



PRESS RELEASE

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Tool theft – Castle Douglas

A warehouse has been broken into and tools stolen at Corra Garage, Kirkgunzeon, sometime between 1700 hours on Saturday 24th and 0745 hours on Monday 26th October 2009. Tools stolen in the raid include a Honda welder generator, a Megatronic welder, and a drill, battery and charger. The value of the tools is in excess of £5000.

Vandalism – Lockerbie

A red Ford Focus has been vandalised while parked in High Street, Lockerbie, sometime between Thursday 22nd and Sunday 25th October 2009.

Bag thefts – Dumfries and Galloway

Police are investigating the theft of handbags from supermarket trolleys across the force area on the afternoon of Monday 26th October 2009. Starting at Morrison's in Dumfries, a brown leather handbag containing a purse, cash, credit cards and other personal items was stolen from a shopping trolley sometime around 1440 hours. The next theft took place at Tesco's in Castle Douglas when sometime after 1515 hours a dark blue bag was taken from a trolley in the store. The bag contained cash, credit cards and other personal items. The third incident took place at the Sainsbury's Store in Newton Stewart sometime after 1600 hours. A black leather bag containing cash, car keys, credit cards and a mobile phone was taken from a trolley. The last theft was from a trolley in the Morrison's Store in Stranraer sometime after 1700 hours. Here a black shoulder bag was taken, containing cash, credit cards and a camera.

Police want to trace the following two females in connection with these thefts as they have been identified as being present in three of stores around the times of the thefts.

1. Female, light brown skin, possible eastern European, in her 20s, slim build, wearing white trainers, light blue jeans, a grey top with white top underneath, long dark hair tied back in a pony tail carrying a shoulder bag on a long strap.
2. Female, light brown skin, possible eastern European, in her 20s, medium build, wearing light coloured shoes, light blue jeans, a grey hooded top with pink/white writing logo on chest. Long dark hair tied back.

These females are suspected of using a yellow VW Transporter van, with no rear windows and having additional windows on the sides.

Police are keen to hear to any sightings of either the two females or the vehicle in relation to these crimes and ask that anyone with any information contact police on 0845 600 5701, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Vandalism – Dumfries

A Rover 45 car has had a window smashed sometime between 1600 hours and 2330 hours on Monday 26th October 2009 while it was parked in Shirley Road in Dumfries.

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