFORE** unloading the equipment
- Photograph their ID – this is a **PRIORITY**
- Where possible fit 360 CCTV to vehicles: if the plant/equipment goes missing this will give you a clear image of a suspect and the crime can be reported directly to Police as a "call for service"

If they refuse to let you take any photographs, think carefully before you hand over the plant/equipment. At least get a photo of their ID. Sometimes, there may be a genuine reason why photography is not permitted, e.g. site security.

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Working to reduce the risk of Hire Fraud

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CESAR – The industries identification scheme



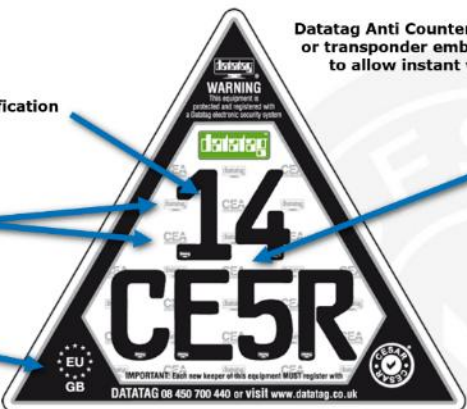
Unique Identification Plate Security Features



Use of special text to hinder falsification

Tamper evident ID plate & Anti Counterfeit measure inc Datatag's registered name and trademark to help deter copies and aid prosecution under proceeds of crime act.

EU & Int Country Code and 24/7 telephone number to aid country origin at border crossing and ports etc



Datatag Anti Counterfeit addition of unique RFID chip or transponder embedded within Identification Plate to allow instant verification with Datatag scanner



Recent examples of CESAR Tamper Signs

Recovered JCB 1T Dumper Manchester along with Takeuchi Excavator



JCB Telehandler listed for sale at Auction



CESAR – RAPID is a crucial feature

RAPID NEW Police Application!

The latest innovation in the fight against crime is possibly the most important launched in decades - RAPID.

RAPID is the Registered Assets Police Information Database and is a browser based 'app' allowing registered users to easily access the CESAR and Datatag database and quickly check the provenance of some 650,000 pieces of plant & machinery and over 1 million motorcycles!

RAPID draws information from a number of sources including PNC / LEADS and puts the power of data in your hands! Users can access the database from their smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop to easily and quickly run checks on plant & agricultural machinery and motorbikes using visible identification marks, Datadots®, RFID transponders, etc.

Future pending additions to the search facility will include personal watercraft and other Datatag protected assets such as trailers, powertools, etc.

EASY ID - Additionally, the 'app' contains support material which will help you locate VIN and engine numbers on over 100 of the most common pieces of individual plant and machinery.

Registration for access to RAPID is live on Monday 30/09/24

Scan the QR code or go to the RAPID secure portal <https://rapid.datatag.app/login> and complete the 'Request Access' Registration Form. Once approved you will be sent new account details allowing you the ability to interrogate the expansive database of assets protected by CESAR Scheme and Datatag.



Scan here to Request Access!



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CITS training update:

Combined Industries Theft Solutions (CITS) Police Training events are run across the country and the training is delivered primarily by NCATT and funded by the industry CESAR scheme. Staff are given basic examination knowledge and street skills in how to identify suspicious machinery and movements.

October 2022 - 2023

- Ben Burgess (41 Officers)
- Hitachi Northumbria (55 Officers)
- Northamptonshire (60 Officers)
- Lancashire (30 Officers)
- Leica HQ Milton Keynes (76 Officers)
- Leica Shropshire (73 Officers)
- Hertfordshire (30 Officers)
- Hitachi Exeter (78 Officers)
- Cumbria (50 Officers)
- West Mercia (8 Officers)
- Warwickshire (25 Officers)
- Scotland (69 Officers)
- Kent (59 Officers)
- Online (120 Officers)

2024 Dates:

- Tiddington 5th June (69 Officers)
- Birmingham 30th July (64 Officers)
- South Yorkshire 29th Nov (80 Officers)

