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CRIME PREVENTION IS  
EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

**REPORT IT  
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- ◆ Endangering Safety
- ◆ Damaging Property
- ◆ Trespassing
- ◆ Dumping Rubbish
- ◆ Stone Throwing
- ◆ Behaving Suspi-

ON THE RAILWAY

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*"Our goal is to provide a policing service which delivers a safe railway environment that is free from disruption and the fear of crime"*

### Expensive Cigarettes

A 42 year old man has had what was probably the most expensive cigarette of his life after being ordered to pay £250 for smoking on board a train. The man was caught with a lit cigarette on the Kings Cross to Hull train in July. When the conductor asked him to put it out he refused. He has been fined £175 and ordered to pay £60 costs and a £15 victim surcharge for the offence of 'Smoking Where Prohibited'

### Thanks You

The North East Football Intelligence Unit would like to pass on their thanks to all members of staff who assist us on match dates by reporting numbers of fans travelling on the rail system. This information has been invaluable for deciding the deployment of Police Officers and has been instrumental in assisting in reducing disorder and anti-social behaviour on the railway on match days.

### Bows and Arrows

A security guard at Marsh Freight in Dewsbury reported seeing a group of 8 or 9 adult males with bows and arrows on the track. It was not clear what they were doing as the line is mainly used only at the weekend. Police attended and checked the area with negative result.

### Bridge Hanger

A male was reported hanging off the wrong side of Greenfield Lane railway bridge in Doncaster. Officers attended and managed to talk the man, who appeared suicidal, to safety. He was arrested under 136 of The Mental Health Act and taken to Hospital. He was released, after treatment, into the care of his mother.

### Drug Arrests

Acting on information received officers attended Driffeld Railway Station and arrested three males. Authorisation was obtained to search their home addresses. Items recovered at the properties have been seized and after interview the three men were bailed pending further enquiries.

### ASBO

A persistent and sometimes 'aggressive and intimidating' beggar has been banned from entering Newcastle Central Railway Station and there separate Metro Stations by Newcastle Magistrates Court. Michael Allen, aged 29 was also fined £30 and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £15 for each offence.

### Football

A Leeds fan became abusive towards rail staff. He was arrested for being drunk and disorderly. Whilst getting out of the police van he kicked an officer. He was interviewed, charged and bailed to court. Two Leeds fans were arrested for theft of 24 cans of Stella from the train buffet and for being drunk and disorderly. Both were issued with £80 fixed penalty notices. During November 22 persons were dealt with and 2 football banning orders were issued.

### Cable

There have been four arrests for cable related offences this month. High profile patrols have been made throughout the area. Scrap yards have been visited in Doncaster, Sheffield, Darlington and Hartlepool.

### Staff Assault

Staff on a National Express Glasgow Kings Cross service reported a male in first class with an incorrect ticket being abusive towards them. They later reported the man racially abusing them and other passengers. Officers attended at Grantham and arrested the man. After initial enquiries were made it appeared that the male had committed the following offences, 2 x Racial sec. 5, 2 x Common Assault and 1 x Sec. 1. Statements are being taken prior to charge.

### Imprisonment

A phone call was received from an anxious mother stating that her 13 year old daughter had been locked up for 1½ hours in one of the bike sheds at South Elmsall Station by some other young people. They has secured the lock with a stick. When the girl was eventually released she was subjected to an assault which consisted of five punches to the head and then being spat at. She claimed that the assailants all went to her school. Police enquires have led to all the young people being interviewed and when the bike shed was examined a message in marker pen had the words 'If found please return to...'. Advice is being sought prior to charges being made.