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## TRUCKPOL QUARTERLY REPORT January-March 2010

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Truckpol is the national freight crime intelligence unit. Truckpol assists UK police forces by disseminating intelligence on criminals, hosting meetings between the police and the haulage industry and by assisting stakeholders by acting as a central point of contact for their enquiries.

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the pattern of freight crime in the first quarter of 2010. Using data supplied to us by UK police forces and by haulage industry stakeholders we have provided an analysis of the nature and extend of freight crime in the UK. In this document we aim to demonstrate the areas of the UK most at risk from this type of criminality and to identify the commodity types most frequently targeted.

***This document relies on data extracted from the databases maintained by TruckPol. It should be noted at the outset that the database on which this report is based is not a definitive list of all road freight crime as not all crime is reported to police and not all police forces report all crime to TruckPol. Figures in this report may therefore be at variance with data held by individual forces.***





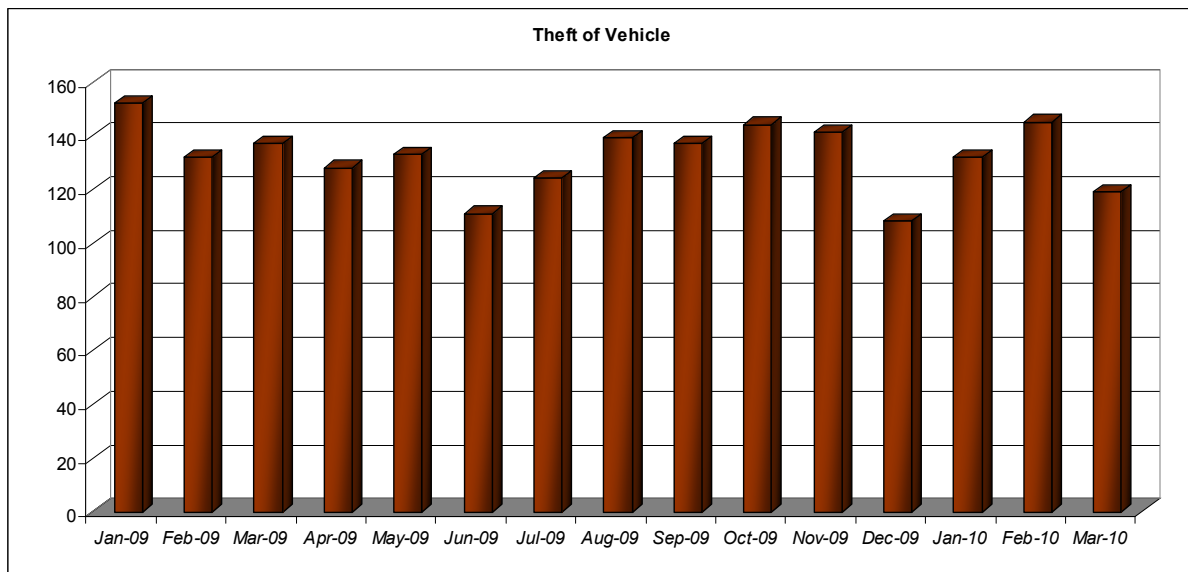
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### Road freight crime by incident type

Crime Type	Jan	Feb	Mar
Theft of Vehicle	132	145	119
Theft from Vehicle	83	84	77
Att. Theft	50	36	18
Theft (other)	2	3	6
Warehouse	4	-	2
Hijack	1	4	-
Deception	-	1	1
Att. Hijack	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>224</b>

Crime Type	Q1 2009	Q1 2010	% +/-
Theft of vehicle	405	396	-2.22
Theft from vehicle	270	244	-9.63
Attempted Theft	94	104	10.64
Theft (other)	17	11	-35.29
Warehouse	5	6	20.00
Hijack	15	5	-66.67
Deception	2	2	0.00

### Thefts of Large Goods Vehicles





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## Thefts by body type

Vehicle Make	Total
Iveco	117
Leyland DAF	58
Scania	40
DAF Trucks	39
MAN	36
Mercedes-Benz	36
Volvo	29
Ford	7
Seddon Atkinson	5
Bedford	3
ERF	3
Renault	3
Foden	2
Mitsubishi	2
Hino	1
Isuzu	1
Seddon	1
Not Recorded	13
Grand Total	396

