



POLICE SCOTLAND

Keeping people safe

Tayside Division

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LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT

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To be sent to the following Community Council email addresses on the 21st of each month outlining the previous month's activity.

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PART A**NATIONAL AND LOCAL CAMPAIGNS AND MESSAGES****—
Anna, 36**

Caring young woman, Offering love, friendship and

BANKRUPTCY.**For further advice, visit scotland.police.uk/romancefraud**

Romance fraud is widespread, estimates suggest that only one in five instances of fraud is reported. Please help us tackle this type of crime.

What happens?

All frauds require the offender to establish trust and rapport with the victim. In romance fraud, the victim believes there to be a genuine relationship. Techniques include attempts to build rapport with and gain the trust of the victim by claiming to adhere to the same religious faith or spiritual beliefs and articulating an intense desire for and attraction to the victim

Phases of a romance scam normally tend to follow the pattern below:

1. The victim being motivated to find an ideal partner
2. The victim being presented with the ideal profile
3. The grooming process
4. The sting (crisis) - where the scammer needs money from the victim
5. Continuation of the scam
6. Potential sexual abuse
7. Re-victimisation

Types of romance fraud

- **‘foot-in-the door’ technique**, in which the perpetrator initially asks for a small sum and, then having gained this small sum from the victim, manufactures new or escalating crises requiring larger and larger sums of money.
- **‘face-in-the-door’ technique**, in which the perpetrator initially asks for a sum of money so extreme that most would refuse, followed by a request for a far more modest sum(s) to

persuade the victim to part with their money.

- Third is **webcam blackmail**.

The tactics used by scammers can include:

- Economic abuse
- Creation of fear (by-product of abuse/breach of trust)
- Isolation (move to messenger app, tell no one)
- Monopolisation (bombarding victim with messages, calls, monitoring of social media, sleep deprivation – only available at night)
- Degradation (highly abusive to wear victim down, get money, Jekyll and Hyde, victim seeks to placate)
- Psychological destabilisation (pretending money has not been sent)
- Emotional or interpersonal withdrawal (refusing to communicate till demands are met)
- Guilt tripping.

What can you do?

- It is easy to become a victim, therefore, be guarded and aware, be unrevealing and discreet to avoid making yourself vulnerable online. Whilst money loss can cause great distress, the psychological and human cost of romance scams should not be underestimated. There have been instances of mental health issues including breakdowns and suicide.
- If you've been the victim of a scam please come forward and report the crime to police, you will be taken seriously and dealt with in confidence.
- If someone threatens you to share money with them - don't make any payments, stop all communication with the blackmailer, and keep all evidence of the communications you have had. This is a serious and organised crime and information is needed to help us tackle it.
- Never send money or your bank details to someone you've met online, no matter how convincing the reason they give for needing it, nor how long you've been speaking to them.
- Banks usually do their best to track and recover your payment but aren't responsible for your losses if the request is fraudulent. If they turn out to be a criminal, it's highly unlikely to you be able to get your money back.
- Scammers use long and elaborate reasons for why they need you to send money, and will try and make it a matter of urgency, so you panic and oblige.
- It's best practice to use a credit, debit or official payment platform (such as PayPal) to make any online payments as you have some protection if it is a scam. Paying by transfer doesn't offer any protection if things go wrong.
- Opt out of your personal details being provided to third parties and use a reputable site registered with the dating industry.

If someone asks you for money, report it immediately to the dating platform you are using, and call the Police on 101.

Recent crimes/issues in the area:

The Neighbourhood Watch alert system is up and running, with alerts being placed on a regular basis. The more people who get involved and sign up the better, www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

FORFAR

At Forfar V Raith Rovers football match there was some disorder from young fans of both teams. There was a number of young persons ejected from the ground and a couple of minor altercations within the ground. A supporter's bus had a window smashed. Additional Police resources had to be dedicated to the match to ensure public and Police Officer Safety.

Between 9th and 13th May 2019 damage was caused to a door at Mens Shed, Orchardbank, the perpetrators did not manage to gain entry. If anyone has any information regarding this crime please contact Police.

