

DOKTOR JON'S ROUND UP OF RECENT CCTV & IP VIDEO NEWS - Q2/2011



Welcome to the second of the 2011 quarterly CCTV and IP Video Newsletters, which hardly surprisingly is just as packed with news and information as ... the first!. Apart from all the global and industry news stories, there's also a quick look back at IFSEC 2011 which although now an increasingly distant memory, has been widely regarded by many as perhaps the best event held in recent years. Looking ahead, there's actually quite a bit to get excited about, but more on that to follow! As always, if you've missed out on any previous editions, you can easily catch up in the Newsletter Archive at www.doktorjon.co.uk; and if you have any comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to drop me a line - [newsdesk\[at\]doktorjon.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk[at]doktorjon.co.uk). Happy reading! D.J.

Doktor Jon's CCTV & IP Video Newsletter



In our age of austerity, is CCTV heading for a sacrifice on the altar of expediency?

In recent times, the media have been reporting the impending cutbacks using the usual collection of cliches, often with fanciful references to sharing out cakes and shriveling slices; but in the real world, sadly the effects are increasingly manifesting in the form of ill considered quick fixes, often with little or no regard for the potentially difficult longer term implications. Public Space Surveillance has certainly not been immune to the fiscal pressures, with more and more Local Authorities seeing cuts to their CCTV budgets. Unfortunately, despite the likelihood of even greater demands being asked of camera schemes as proposed reductions in police and criminal justice budgets begin to bite, the response is rarely a 'root and branch' review of operations, to see how economies or improvements can be made with minimal impact on overall effectiveness. Reduction in monitoring and decommissioning of cameras are increasingly becoming the knee jerk reactions of preference to demands for cost savings, in what now appears to some as an increasingly privacy constrained service, heading for a premature midlife crisis.

Loads of recent regional news reports refer to PSS operations heading into an uncertain future, with diverse examples like for example Gosport Council, where they've announced reductions in both the number of hours that the cameras will be actively monitored, and also about a quarter of the streams being removed from constant display, relying instead on backup recording for possible post incident analysis (source - [The News](#)).

Whilst Bude Council's scheme is reportedly teetering on the edge (source - [This is Cornwall](#)), somewhat unusually just months after discussing a possible reduction in CCTV monitoring to save £ 72,000 per year (US\$ 110k, €80k), Stoke on Trent City Council has recently announced it's intention to spend £ 1m on upgrading cameras, and a further £ 4.4m over the next five years, developing a new CCTV Control Room (source - [This is Staffordshire](#)).

Possibly a softly spoken response to some quiet words about cutbacks, but just four years after Northampton Borough Council decided to deploy "Talking CCTV" in their town centre, a decision has now apparently been taken to switch off the deeply unpopular and intrusive vocal component of their Public Space Surveillance system (source - [Northampton Chronicle](#)) - perhaps the less said about that, the better.

Coming soon to a pole, somewhere near you!

In the last Newsletter, I briefly outlined some of the most recent development work that's being undertaken within the TRUSTED CCTV Improvement Project - I did ask for comments and feedback, and what a very interesting response it was too! The various strands being addressed ranging from Manufacturers Product Marks, right through to the detailed Public CCTV Notification signage (an example right, situated on a traffic island somewhere in North London) are all coming along at a great rate of knots, and will hopefully be formally announced to the world shortly!

The original TRUSTED CCTV Camera Performance Evaluation documents developed in 2007, have now all been updated into a single simple to use 'product' which will very effectively assess a camera's operational setup. In addition, a self calculating spreadsheet version is also currently undergoing testing and feedback, and if there's enough genuine interest from the marketplace, it can also be repackaged as an App for the iPad.

Having completed the first detailed "Case Study" covering the application of CCTV for Licensed Premises, a range of other topics are currently in the pipeline. There's also now a TRUSTED 'Supporters' Mark, for anyone wanting to demonstrate their interest, and obviously access all the information available within the project (including some 'own use' customised materials); there's an example Supporters Mark hidden a bit further on, so see what you think of it!



