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Dear business colleague,

As part of our commitment to keeping you informed about police and crime issues affecting the business community, we will be issuing brief monthly email updates on any areas relevant to you.

Please see below for September's update. If you require any further information on the issues noted, please contact Suffolk Police on 101.

Are you aware **Police Connect** is a free messaging service connecting you to the very latest policing news for your business via email, text or phone.

Operated by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies, Police Connect will provide you with localised information in a variety of situations including emergency alerts, missing people appeals, crime reports, neighbourhood policing news and events. You can register online at:

www.suffolk.police.uk/policeconnect

Businesses will also be given the option to select their area of business to receive alerts that are relevant to them.

Click on the hyperlinks for full details:

Suffolk Business Newsletter September 2016

[CCTV images released after Beccles armed robbery](#)

Police investigating following an armed robbery at a jewellers in Beccles on Friday 16 September are releasing CCTV images of a car officers would like to locate.

[Gerard Singer sentenced](#)

A man who sexually abused pupils in his care at a Suffolk boarding school has been sentenced to 21 years in prison. Singer, aged 69, had been found guilty at Ipswich Crown Court in July 2016 of 27 charges relating to eight victims. The sexual abuse offences took place at the now defunct St George's School located initially at Wicklewood, Norfolk and then in Great Finborough, Suffolk, between 1979-1981 when Singer was working there as a language teacher.

Man charged with armed robberies

A 39-year-old man has been charged in connection with two armed robbery incidents at business premises in Bury St Edmunds.

The first incident took place at around 7.25pm on Wednesday 14 September in West Road, where a man wearing a bandana over his face entered the building holding what appeared to be a gun inside a plastic bag and took an amount of cash after demanding money from the till.

The second incident occurred at around 2.40pm, Saturday 17 September, at a store in Glastonbury Road, where a man wearing a mask entered the premises with what was purported to be a gun inside a bag and demanded money from the till.

Appeal following ram raid

Police are appealing for information after a cash machine was stolen during a ram raid in Clare.

The incident occurred at 2.50am on Sunday 11 September, at the Co-operative store in Market Hill. A JCB was used to remove the ATM from the building and this was then loaded into the back of a white Ford Sierra pickup, which drove away in the direction of Ashen Road/Haverhill. The ATM was later found in Nethergate Street.

Arson at Ipswich retail park

Police are appealing for witnesses following an arson attack at a retail park in Ipswich.

The incident took place between 12am and 12.20am on Wednesday 7 September at Orwell Retail Park in Ranelagh Road.

Fraudsters who conned Suffolk business out of £1 million sentenced

A gang of fraudsters who conned a Suffolk firm out of over £1 million as part of a national fraud have been sentenced.

More than 2,000 people caught speeding

More than 2,000 motorists were caught speeding in Norfolk and Suffolk during a week-long enforcement campaign.

Officers from the roads policing unit and vans from the Norfolk Safety Camera Partnership and Suffolk SafeCam were deployed across both counties to increase checks.

PCC's annual report

Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore has just published his annual report. The report is available to view now on the PCC's website:

www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/PCC-AnnualReport-2015-16.pdf

What is Prevent?

Prevent is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism. Prevent is 1 of the 4 elements of CONTEST, the Government's

counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The Prevent strategy:

- Responds to the ideological challenge we face from terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat we face from those who promote these views;
- Provides practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support; and
- Works with a wide range of sectors (including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, online and health) where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to deal with.

Prevent covers all forms of terrorism and extremism and some aspects of non-violent extremism.

The Home Office works with local authorities, a wide range of government departments, and community organisations to deliver the Prevent strategy. The police also play a significant role in Prevent, in much the same way as they do when taking a preventative approach to other crimes.

Prevent uses a range of measures to challenge extremism including:

- Supporting people who are at risk of being drawn into terrorist or extremist activity through the Channel process,
- Working with and supporting community groups and social enterprise projects who provide services and support to vulnerable people
- Working with faith groups and institutions to assist them in providing support and guidance to people who may be vulnerable; and
- Supporting local schools, local industry and partner agencies through engagement, advice and training.

Prevent is measured locally and nationally to make sure the Prevent programme provides value for money. For more information please visit "Let's talk about it" at www.ltai.info