



## PRESS RELEASE

### APPEAL FOR WITNESSES

#### **Vandalism – Dumfries**

A Vauxhall Astra car has been vandalised while parked in Lochside Road in Dumfries sometime between 2045 hours on Tuesday 25 and 0800 hours on Wednesday 26 May 2010.

#### **Bike theft – Dumfries**

A garden shed at a house in Riddell Avenue in Dumfries was broken into sometime overnight Sunday 30/Monday 31 May 2010, and a black coloured mountain bike stolen.

#### **Break-in- New Galloway**

The New Galloway Golf Club was broken into sometime overnight Sunday 30/Monday 31 May 2010. A quantity of cider was taken in the raid.

#### **Vandalisms – Dumfries**

Sometime over the weekend Sky television cables have been cut at houses in College Street and Stakeford Street in Dumfries.

Again, over the weekend a number of telephone cables have been cut at telegraph poles in and around Dumfries. A cable was cut at a pole in Alloway Road, and similar cables have been cut at West Cluden Farm at Newbridge, one on the road between Woodlands and Newbridge, another at High Mansefield Farm at Terregles and one on the Irongray to Shawhead Road. In each case when the cable has been cut a large number of telephone subscribers have been cut off and police warn of the dangers of such actions.

#### **Fraud – Stranraer**

Police are investigating a fraudulent scam which took place on Friday 29 May 2010. A butcher in Stranraer was talked into handing over a four figure sum of money after receiving a telephone call from a voice which he described as “being familiar”. The money was supposed to be a loan to buy a van in Ayr, and would be repaid later that day. The butcher handed over the cash to a taxi driver who later called to collect it, and the money was taken to Ayr where it was handed over to a male, who has of course not been seen or heard of again.

Police are issuing a warning to businesses across the region to warn their staff to be on the alert for any similar scams which might come up. It's often the case that when an area is targeted for this scam, they try a number of businesses in the hope of success.

### **Vandalism – Newton Stewart**

A window at the Bookmakers in Victoria Street in Newton Stewart was smashed sometime overnight Sunday 30/Monday 31 May 2010.

### **Computer Scam – Thornhill**

Police are warning of a computer scam which appears to have taken place in Thornhill on Sunday 30 May 2010. The caller intimated to the victim that they were calling from Microsoft and indicated that they were attempting to fix computers remotely which may have been corrupted by viruses. The caller asked the victim to go through a number of computer processes which then gave the caller remote access to the computer. The details of bank account numbers were asked for, and given. The victim failed to pass on her date of birth which caused the caller to get become abrupt with her and the call was terminated by the victim after becoming suspicious. On cancelling her bank details, it seems that a sum of money had already been taken from the account. Once again the police warn of the dangers of giving any personal or account details out over the phone.

### **Indecent Exposures – Dumfries**

Police are investigating a report that two men indecently exposed themselves across the river to two schoolgirls around 1700 hours on Monday 31 May 2010. At that time the girls were standing on the side of the river near to the Dumfries Standard Office, and the males were on the opposite bank. The males are described as being in their 30s – 40s, and one was wearing a checked shirt and the other a blue shirt. The men made off towards the Spread eagle and into market Street.

### **Vandalism – Annan**

A window in a house in Thorburn Crescent was smashed around 1930 hours on Monday 31 May 2010. A male in a grey hooded top was seen in the area at the time.

Anyone with any information on these incidents is asked to contact police on 0845 600 5701 or any police officer. Information can also be left anonymously with Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Crime prevention advice can be found on our police website at [www.dg.police.uk](http://www.dg.police.uk)

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