This month 2 drivers were detected driving under the influence of alcohol, 3 had no insurance, 2 had no licence, one was found to be disqualified from driving in addition to the drivers traced for offences during our local initiative.

There were three theft by shoplifting in Forfar this month, one is detected and there are positive lines of enquiry on the others. In total 89 crimes recorded in Forfar this month.

KIRRIEMUIR

A sneak in theft at an address in Reform Street saw a handbag stolen and on 11th May spot lights were stolen from St Marys church, Kirriemuir.

Unfortunately there was a delay in some crimes being reported to Police, despite being witnessed at the time they were not called in until some time later. Police are appealing to the Public to report at the time if possible as this gives us the best chance of detection.

One shoplifting at Co-op, Roods this month which has been detected and reported to the PF.

LANDWARD/ RURAL WATCH

We have had a rise in rural thefts this month, additional rural patrols are being carried out. On 6th May a quad bike was stolen from Glen Prosen and on 19th May an attempt was made to take another near Ballintore. On 15th May a Sheep handling system and pressure washer was taken from an insecure building.

Increased patrols are continuing in rural areas and residents are advised to ensure that their premises are secure and are asked to report anything suspicious to police, at the time on **101**.

Alerts are being placed on the Rural Watch platform which is now up and running in the local area.

We are reminding our rural communities to be vigilant and report all suspicious activity. Please also remember to secure buildings and consider improving security. We would also encourage you to sign up to the new Angus Rural Watch scheme at www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk

Local Events: Bonfest

Police would like to thank all who attended Bonfest in Kirriemuir, The town was busy and had a great atmosphere with no additional incidents for Police despite the numbers attending.

Local Initiatives:

BIN YOUR SPEED

A number of areas in the Forfar and Kirriemuir area now have stickers on their bins reminding people of the 30mph speed limits. We are continuing work to get these stickers out in some other identified areas. Gowanbank will be next to have the stickers.

ANTI-SOCIAL DRIVING OPERATION

As a result of feedback from the public in Forfar and Kirriemuir, at the end of April we held a successful local Road Traffic operation. This was led by the Road Policing Team doubled up with local Community Officers and Special Constables.

During a weekend of activity we had several additional resources available. As a result 26 additional vehicles were stopped, a number of vehicles were seized for no insurance. Other vehicles were removed from the road and prohibited due to the condition or modifications made to them. Several other offences detected including possession of drugs and vehicle and driving ASBOs were handed out.

This campaign will continue over the coming months and antisocial drivers will be continue to be targeted as will vehicles with defects or dangerous or loud modifications.

RURAL ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

During the last week of May 2019 the Community Policing Team are taking part in a local initiative aimed at improving Road Safety on our rural roads. Before the summer months, we aim to highlight the importance of giving consideration to other road users and offer advice and education on the responsible use of rural roads,

We will be supported by other Police departments including Police Horses, Police cyclists, Road Policing and Special Constables. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers will have a Road Safety input, as will pupils at some of the rural primary schools.

Counter Terrorism and Serious Organised Crime

Police Scotland, through our Counter Terrorism Security Advisors and in liaison with the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO), has been busy working within the Crowded Places sector in order to keep people safe.

Be Reassured

The threat from International Terrorism to the United Kingdom is at SEVERE.

Be Alert, Not Alarmed

Police have exercised plans to respond to multi seated firearms attacks and may increase their presence in some areas. Don't become fearful or withdraw from the streets. Businesses and priority Crowded Places have been working with police (NaCTSO and the CTSA network) to protect sites and staff from a variety of terrorist attacks. This includes music, sport and entertainment venues, restaurants, hotels and shops.

Statements from Police Scotland are posted on the Police Scotland website, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Police Scotland will continue to work with all of our partners in order to Keep People Safe.

Be Vigilant and Report Suspicious Behaviour

Police act on information from the public who report suspicious people or behaviour. I would encourage everyone to remain alert and vigilant and, "If you suspect it, report it" by contacting Police Scotland directly by calling 101. In an emergency dial 999 or report it through the [anti-terrorist hotline](#) on 0800 789 321.

Vigilant behaviour by staff and the public can disrupt attack planning. Businesses can run [Vigilance Campaigns](#) and their staff can attend Project Griffin events.

