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Activity: Media

Covert surveillance

Learning objective

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

- describe how police can use covert surveillance to prevent crime.

A. Using the link below, complete questions 1 to 16 that follow.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Vsz8g3k9_Y

1. What crime was planned in the clip?
2. What crimes were happening in 2002?
3. What was the first breakthrough for the police in these cases?
4. Who was the key man in the crimes and what did he do?
5. What action did the police take once the suspect had been identified?
6. What did the undercover surveillance team see?
7. How did this information help the police?
8. What was the dilemma faced by the Flying Squad?
9. What did the Flying Squad plan?
10. What evidence did the police find that helped determine when the crime would be committed?
11. How many officers were deployed at Heathrow on 17th May 2004?
12. What was the target of the planned theft?
13. Briefly describe what happened at the depot.
14. What did the police shoot?
15. How did the police catch John Beech?
16. What happened to the Heathrow crime rate after the gang were captured?

B. Briefly explain how police covert surveillance was so important in solving this case.