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 6935

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 4000

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 3300

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 8447
 8101

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 909090

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 599
 5443

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 6688

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 7711711

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❖ Toy library, Muswell Hill 020 8444 0244/ 8489 8774

CRIME ROUNDUP

Stabbing

A man was stabbed and had his £2,000 watch stolen whilst walking along Edmunds Walk at about 9.30 pm on 30 August. The 46-year-old victim was grabbed from behind by a man armed with a knife, who stabbed him three times in the arm before stealing his Cartier watch and £350.

The victim was taken to Royal Free hospital but his injuries are not life threatening.

The suspect is described as in his mid-twenties and 5ft 9inches tall. He was wearing blue jeans and a black sports jacket.

Assault

A 17-year-old male was assaulted and robbed while walking home on Sunday 15 August at 10.20pm in Font Hills. The victim was approached by two males and pushed into a bush. As the victim began to struggle one suspect stated that he had a knife. The suspects then took his Nokia mobile phone and wallet containing £10.

Both suspects then ran off towards the North Circular Road. The first was described as a male aged 18, 5ft 8inches tall, wearing a navy-blue tracksuit, light blue top and cap with the logo 'New Era' on it. The second suspect was described as a male aged 13, 5ft 4inches tall, wearing black trousers and black tee shirt.

Handbag snatch

A 27-year-old female had her handbag stolen on 20 August at 10.15pm in East End Road, Finchley. The victim was parking her car when a car with two men in it pulled up beside her. The passenger got out and opened the victim's passenger side door and snatched her handbag containing her Samsung mobile and purse containing £23. The suspect then jumped back into what has been described as an R registration silver saloon, possibly a Mercedes, that made off at speed towards Regents Park Road.

The main suspect is described as a male aged about 28, 6ft tall and wearing dark clothing and oval shaped sunglasses. The driver is also believed to be male.

Heath attack

Police are appealing for witnesses following an attack on a 13-yr-old girl on Hampstead Heath on 21 September. The girl was walking home from school along the Vale of Health when she was approached by a man in a balaclava. The suspect then took her into a thick wooded area where he demanded money, bound her hands and covered her mouth and eyes using tape. The victim had her property taken from her and searched, but the suspect took nothing. He then used a knife he was carrying to free her before making off. The girl was not physically harmed.

The suspect is described as a white male, approx 5 foot 8 inches tall and was wearing jeans. The balaclava is described as grey/black. Anyone with information should call the Robbery Squad on 020 8733 6910.

Double murder charge

Daniel Julian Gonzalez, aged 24 of Woking, Surrey, has been charged with the murders of Derek Robinson and Jean Robinson, who were found at an address in Makepeace Avenue, N6 on the morning of 17 September.

Barnet joins Cross-Over blitz

Met officers from five London boroughs are joining forces with Essex, Thames Valley, Hertfordshire and British Transport Police as part of a major operation designed to stop criminals in their tracks.

Operation Cross-Over is a unique partnership approach devised by officers at Enfield, Hillingdon, Barnet, Harrow and Haringey who have linked up with their bordering constabularies in order to stop criminals travelling cross-border to commit crime.

The scheme will see almost 100 officers conducting Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) checks at hotspots

and main corridor routes in an effort to reduce mobile offenders, targeting a number of key offences including burglary and motor vehicle crime.

ANPR systems instantly scan number plates and match them against information stored in databases to identify vehicles of interest to the police such as stolen cars or those involved in crime.

Hinz murderer convicted

A man has been convicted of the murder of Finchley man Andy Hinz, whose remains were found two years ago in bins near St Pancras Way NW1.

Thomas Hamilton McDowell - a student, aged 27, of Caulfied Court, NW1 - was convicted at Southwark Crown Court on 30 September of the murder of Mr Hinz in July 2002.

On 10 July 2002 an environmental health officer was called to deal with a suspicious item on a pavement beside St Pancras Way, NW1, after a resident complained of a strong smell coming from it. The officer alerted the police when he realised the package may contain human remains. The rest of the body - dismembered into six parts and wrapped in plastic - was found nearby in bins in the gardens of Caulfield Court.

The victim was identified as Andreas (Andy) Hinz, a 37-year-old German rabbinical student, of Windermere Avenue, N3, who had last been seen leaving popular gay pub The Black Cap in Camden on 3 July 2002 with another man.

DI Tim Duffield, SCD West, in charge of the investigation said: "The Crown's case was that Thomas Hamilton McDowell was a predatory psychopath who deliberately lured his victim back to his flat in order to kill him. The jury determined that he was guilty of murder. There can be no doubt that Thomas Hamilton McDowell posed a threat to the public and members of the gay community in particular."

Police target bail absconders

Police in London are renewing their efforts to track down those offenders who abuse the judicial system by failing to answer bail.

A Met-wide operation has been put into place using a range of tactics to trace and re-arrest those who are wanted for or charged with a range of offences from shoplifting to street robbery.

Since the operation started on 9 August, there has been a total of 332 arrests; 195 as a direct result of this operation.

No hiding place

Deputy Commissioner Sir Ian Blair said, "The criminal justice system and people's faith in it are damaged when it is seen not to be working. If people bailed by the courts then fail to re-appear they must be found and, where applicable, punished for that failure or remanded in custody...

"People wanted on warrant can expect a knock on the door soon. They can avoid the inconvenience of an unexpected call by police by surrendering at a police station of their own volition.

"All 32 London boroughs will be taking part, with a total of 1000 officers from boroughs, the Territorial Support Group and the Transport Operational Command Unit."