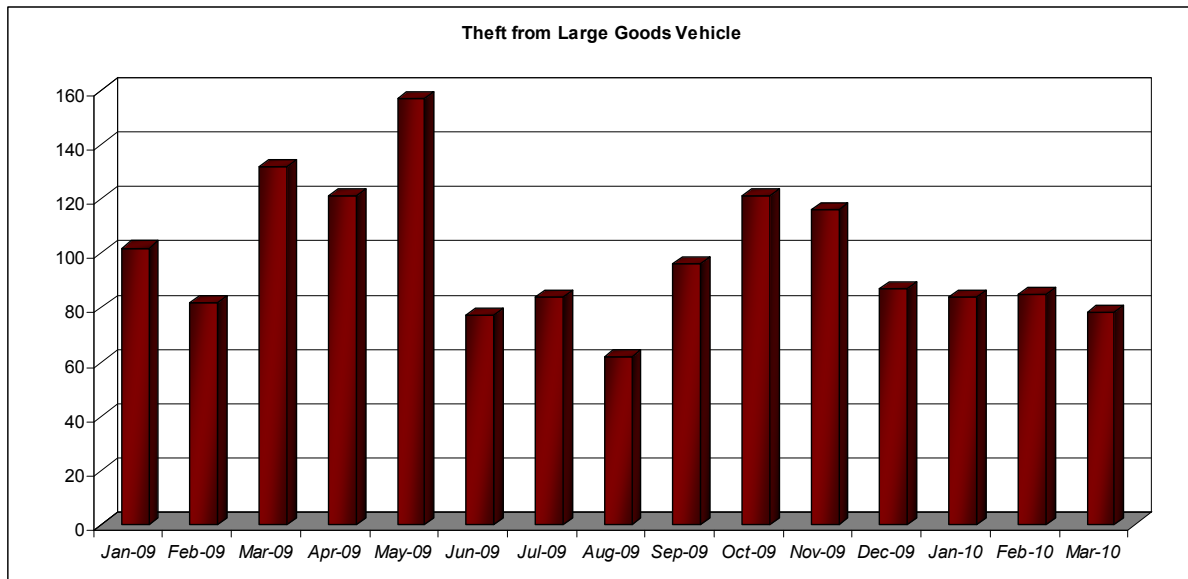
Body Type	Total
Box Van	87
Tipper	57
Drop-side	31
Flat-bed	26
Breakdown Truck	25
Tractor Unit	22
Livestock carrier	19
Goods	18
Skip	16
Concrete Mixer	11
Insulated	10
Curtain sider	9
Car Transporter	6
Tanker	5
Low-loader	4
Luton	4
Goods Artic	3
Special purpose	3
Gritting	1
Minibus	1
Skeletal	1
Solid Bulk Carrier	1
Truck	1
Not Recorded	35
Grand Total	396

Thefts of Large Goods Vehicles remain very similar to this period last year. One notable feature of the stolen lorry list above is the number of tipper lorries being stolen. There has been a recent trend of such vehicles being stolen from locations in the South West of England and in Wales. These thefts often involve two or more vehicles being stolen at a time. The offence locations include premises belonging to local councils where such vehicles are parked overnight. Truckpol is currently working to gather more intelligence on this issue and we hope to report more in the coming weeks.



