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## **Radio Tactics Solutions Reduce Crime in Devon and Cornwall – Police Use Apollo and Hermes to Cut Home Burglaries by 80%**

- Devon and Cornwall Police report a large drop in burglary dwelling since implementing Radio Tactics products
- Radio Tactics' Hermes device has been used to register property of residents in burglary hotspot areas
- In conjunction with Hermes, Devon and Cornwall police have been using Apollo to identify stolen property such as mobile phones and laptop computers

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**Radio Tactics Ltd** [www.radio-tactics.com](http://www.radio-tactics.com), a leading global provider of mobile phone forensics equipment is proud to announce that police in Devon and Cornwall have successfully reduced crime rates by implementing Radio Tactics' products. Since purchasing the Hermes and Apollo property registration and identification devices; the Devon and Cornwall force has reduced property burglary by 80% in Torbay, previously the region's hotspot.

Hermes was designed and built by Radio Tactics as a portable solution for identifying barcodes and IMEI numbers and registering items such as bicycles, laptops and mobile phones onto the national Immobilise property database. With the assistance of PCSOs, Neighbourhood Officers and Crime Reduction Officers, Hermes was taken into schools and door-to-door in Devon and Cornwall's burglary hotspot areas to register property.

In conjunction with Hermes, police officers in the region have been using Radio Tactics' Apollo on a daily basis. This device scans items to ascertain whether they have ever been lost, blocked or stolen and also to find out their registered owner. Local businesses, newspapers and radio stations have assisted with publicising the scheme, deterring the criminal fraternity by making the capabilities of the new equipment well known.

**DS Karl Rowland**, of Devon and Cornwall police said:

*"It is important when planning any course of action to reduce offences such as dwelling burglary to ensure that when implemented you balance both reduction and detection techniques, ensuring that any operation is an on-going success. Although Torbay does not have a high level of domestic burglaries, the occurrences were causing concern and were detrimental to the area's figures. It was decided that any tactics used should be long lasting and not a 'blip'.*

*"Hermes was used to register all property within certain areas, thus making the property worthless to criminals. Pro-actively, Apollo was used to target individuals on stop-checks, warrants and checks of all second hand outlets including car boot sales. Schools played a large part in the registration of family property to enhance the coverage. The recording of property and recovery and return of stolen items was well documented in the media.*

*"The overall success was measured by a near 80% reduction in offences of dwelling burglary in areas targeted which wasn't displaced to a neighbouring area. This reduction is still continuing over eighteen months later."*



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**Andy Gill**, CEO of Radio Tactics added:

*“We are pleased to see our products producing such excellent results, making people feel safer and dramatically reducing crime levels. As we continue to roll out Apollo and Hermes in other forces throughout the UK we look forward to seeing this positive outcome around the country. This way we can reduce the levels of a prevalent type of crime nationally and lighten the heavy workload of police officers on the beat.”*

Radio Tactics employs an experienced team of specialist innovators, offering high technology solutions for the acquisition and management of digital information technology. All Radio Tactics products can be fully customised to the specification of the client and comprehensive technical assistance and support is offered to every customer.

For more information about Radio Tactics please see the attached press pack.

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1. Radio Tactics provides forensically sound tools for the secure acquisition, migration, and analysis of digital information from smart card and cellular equipment platforms. For more information see [www.radio-tactics.com](http://www.radio-tactics.com)
2. Radio Tactics was founded by Andy Gill and Neil Maitland in January 2004, both of whom have extensive experience working with mobile phone companies and SIM card manufacturers
3. Radio Tactics has achieved Secured by Design accreditation for all of its products

**Devon and Cornwall Police**

1. The Devon and Cornwall police force originated in 1836 when 24 borough police forces were formed across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. For more information see [www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)
2. Devon and Cornwall police cover the largest geographical police area in England, extending 180 miles from the Dorset and Somerset borders in the east to the Isles of Scilly in the west
3. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary employs around 3,500 police officers, more than 2,000 civilian staff and over 300 police community support officers