



TRUCKPOL QUARTERLY REPORT October-December

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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 fourth quarter of 2008. 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. Additionally, information is received every day; data received late will appear in the annual report at the end of 2008 but may have been omitted from this report. Figures in this report may also therefore be at variance with data held by individual forces.

Road Freight Crime by Value

Recorded values reported in this section are published subject to the following proviso. Whilst TruckPol makes every effort to ensure that values are recorded as accurately as possible, there will inevitably be discrepancies between actual value to haulier, shipper and insurer and values given to police at the time of reporting. Because of this, the values given below must be viewed **as a minimum guide only**.

	£ Sterling	€ Euro	\$ US Dollar
Vehicle Value	£7,708,899	8,537,930	10,970,382
Load Value	£8,876,831	10,888,761	12,632,443
Combined Value	£16,585,730	19,426,691	23602826

The average loss per incident is £20,732

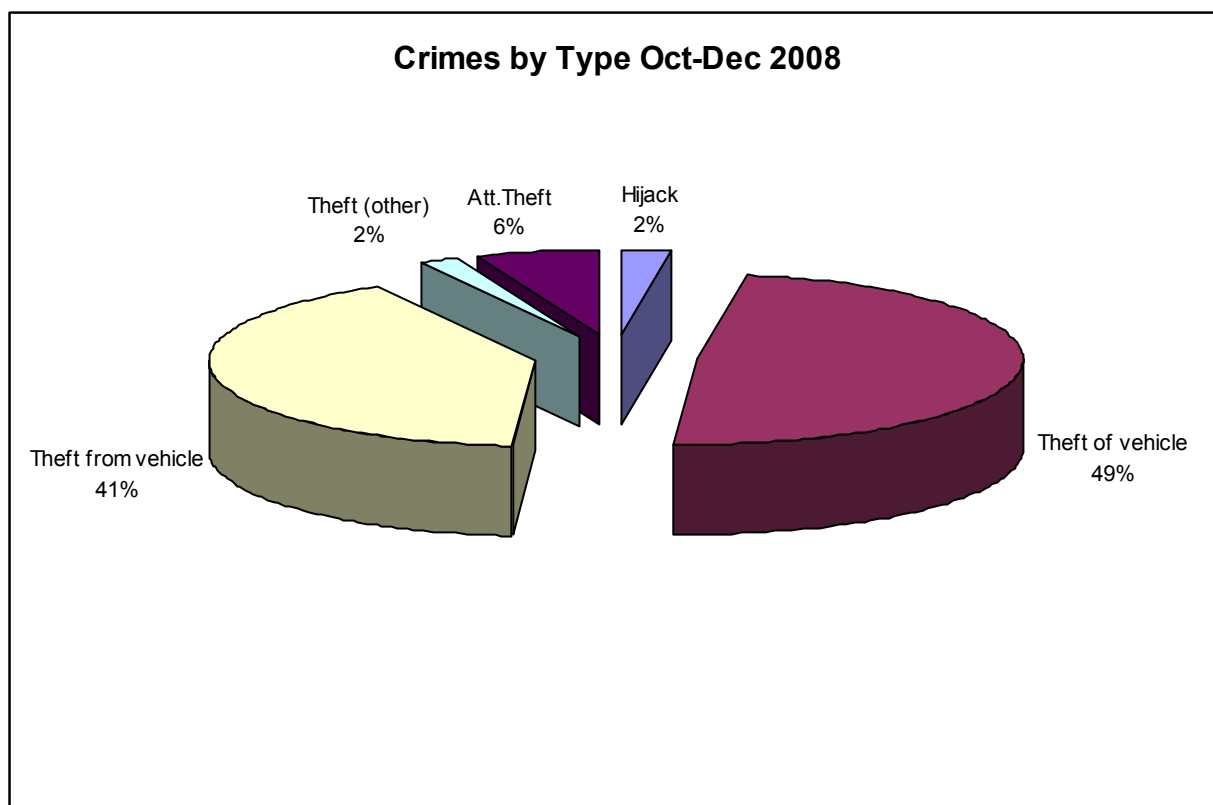


Road Freight Crime by Incident Type

There were 793 incidents in Q4 of 2008 compared to 712 in Q4 of 2007.