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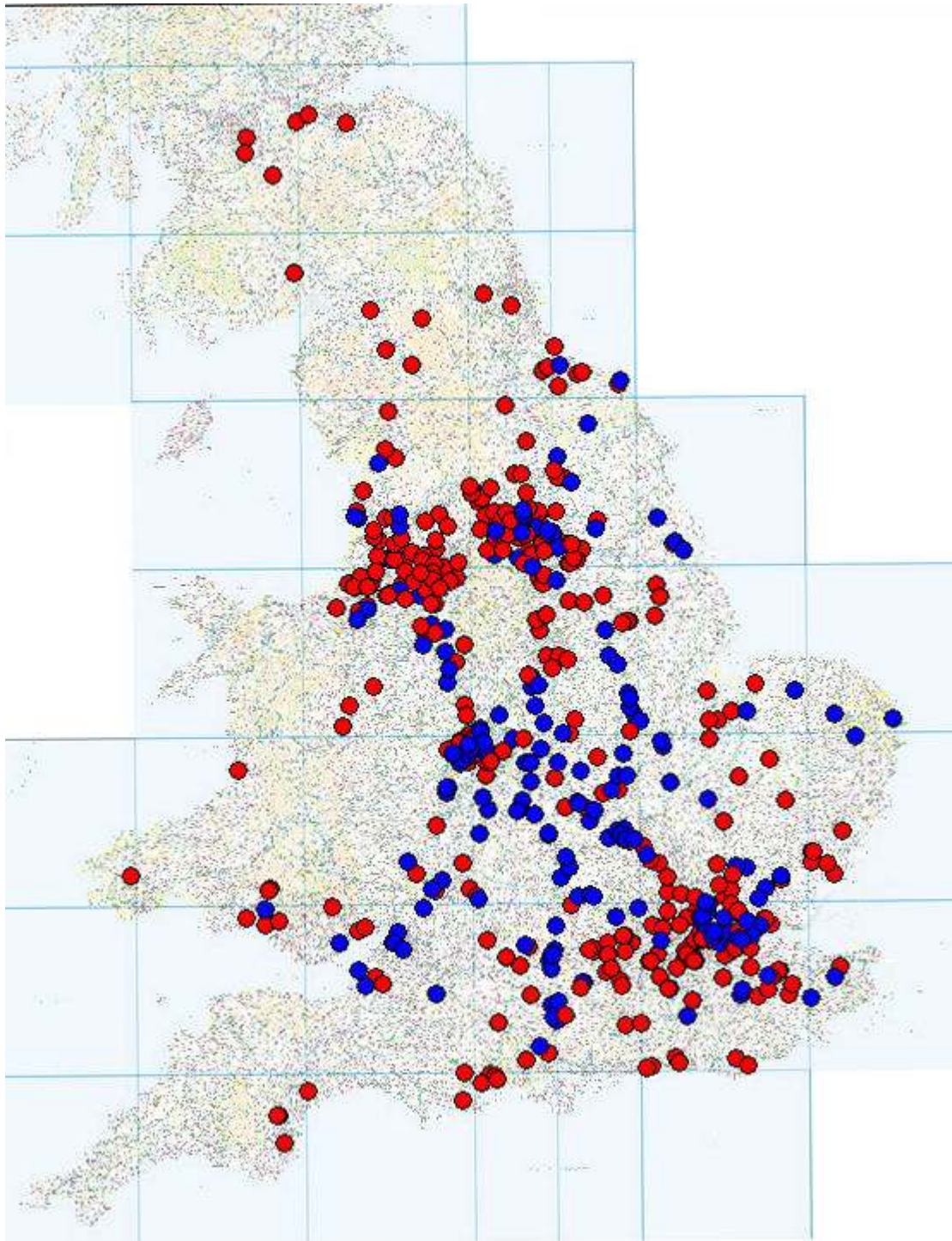
## Theft from Large Goods Vehicles



Property Classification	Total
A (Electronics/Electrical)	27
A1 (Computers)	7
A2 (Mobile Phone)	3
B (Clothes and Shoes)	23
C (Food and Beverages)	23
D (Household Goods)	25
E (Alcohol)	14
F (Cigarettes)	19
G (Miscellaneous)	96
G1 (Building/Plant/Industrial)	15
G3 (HAZMAT/Chemicals)	1
G4 (Fuel)	9
G5 (metals)	19

The most popular category of stolen goods in the past quarter were Electronics. Whilst in the run up to Christmas we find that televisions are among the most popular items since the start of the year the stolen goods have largely consisted of household appliances including white goods and central heating equipment. Otherwise the stolen goods represent something of a mixed batch 'Household Goods' in this case refers to any kind of everyday consumer goods often toiletries, cleaning products or home furnishings.

**Theft map Jan-Mar 2010**



- Theft from vehicle
- Theft of vehicle



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### **Arrests and enforcement activity**

Staffordshire police have charged six men from Merseyside with conspiracy to steal following an incident in November 2009. £6000 of gaming chairs were stolen from a Large Goods Vehicle that was parked overnight in a lay-by on the A50 in Draycott on the Moors. Shortly before 4am the driver was awoken by some activity in the lay-by he then heard a vehicle speeding off and discovered that the rear of his trailer had been opened with a bolt cutter. At around 4:30am a lorry was stopped by Central Motorway Police Group travelling north along the M6 and the stolen property was found in the back. Two further vehicles were seen passing the stop site and these were later stopped, each vehicle contained two male occupants.