The following videos released by Counter Terrorism Police UK, show the best plans of action when encountering suspicious behaviour and items.

Plan Now What You Will Do to STAY SAFE

'Stay Safe' principles (Run Hide Tell) give some simple actions to consider at an incident and the information that armed officers may need in the event of a weapons or firearms attack. Full guidance is contained on the [NaCTSO website](#).

More information about the 'Stay Safe' principles can be found at the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-safe-film>

Conduct a health check on your premises. [Crowded Place booklets](#) contain clear self-help guidance and check-lists.

- Review your building response plan to consider your response now and if the UK threat

rises.

- Test and exercise with partners (around the table) to check your preparation for terrorism and wider business continuity (e.g. flooding/flu).

Suspicious Airport Behaviour – Project Pegasus

Be vigilant around airports and airfields- notify Police Scotland of anything suspicious or which you have concerns about.

Suspicious Maritime Behaviour – Project Kraken

Project Kraken delivers an enhanced crime and counter terrorist ‘vigilance’ capability within the maritime environment of Scotland.

Serious Organised Crime

Serious Organised Crime a wide range of activities and individuals involved in areas such as drug trafficking, counterfeiting, money laundering, organised immigration crime and fraud.

Find out more about how to spot and report suspicious behaviour to help us Keep People Safe from terrorism and Serious Organised Crime on the Police Scotland website at <http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/280693/>



**COUNTER
TERRORISM
POLICING**

If you see or hear something that could be terrorist related, ACT on your instincts and report it to the police, in confidence, at gov.uk/ACT.

Police Scotland is backing a UK-wide campaign to encourage the public to report suspicious behaviour and activity in a bid to prevent terrorism and save lives.

The call to action is part of the second phase of the ACT – Action Counters Terrorism – initiative, led by Counter Terrorism Policing, a collaboration of UK police forces working alongside intelligence agencies.

Research carried out by CT Policing suggests that three-quarters (75 per cent) of people who live in Scotland are concerned about terrorism. Two thirds (66 per cent) of people in the UK say they have become more concerned over the past year.

But while 82 per cent said they would report suspicious behaviour to police, many are unclear exactly what they should be looking for.

The campaign features a 60-second film based on real-life foiled plots. It shows examples of terrorist-related suspicious activity and behaviour, as well as attack planning methodology.

Some examples of suspicious activity or behaviour could potentially include:

- Hiring large vehicles for no obvious reason
- Buying or storing a large amount of chemicals, fertilisers or gas cylinders for no obvious reasons
- Taking notes or photos of security arrangements or inspecting CCTV cameras in an unusual way
- Looking at extremist material, or sharing and creating content that promotes or glorifies terrorism.
- Anyone who goes away travelling for long periods of time but is vague about where
Someone carrying out suspicious or unusual bank transactions

Assistant Chief Constable Steve Johnson said: “We work tirelessly with security partners to identify and thwart the terrorist threat.

“But the public can also play a crucial role in helping to keep communities safe and we would encourage anyone with suspicions to report their concerns.

“We want to provide people with all the necessary information they need to help them identify suspicious activity and, more importantly, keep themselves safe and secure.

“Any piece of information could be vital in helping the police prevent terrorism and save lives. That cooperation between police and the public is Scotland’s greatest defence against the terrorist threat.”

Justice Secretary Michael Matheson said: “Public vigilance is key to help Police Scotland keep our communities safe from terror threats. I very much welcome this campaign which highlights a number of ways in which members of the public can spot suspicious activity and how to make the authorities aware.

“I would urge the public to note the kinds of activity to be on the lookout for. Anyone who feels they may have witnessed and anyone who feels they have witnessed suspicious behaviour should report it immediately.”

Anyone who wishes to report suspicious behaviour or activity can do so by calling Police Scotland on 101 or 999 in an emergency, or via the online tool at [gov.uk/ACT](https://www.gov.uk/ACT).

Contact Details

Call 101 for non-emergencies and general enquiries, in an emergency call 999. If you have information about a crime you can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Feedback from Community Council		
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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM – to Local Community Policing Team