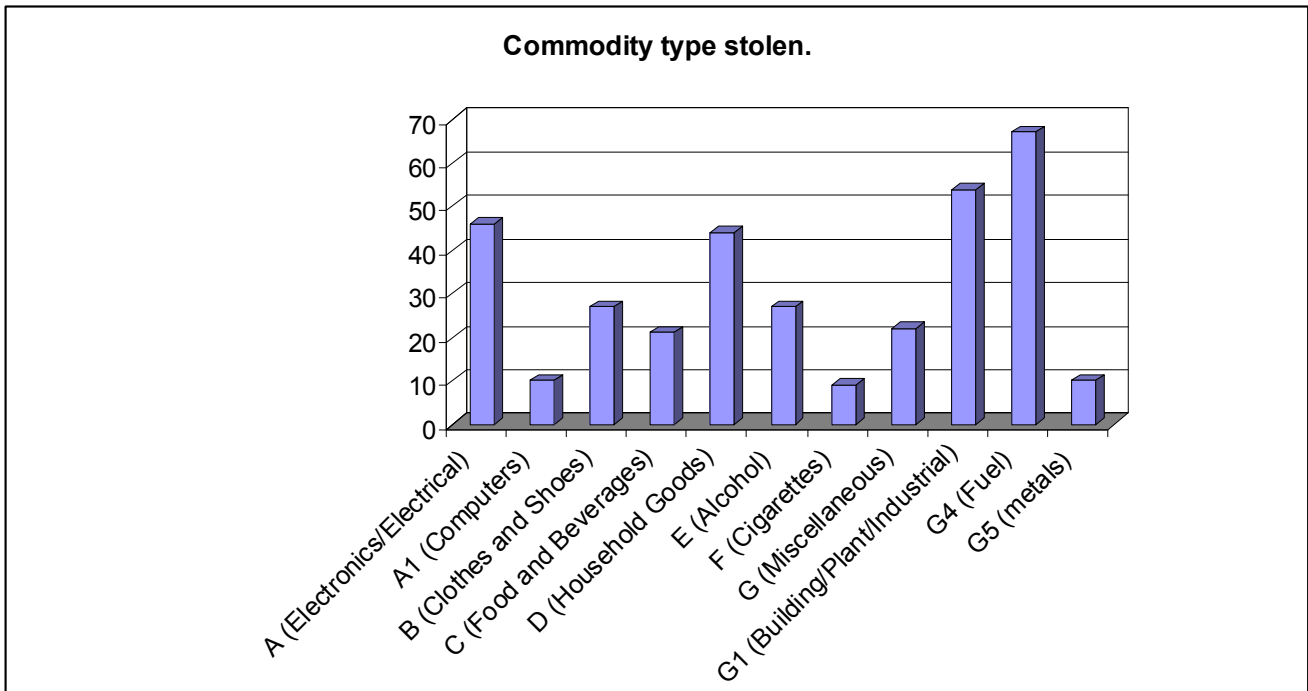
Incident Type	No. of incidents (October 2008)	No. of incidents (November 2008)	No. of incidents (December 2008)
Hijack	6	8	5
Theft of vehicle	142	151	85
Theft from vehicle	111	154	54
Theft (other)	6	3	5
Attempted Theft	21	20	7
Deception	1	4	0
Warehouse	2	3	2
Total	290	345	158

OFFENCES BY INCIDENT TYPE



OFFENCE BY PROPERTY TYPE

Property Classification	Total
A (Electronics/Electrical)	46
A1 (Computers)	10
A2 (Mobile Phone)	1
B (Clothes and Shoes)	27
C (Food and Beverages)	21
D (Household Goods)	44
E (Alcohol)	27
F (Cigarettes)	9
G (Miscellaneous)	22
G1 (Building/Plant/Industrial)	54
G3 (HAZMAT/Chemicals)	1
G4 (Fuel)	67
G5 (metals)	10



Crimes by Police Area

Police force	No
West Yorkshire	94
West Midlands	65
Essex	65
Metropolitan	56
Kent	55
Thames Valley	50
Northamptonshire	44
Staffordshire	29
Lancashire	27
Avon & Somerset	25
West Mercia	22
Warwickshire	22
Greater Manchester	16
Hampshire	13
Nottinghamshire	11