Following a theft of a complete trailer carrying coffee products from Banbury in March an individual has been charged with handling after a quantity of the goods were found on sale. Enquiries are ongoing regarding the source of the products.

### **Major theft incidents**

Two semi-trailers were stolen from a company in Dumfries in February. The offenders cut the padlock to the company yard and entered with two tractor units which were used to steal two tri-axle trailers containing around 1600 cases of whisky each. Each trailer contained goods worth £200,000.

In a theft from vehicle on the A1 in Lincolnshire on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February a large quantity of branded clothing worth £750,000 was stolen. A witness saw three males wearing ski masks removing the goods.

On the third of February a driver was attacked in his vehicle whilst parked on a Westbound section of the A14 around Kettering. The driver was restrained in the back of his vehicle which was driven by the offenders and the driver was released in a field near Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire. The vehicle was recovered however the goods worth in excess of £400,000 pounds were taken. The load included 20 pallets of LEGO toys and 8 pallets of electrical components.

In the first quarter of 2010 there were 5 thefts of Televisions from goods vehicles [this compares to 13 during the final quarter of 2009]. The most notable theft was of 200 LCD televisions in Wavendon near Milton Keynes, the goods were stolen from a Polish registered lorry parked at the side of the road.

### **Meetings attended by Truckpol January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>**

January 14<sup>th</sup>

Midlands Security Conference: All day conference which included input from Police and representatives from a diverse range of businesses in the region. There was an update on Community Based Policing (Policing Pledge) and what this means to businesses. This refers to the new Strategic Policing Priorities for 2010/11 which will change the way policing performance is measured to take into account how



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communities feel about the service that the police are providing and whether the community feels that their needs are being met.

January 20<sup>th</sup>

RHA Security Meeting. Forum members discussed issues relating to RHA members including efforts to generate progress on the issue of Truck Parking nationally and internationally. TruckPol provided an update on current issues and trends.

January 21<sup>st</sup>

Intelligence Meeting – Meeting between Truckpol and West Midlands regional intelligence unit and Central Motorway Policing group.

January 27<sup>th</sup>

NS FRITS; Data and System Integration Workshop. Discussion of applications for smart phones that will provide up to date information for lorry drivers relating to driving conditions, crime warnings and other useful information. Truckpol/AVCIS have been providing consultancy for this project.

February 4<sup>th</sup>

Basildon HGV Crime Meeting. Basildon area has a high concentration of supply chain business and is heavily targeted by Criminal Gangs. The meeting was held between local police, the local council and various local businesses in order to try to develop preventative measures and to make business operating in the area aware of the risks posed to them.

February 11<sup>th</sup>

Truckpol Meeting, AD Group Ltd, Daresbury, Warrington. AD Group, a new sponsor to Truckpol gave a presentation on their products and services. Central Motorway Police Group also gave a presentation in which they emphasised the need for thefts to be reported to the police and the need to accurately report the details of what has been stolen, this follows an instance in which some goods were recovered but there was great difficulty linking the goods to the original offence. The attendees included a selection of Truckpol Sponsors and Police Contacts.

March 4<sup>th</sup>

Eastern Region Truck Watch Meeting. Discussion of a messaging service that provides crime warnings. The service is provided by Suffolk police. The meeting focused on finding a means to get more users to sign up to the scheme and to get more support from other police forces in the region.

March 5<sup>th</sup>

National Strategy Group for Watch Schemes. Seminar hosted by the Home Office. All versions of Watch Schemes from local neighbourhood watch schemes to business watch schemes discussed to identify possible synergies between different types of schemes. Further meetings planned in the future.



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March 25<sup>th</sup>

National Truck Watch Meeting. Meeting organised by North West Truck Watch to bring together all current Truck Watch Schemes in the UK to discuss a common approach to Truck Watch across the country.

### **Other news**

Please take advantage of the Truckpol website [www.truckpol.com](http://www.truckpol.com) we will continue to update the site with information regarding road freight crime. If you wish to submit any material please send an email to Truckpol at [truckpol@avcis.pnn.police.uk](mailto:truckpol@avcis.pnn.police.uk).

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