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They have a cunning plan - Over the next five years, authorities in Moscow are planning to install CCTV in 95% of apartment buildings, and 75% of the capital's infrastructure, under a hugely ambitious \$ 11.7 billion plan to roll out widescale surveillance and internet based services. - Source - [Bloomberg](#)

Going with the flow - The national director of road transport in Angola, has announced that surveillance cameras are being installed for traffic management, in Luanda City. At the end of the year, the provincial government will also install traffic lights, as an experiment in key areas of the city. - Source - [ANGOP](#)



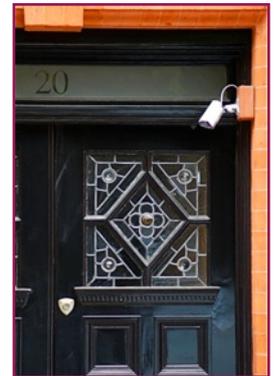
Well there's useful ... not! - Investigators working on the July 13th Mumbai terrorist attacks have been trawling through the city's CCTV recordings to see if they can glean any useful information. Sources close to the investigation suggest that absolute nothing of any practical use was captured on camera. - Source - [Hindustan Times](#)

He went off the rails - Holding open the door for someone is usually regarded as good manners, but when ticket inspector Robert Watson spotted a passenger doing that on his train on the Melbourne Metro, his reaction was somewhat unexpected. Having pushed the passenger off the train, he later changed his earlier story about having lost his footing, when the on board CCTV clearly showed him deliberately shoving the victim out of the door, where he fell on top of the person waiting to get on. He has now received a 12 month good behaviour order and a AUS \$ 1,500 penalty order in court, and been dismissed from his post. - Source - [News.com.au](#)

The end is nigh - The volunteer operated Bude CCTV Community Partnership is reportedly set for closure, having failed to secure funding to replace their aged security cameras. The system has helped resolve 191 cases in the last three years, but with the money now having run out, the scheme will possibly close down within a matter of weeks. - Source - [This is Cornwall](#)

They just never learn - An independent review of security camera operations in Philadelphia's schools, reported that equipment failures are often underscored by a lack of monitoring, resulting from insufficient numbers of trained staff. Despite the unwelcome findings, the authority decided that there was no alternative but to authorise an emergency contract to install even more cameras, at a cost of \$ 7.5 million. - Source - [Philly.com](#)

If it's broke, they won't fix it - Residents living on the Orchard Estate in Woodford Green, Essex, have been told that faulty CCTV can no longer be repaired, as it's just too expensive to do so. Numerous cameras have failed around the site, but with estimates of around £ 150k (US\$ 235k, € 165k) required to upgrade the system, improvements are unlikely any time soon. - Source - [Wanstead & Woodford Guardian](#)



He should know his place - 'Shop till you drop' took on a new meaning for Martin Takle, after a quick trip to his local Asda supermarket in Bristol ended with quite unexpected consequences. The 36year old decided to park in a bay reserved for parents and children, and having been handed a £ 60 fine (US\$ 100, € 68) to reflect the error of his ways, he promptly threw his Jaguar car into reverse and knocked down the female parking warden. His astonishing temper tantrum all caught on the stores CCTV, resulted in a six month prison sentence, and a ban from driving for 15 months. - Source - [Daily Mail](#)

Security ... what security? - The inquest into the death of a customs Assistant Director in the Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission building, has been told that the CCTV system was not working at the time of his killing. Although less than six months old, the security camera system has failed numerous times, and will prove no use at all in investigating the murder of the senior officer tasked with tackling corruption within the service. - Source - [Free Malaysia Today](#)

