



Advanced Technology Helps Collar Criminals

A unique technology in a new Metropolitan Police detection suite will enable thousands of suspects to be scanned for incriminating evidence.

Hammersmith and Fulham police station have teamed up with Staffordshire-based, RedWeb Technologies, in their battle against theft.

Last year, more than 5,500 criminals were processed at Hammersmith and Fulham police station's custody department. The new UV detection suite, part-funded by GPS tracking company, RedWeb Technologies, means all future suspects can be screened for minute UV markers.

RedWeb Technologies have developed a pioneering tool to help combat this growing problem. The technology uses what is known as Advanced Molecular Taggent Technology (AMTT), to help link criminals to the scene of their crime.

AMTT is up to 500 times more sensitive than current DNA technology, and poses a real threat to thieves hoping to avoid police detection.

It involves a unique forensic molecular code that identifies each and every taggent particle to a secure database.

AMTT is also more resilient to battery acid, UV light and heat than existing technologies, making it the best choice to protect vital assets.

Once apprehended, police can scan an offender with UV and the forensic marker will glow bright red, indicating the thief has handled stolen goods.

With a centrally-based lab, the company can turn around forensic results on sample clothes between 24 and 48 hours later.

It is so advanced that only a 1x50micron particle of AMTT is needed to yield a forensic match, an unparalleled level of accuracy.

As a result, the technology makes it easier to secure a conviction in court. It helps to trace the pattern of movement by a stolen piece of metal, which can often be passed to a third-party very quickly.

Det Supt Damian Ash, of the Metropolitan Police, said: "***We're really pleased to be working with RedWeb Technologies in setting up Hammersmith and Fulham's first UV detection suite. Not only is this a great apprehension tool, but it also serves as powerful deterrent.***"

RedWeb now wants to promote its asset-marking grease, which is used in the anti-metal theft sector, and its permanent asset-marking lacquer, which is a strategic complimentary technology to transference products.

Chris Taylor, RedWeb Technologies Managing Director, said: "***Some property will be targeted by offenders and moved to third parties very quickly. The 'belt and braces' approach, of not only marking the offender, but***"

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ensuring the property remains permanently marked, provides reassurance to customers and prosecuting authorities that the crime can not only be detected, but also prevented."

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