Crime Types by Police Area

Force	Att.Hijack	Att.Theft	Deception	Hijack	Theft (other)	Theft from Vehicle	Theft of Vehicle	Warehouse	Grand Total
West Yorkshire	-	7	-	-	-	48	39	-	94
Essex	-	10	1	2	-	34	18	-	65
West Midlands	-	2	-	5	3	29	23	3	65
Metropolitan	-	-	2	2	2	16	34	-	56
Kent	-	15	-	-	1	25	14	-	55
Thames Valley	-	8	-	-	1	28	13	-	50
Northamptonshire	-	4	-	2	1	29	8	-	44
Staffordshire	1	-	-	2	-	6	20	-	29
Lancashire	1	5	-	-	-	12	8	1	27
Avon & Somerset	-	-	-	-	1	17	5	2	25
Warwickshire	-	-	-	-	-	15	7	-	22
West Mercia	-	-	-	1	-	3	18	-	22
Greater Manchester	-	-	-	-	1	1	14	-	16
Hampshire	1	1	-	-	-	5	6	-	13
Lincolnshire	-	-	-	-	-	4	7	-	11
Nottinghamshire	-	-	-	1	-	6	4	-	11

Current Trends and Emerging Threats

Fuel is the most commonly targeted commodity by offenders – often several vehicles are attacked in one place. West Yorkshire and Kent have provided the most notifications of fuel thefts in the last three months, in general these occur in areas where unattended vehicles are parked together such as a haulage company premises. Those companies with fewer security provisions at their premises are the most at risk.

Electronics goods such as LCD televisions were a popular target in the last three months. These are typically stolen from curtain sided lorries parked off major A roads and at motorway service stations. One of the losses was valued at over £100,000.

Truckpol has recorded 19 incidents in which violence was used in the final quarter of the year. The highest value loss of the year occurred in a hijacking incident in the West Midlands when an LGV carrying DVDs was taken, the load was valued at £2 million. The cab was later found but the trailer was not. Several of the incidents have been attacks on vehicles carrying tobacco, these incidents have taken place while deliveries were being made to retail premises and it appears that the vehicles were making routine deliveries giving the offenders the chance to anticipate when the deliveries would take place.

Hotspot areas.

In Essex many of the thefts from vehicles have been concentrated around Grays and Thurrock. The Services in Grays and other locations on the A13 have been targeted.

In Kent there have been a lot of offences in Northfleet and on the A20 towards Felixstowe. One of the losses consisted of £75,000 of televisions taken from a container lorry. Other high value losses were of plant equipment-one such item was recovered following a tracker activation.

West Yorkshire has submitted more crimes of 'thefts from vehicle' to Truckpol than any other force. Many of these crimes are in the areas near to the M62 such as Normanton and Pontefract.

A Hijacking occurred in Northampton in which a driver was pulled from his cab and tied up. The offenders stole the lorry carrying £300,000 of satellite receivers. This occurred on the A45 on the way into the town. There have been seven incidents of theft from a vehicle at the services off J15a on the M1. Another seven incidents have taken place on the Brackmills trading estate, some of these took place while the driver was waiting on the street for his delivery slot to become available.

Twelve incidents of theft have happened on the A34 between Bicester and Newbury. There have been additional thefts in the area around Bicester. Both the services near Reading and Milton Keynes as well as industrial estates in Milton Keynes have been targeted over the last three months.

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Appendix A

Road Freight Crime is recorded in the following categories:

Hijack	occasions where force or violence is used or threatened against a driver and the vehicle is stolen with/without the load. This includes theft by ROBBERY
Attempted Hijack	attempts to carry out the above
Theft of	where an unattended vehicle and/or load/trailer are stolen
Theft from	thefts of load from stationary vehicles e.g. Curtain slash or delivery vehicle left unlocked/unattended
Theft (other)	Thefts of trailers and other miscellaneous offences not within the above categories
Attempted Theft	relates to attempts to steal the vehicle and/or load but where suspects are unable due to complete the theft
Deception	relates to deceptions where drivers/companies are deceived into delivering elsewhere than to the intended destination. (Commonly referred to as 'Round the Corner')
Warehouse	burglaries of commercial premises where LGV is used to facilitate offence



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