Not just pot luck - In the last few days, Southern Arizona Border Patrol agents have apparently recovered over 5,000 lbs of marijuana, being smuggled on five separate occasions. It's been reported that capture of a huge part of the haul was directly attributed to eagle eyed border agents spotting suspicious activity, using long range video surveillance systems. - Source - [KPHO.com](#)

Great idea, but - Advanced plans to run a three month AUS\$ 120k trial of using CCTV in the New South Wales city of Newcastle, have been scrapped at the last minute. Despite the fact that funding had already been set aside and tenders sought for the project, councillors decided to go back and look at all the options again before committing a significant sum of money to using a technology, which they believe may be less than effective for their needs. - Source - [Newcastle Herald](#)



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When it's good it's very good - News from Melbourne, Australia where the Central Business District surveillance system is reportedly capturing an average of 15 incidents a day; this despite the fact that almost half of the 54 street cameras failed during the previous year. The relatively high level of equipment issues is apparently having some significant impact on the projects AUS \$1m operating budget - Source - [Herald Sun](#)



Hardly a penalty, more an own goal - London's Richmond Council is planning to pay back up to £ 1m (US\$ 1.6m, €1.1m) of fines levied on drivers within the borough. Over a period of two years, 20,000 Penalty Charge Notices were issued for a range of traffic offences by the authority's CCTV Enforcement vehicles, unaware that their onboard cameras were not lawfully compliant. - Source - [BBC News](#)

Running rings around the roads - Advanced plans to install a network of ANPR cameras around the Hertfordshire town of Royston have been challenged by a collection of privacy groups. The town itself is in a strategic location with roads linking a number of UK counties, and given the potential for criminals to use the through routes, local police are keen to see the licence plate capture cameras installed as a matter of priority. - Source - [Hertfordshire Mercury](#)

Nothing to see here - A committee of politicians investigating allegations of voodoo witchcraft being carried out in the Parliament House in Ghana, have been left disappointed after being told that the buildings CCTV system has been out of operation for a number of years. Following the discovery of unexplained tampering with the Minority Leaders seat, it was hoped that the internal security cameras would shed some light on who may have been responsible. - Source - [Joy Online](#)

How best to unscramble a mess - The online CCTV monitoring site 'Internet Eyes' has again been in the spotlight, after a recording which showed a member of the public doing their shopping, ended up being streamed on the video sharing site YouTube. Despite protests from the privacy monitoring group No CCTV, the Information Commissioner's somewhat restrained response to the data breach did include a recommendation to encrypt all future recordings, something which the boss of Internet Eyes has since indicated would be impossible to manage. - Source - [PC Pro](#)

Should have let the bus pass - A trio of bungling robbers were unusually caught on CCTV, following their failed attempt to raid the Post Office in Howwood, Renfrewshire. The three are now serving jail sentences totalling 22 years, after having sought cover in a bus shelter outside the target premises, where they were inadvertently recorded by CCTV cameras fitted to a bus that briefly stopped to pick up a passenger. - Source - [BBC News](#)



A CCTV Smart car, and a rather stupid driver - A passing motorist was less than amused to see a Westminster City Council CCTV enforcement vehicle, park up on double yellow line restrictions outside a supermarket in Mayfair. To add insult to injury, the officer wasn't actually working at the time, but instead went in to the store to buy his groceries. The entire incident was filmed on a mobile phone, and the officers actions are now being investigated by his employers. - Source - [London Evening Standard](#)

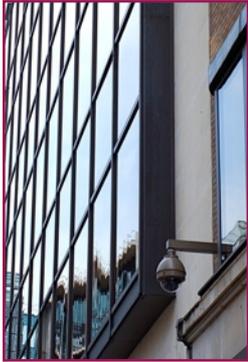
Special branch in camera - Attempted thefts caught on camera come in all shapes and sizes, but for officers at the Cumming Police Dept. in the US, the incident caught on Highway 20 was somewhat unusual to put it mildly. Four suspects are currently being sought, after a CCTV camera captured them cutting down a 25 foot pear tree using a chain saw, then attempting to tow it away tied to the rear of their pick up truck. - Source - [Cumming Patch](#)

