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Activity: Research

Funding problems

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- use a case study to evaluate the impact of funding cuts on police operations.

A. Using the link below, complete questions 1 to 20 that follow.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2001/jun/10/ukcrime.tonythompson>

1. Briefly describe Operation Marine and Philip Etienne's role in it.
2. Why did Etienne and his colleague Martin Maynard take the West Midlands Police to court?
3. What did the police know about the Wilson brothers before the operation?
4. How did the Wilson brothers protect themselves?
5. How many black undercover officers did West Midlands Police have? Why was this a problem?
6. Why was Martin Maynard sent to Birmingham?
7. What happened when Maynard was working undercover on 13 October?
8. How did Maynard overcome this problem?
9. What happened when Maynard requested three more officers for the undercover operation?
10. Why did Maynard want a hotel room and why did it get cancelled? What problem did this cause for the officers?
11. What was the problem with the car allocated to Etienne and Maynard?
12. Why were the back-up team not going to be armed for the operation?
13. What was the problem with the third member of the team?
14. What was the problem with the money the team had been given?
15. Although the two officers continued with the raid, what did they do to protect themselves?
16. How did the back-up team fail the officers while they were waiting at the rendezvous?
17. Briefly describe the events from when the two men tapped on the driver's window.
18. When was the gunman caught?
19. What did the commanding officer do that endangered the two injured officers?
20. What has been the impact of the raid on the lives and careers of Etienne and Maynard?

B. From your answers to the question on the article, what is the effect of cuts in funding to the police?