

TeamLondonBridge

MPS & BTP Report

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July has been a strong month for investigations and convictions. PC Mannings launched over five active investigations into bag thefts as well as two separate handling stolen goods cases, both of which were picked up on the same day as a burglary arrest. PC Noble led a proactive engagement day in partnership with the British Transport Police Dog Unit, introducing the team to local businesses and retailers while supporting the socialisation of a young police dog in training. Nick Morant delivered targeted crime prevention briefings to local businesses, focusing on mobile phone snatching – particularly in hotspot locations such as Tooley Street and St Thomas Street. These sessions have been well received and continue to support local efforts to reduce opportunistic street crime.

Arrest Of Prolific Offender

PC Mannings has had a relentless month. One of the key moments was arresting a prolific offender for Breaching Court Conditions, Breaching a Community Protection Notice and Failing To Appear In Court. Due to the suspects ill health and behaviour in custody, he had to be constantly watched whilst in his cell, resulting in a protracted investigative process that required PC MANNINGS to perform a 20 hour shift. However, this was worth the effort, as the suspect was found guilty in court and will be sentenced in early September. The Suspect can be seen on Shop Safe Alert ID 500522.

Arrest For Burglary

PC Mannings arrested another offender for Burglary. Following this, the suspect was successfully charged and remanded for two days in Police Custody. The suspect was found guilty in court and given a three month suspended sentence. On top of this, the suspect was given a hefty fine to be paid out from his benefits. Furthermore, the suspect was given an additional fine to be paid directly to the victim. The Suspect can be seen on Shop Safe Alert ID 53329.

Bag Thefts and Handling Stolen Goods Investigations

PC Mannings has been busy with bag theft investigations. Seasonal good weather has led to visitors and tourists enjoying hospitality outdoors, making the area an attractive target for thieves. PC Mannings has taken on five bag theft investigations and also took on two investigations of Handling Stolen Goods the same day that he made the burglary arrest (above).

Each stolen bag is worth approximately between £1000 and £2000, especially when laptops are included. We can't emphasise enough how important it is to be vigilant and keep your bag with you at all times when out across London. These types of crimes require extensive investigation, long hours, and are often difficult to progress through to formal charges in court. As such, prevention remains the most effective approach. The impact on victims is significant, beyond the emotional stress, they may also face fraud-related offences, as well as the financial burden of replacing phones, laptops, house keys, driving licences, and other personal property. This disruption can have a lasting effect on people's day-to-day lives, making it all the more important that we continue to raise awareness and support preventative safety measures.



Successful Charge By The Crown Prosecution Service

PC Mannings arrested a prolific offender back in April/2025 (the same offender as the first paragraph in this report). During the investigation process, this offender racially abused a male in custody and frustratingly, despite the overwhelming evidence, refused to provide a guilty plea. After months of case building and investigation, a charge has finally been authorised and this offender will be going to court. This is a very serious offence and we are pleased to see this case has gone to court.

Dog Handlers Visit London Bridge

PC Noble recently spent a day working alongside the British Transport Police (BTP) Dog Unit, conducting engagement visits across London Bridge Station. Together, they visited a range of retailers and pubs within the station, giving businesses the opportunity to see first hand how specialist police resources are used to support crime prevention and detection. As part of the visit, officers also stopped by a local office group, accompanied by a young police puppy in training to socialise it and help it become accustomed to unfamiliar environments, people, and noises. It also gave staff an opportunity to engage with local officers in a relaxed setting, building trust and familiarity.

The puppy visit was very well received. Staff thoroughly enjoyed meeting the dog and appreciated the chance to have a positive interaction with local police officers. It was a great example of how a police presence can be both reassuring and community-focused.

Mobile Phone Theft Crime Prevention Sessions



Nick Morant delivered crime prevention sessions focused on reducing the risk of mobile phone theft, particularly in high-footfall areas like London Bridge.

Recently delivered to HCA Healthcare and Prostate Cancer UK, the sessions were very well received and provided staff with a valuable insight into how organised phone thieves operate across the capital.

The sessions include:

- Real CCTV footage of actual offences
- An overview of common tactics used by offenders
- Examples of the Met Police's response, including arrests and suspect apprehension
- Practical advice for staff on how to avoid becoming a victim

These sessions are designed to inform and empower teams, especially those working in public-facing roles or commuting through areas with high theft rates. If your business or team is interested in hosting a session, please get in touch via email nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk.

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Shop Safe Alerts

All suspects stopped and arrested within the BID area are uploaded to the Team London Bridge Shop Safe Alert platform. If you work for a business within the London Bridge area, you are eligible to sign up and receive the latest security updates. To request access, please email nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk for an invitation.

FREE Bike Marking Sessions

As part of our ongoing work to support businesses and enhance public safety, Team London Bridge continues to coordinate Bike Marking sessions across the BID area in partnership with the Met Police Safer Transport Teams. These events are open to all members of the public and regularly attract high attendance.

Bike Marking kits typically cost around £30, but this service is FREE, reinforcing our commitment to reducing cycle theft and creating a safer environment for everyone.

To disrupt criminal activity these sessions are highly visible and located in known cycle crime hotspots, particularly Tooley Street and St Thomas Street, where there has also been a recent rise in phone snatching offences linked to moped-enabled criminals.

There is growing evidence that bike thieves are now using UV lights to check for forensic marking and BikeRegister.com stickers. Marked bikes are less likely to be stolen because they are harder to resell and easier to trace. In the event of a theft, Police can link a recovered bike back to the rightful owner, improving the chances of successful prosecution.

Benefits of Having Your Bike Marked

- Acts as a visible theft deterrent
- Free registration on the national Bike Register database
- Helps Police trace and return stolen bikes
- Makes resale of stolen bikes much more difficult
- Increases the likelihood of criminals being caught and prosecuted

Upcoming Bike Marking Sessions

We invite all local residents, workers, and commuters to attend our upcoming sessions:

DATE: 8th August

WHERE: St Thomas Street, Outside the Shard, SE1 9BS

TIME: 16:00 – 19:00

DATE: 19th August

WHERE: St Thomas Street, Outside the Shard, SE1 9BS

TIME: 13:00 – 16:00

DATE: 29th August

WHERE: St Thomas Street, Outside the Shard, SE1 9BS

TIME: 13:00 – 16:00

No booking required – just bring your bike along and speak to the officers on site.