2025 Dates:

- Oxfordshire 4th Feb (59 Officers)
- Humberside Feb (7 Officers)
- West Yorkshire 7th May (64 Officers)
- Essex 6th June (63 Officers)
- North Yorkshire 12th June (8 Officers)
- Plantworx 23rd September (60 Officers)
- CITS 6th November (120 Officers)
- Sussex 20th November (90 officers)
- Doncaster 21st November (50 officers)
- Warrington 25th Feb (43 Officers)

2026 Dates:

- Scotland 2 days (126 Officers)
- Cambridgeshire (124 Officers)
- Cumbria (25 Officers)
- Ireland 5th May

1477 Officers trained Since
October 2022



Financial Investigation Updates: Essex



Essex construction finance theft

Outstanding loss £830K

OP Plume/NCATT FI driven investigation

Assets fover £3M

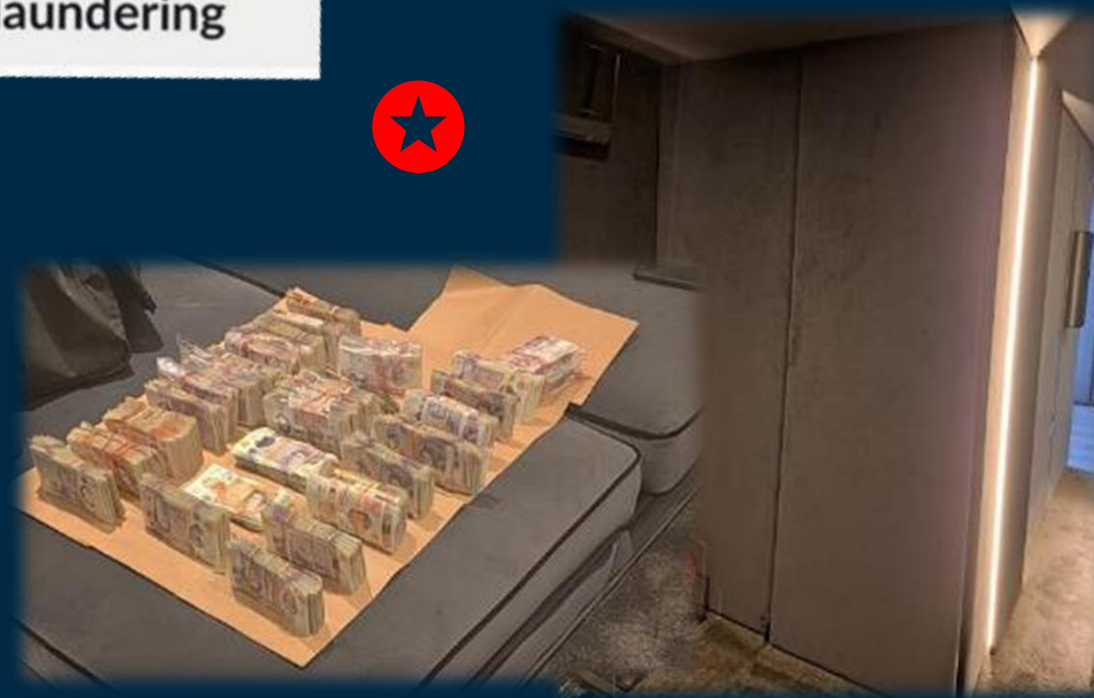
2 arrests

Successful POCA seizure £149K cash

Account freezing order £649K

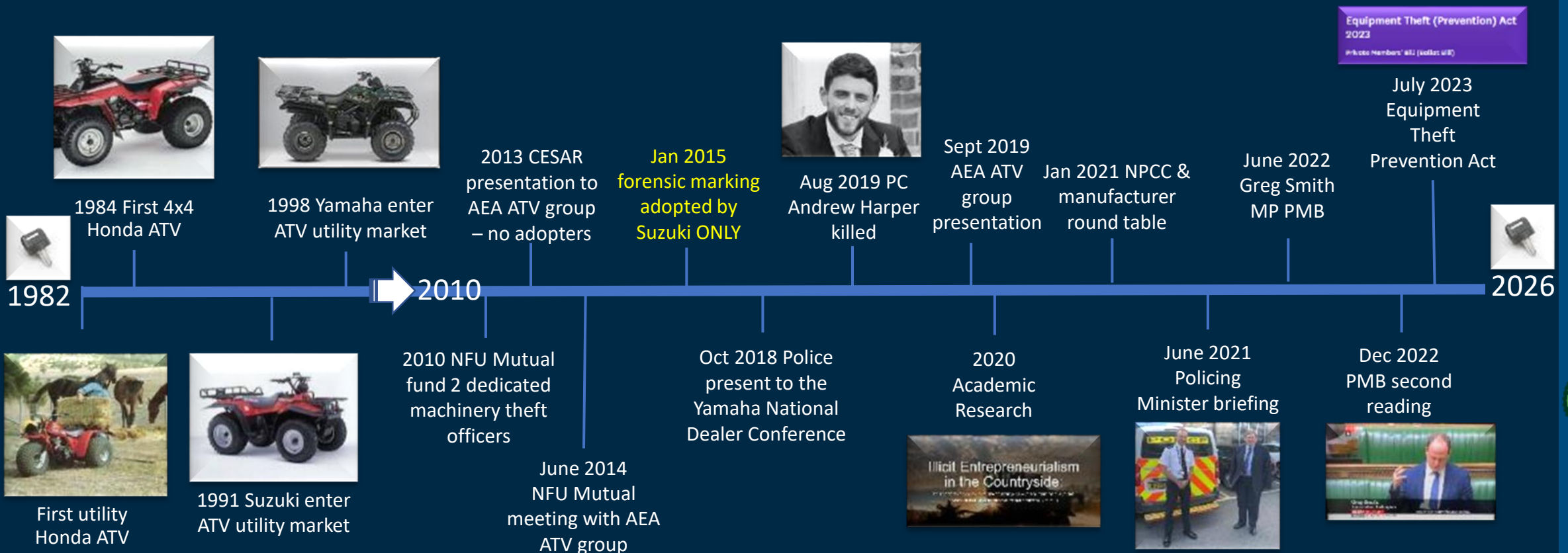
File submitted and CPS authorised charges this week!

12 months of work



Some manufacturers security is a disgrace and they know it!

44 years of ATV thefts / Equipment Theft (Prevention) Act 2023



NCATT led on this legislation.

It was finalised in October 2025 with the Policing Minister directing that forensic marking will be required for Quad bikes and GPS units only. Power tools, larger construction or agri machinery and immobilisation were removed from final legislation.



New Police search power:



Create new powers for the police to enter and search premises to which stolen goods have been electronically geolocation tracked, where it is not practicable to obtain a warrant, empowering officers to quickly investigate theft and tackle prolific offenders in these cases. The new power will also enable police lawfully on those premises to seize stolen goods and evidence of theft offences.



Bovey Tracey 28th February




NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

NCATT Performance Summary 2023 - 2026

NCATT Progress Summary

2023

£ **Value of Recoveries**
£6,331,825.00

 **Quantity Recovered**
501

 **Officers Trained**
Over 445

 **International Recoveries**
29

2024

£ **Value of Recoveries**
£10,574,057.09

 **Quantity Recovered**
2,147

 **Value of Forfeitures/Seizures**
£803,216.83

 **Offenders Arrested**
392

 **Officers Trained**
Over 799

 **International Recoveries**
38

2025

£ **Value of Recoveries**
£15,903,205.97

 **Quantity Recovered**
1,547

 **Value of Forfeitures/Seizures**
£429,113.43


 **Offenders Arrested**
205


 **Officers Trained**
Over 510

 **International Recoveries**
46


2026


£ **Value of Recoveries**
£ 10,005,251.86

 **Quantity Recovered**
974

 **Value of Forfeitures/Seizures**
£107,464.30

 **Offenders Arrested**
60

 **Officers Trained**
Over 446

 **International Recoveries**
17



Since NCATT were formed in Jan 2023 the total value of recovered items is:

£42,814,339.92



Useful Contacts

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