



## PRESS RELEASE

### APPEAL FOR WITNESSES

#### **Vandalism – Dumfries**

The windscreen of a green Ford Fiesta can has been vandalised while it was parked in Sunderries Road in Dumfries sometime between Thursday 22 and Friday 23 April 2010.

#### **Break-In – Castle Douglas**

A boat house at Old Buittle, Castle Douglas has been broken into sometime between Tuesday 20 and Friday 23 April 2010. A pick and a shovel have been taken in the raid.

#### **Suspicious Incident – Ecclefechan**

Police want to trace two men who entered a house in hall Road in Ecclefechan around 1825 hours on Friday 23 April 2010. The men entered the house of an 86 year old woman on without knocking or asking to enter. At the same time as the woman discovered the intruders, her neighbour, a 68 year old man also entered the house to check on her wellbeing, as he had observed the two strangers enter the house without knocking. On being confronted, the two men fled the house and in the process the neighbour was knocked to the ground. Both the elderly lady and her neighbour, whilst not injured, were extremely upset over the incident.

The men appear to have been using a maroon coloured car and have been seen by a number of residents in the Ecclefechan area, at various houses. They are described as (1) male, 20 – 30 years, long thin face, dark short hair, dark suit with collar and tie. (2) male, 20 – 30 years, clean shaven, slim build, short dark hair, suit with shirt and tie.

Enquiries reveal that three male persons may have been in the village around that time and reports of sightings have been made at various locations. Police ask that anyone with any information about these men get in touch through 0845 600 5701.

#### **Break- In – Dumfries**

The house at Jardington Villa in Lincluden, Dumfries, was broken into sometime between Wednesday 21 and Friday 23 April 2010. Stolen in the raid was a quantity of men's jewellery including rings and an Omega Watch, with a total value of around £2000.

### **Vandalism – Eastriggs**

A window at a house in Calcutta Road in Eastriggs was broken into sometime around 0230 hours on Saturday 24 April 2010.

### **Firs – Dumfries**

Police are investigating two reports of trees/hedges being set on fire in Dumfries. The first occurred in Dalswinton Avenue in Lochside around 0500 hours on Saturday 24 April 2010 where about 30' of hedge was destroyed. The second fire was at a conifer hedge at Glentool Road in Lochside overnight Friday 23/Saturday 24 April 2010 where about 15' of hedge was destroyed.

### **Break – In – Eastriggs**

A house in East Road in Lowthertown, Eastriggs, has been broken into sometime between Wednesday 21 and Sunday 25 April 2010. It is unknown at this point what, if anything has been taken from the house.

### **Fire – Hydrant opened – Dumfries**

Police report that a fire hydrant near St Ninian's School in Lochside Road in Dumfries was opened on Saturday 24 April 2010. A number of youths have been traced and dealt with, however the dangers of this type of behaviour and the consequences of opening these hydrants is one that police want to highlight.

### **Vandalism – Sanquhar**

The windscreen wipers on a Fiat Punto car have been pulled off while it was parked in the car park just off High Street in Sanquhar, sometime between 1500 hours and 1600 hours on Saturday 24 April 2010.

### **Break- In – Dumfries**

A house in Balmoral Avenue in Dumfries was broken into sometime between 1600 hours on Saturday 24 and 0130 hours on Sunday 25 April 2010. An Acer laptop computer, portable hard drives, a Wi and a number of Wi games were taken in the raid.

### **Vandalisms – Moffat**

An outdoor light fitting at a house in Beechgrove, Moffat was vandalised around 0200 hours on Sunday 25 April 2010. A number of youths in hooded tops were seen near to the house at the time.

A gas meter box was vandalised, resulting in the escape of gas from a fractured pipe at a house in Beechgrove, Moffat sometime overnight Saturday 24/Sunday 25 April 2010.

### **Attempted Theft – Dumfries**

Police want to trace the following person who tried to steal bottles of champagne from the Morrisons Supermarket in Brooms Road in Dumfries around 1600 hours on Sunday 25 April 2010. he is described as male, 30/35 years, 5' 6" tall, wearing a waist length beige waterproof jacket with white/brown hoops, light blue jeans and white trainers.

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