Images of modern man - Using a modern day version of the wanted poster, police beat officers on foot patrol around Birmingham, UK are reporting a fair degree of success in apprehending local villains under Operation Blackberry. Having printed off sheets containing multiple images of wanted individuals captured by CCTV systems, the officers are quickly able to compare the pictures against suspects stopped in the street, which has helped to contribute towards over 200 arrests in less than four months. - Source - [Birmingham Mail.net](#)

Not just the face that's been lifted - A 66 year old woman from Lee County in Florida, was so adamant that she didn't want wrinkles that she paid thousands of dollars to a local plastic surgeon in Fort Meyers, to carry out a face lift. When the operation failed to produce the desired outcome, the disgruntled patient had two magnetic signs fixed to her car, naming and shaming the physician for what she regarded as a thoroughly botched job. Unfortunately for her, CCTV cameras at her local WalMart spotted a female thief removing the signs from her vehicle, and driving off with them. She's since offered a \$ 250 reward for their safe return. - Source - [Wink News](#)



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When the law is out of order - A driver was left fuming after her parked car was damaged by another vehicle which had apparently reversed into it. To make matters worse, the entire episode was captured on a neighbouring pub's CCTV system, but Thames Valley Police are refusing to accept the recording as evidence, stating it's been "obtained illegally" under the UK's Data Protection Act. A number of motoring organisations have since reacted with incredulity at what they consider to be a ridiculous situation. - Source - [Autoblog](#)

Bad habits caught on camera - Not for the first time the TCF bank in Palos Heights, Chicago was the target for robbers intent on stealing cash, but in the most recent attack, two gun wielding thieves were clearly caught on CCTV wearing latex masks and dressed as nuns. With little concrete evidence to go on, detectives and FBI agents searching for the suspects really don't have a prayer. - Source - [Daily Record](#)

Here ... and here ... and here - Manchester Airport was chosen for a recent field trial of a new video analytics system called 'Tag and Track'. The software's developers Ipsotek supported by BAE Systems and Kingston University, set up an innovative target tracking system that can automatically follow an individual's movements from one camera view to another. The system is apparently flexible enough to be used both for real time monitoring and also forensic analysis of recorded material. - Source - [The Engineer](#)

Keeping score of the penalties? - In its first six months of operation, Bedford Borough Councils CCTV van has issued almost 2,000 Penalty Charge Notices to motorists committing minor traffic offences. The vehicle has been targeting drivers that park up outside school gates, on bus stops and verges, and generally anywhere that is not permitted. So far almost two thirds of the penalties have been paid up within 14 days, netting over £ 43,000 (US\$ 65k, €48k) in the first half of the year. - Source - [Bedfordshire on Sunday](#)

Sun, sea, sand and - Beachcombers and sun worshippers visiting some of Israel's most popular beaches, may be surprised to find a sudden outbreak of video surveillance along the shoreline. Authorities in Tel Aviv, Ashkelon and a number of other cities are moving towards widescale deployment of security cameras, to help protect visitors and provide a vital safety tool. - Source - [Haaretz.com](#)

Smooth surveillance shows promise - In their first full year of operation, DriveCam safety cameras installed in all 800 buses operated by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, have resulted in an extraordinary 50% drop in all recorded accidents. As the cameras are specifically designed to record under sudden braking, impacts or heavy acceleration, all but two of the drivers with the worst safety record have shown a marked improvement in their driving since the equipment was installed. - Source - [The Examiner](#)



The camera doesn't lie - The tragic murder of 34-year-old mother of three Mary McLaren, has resulted in the conviction of her killer Patrick Rae, thanks in no small part to vital CCTV evidence. Despite claiming to have had no contact with the victim in the hours before her death, forensic surveillance recordings from in and around Fat Sams nightclub in Dundee, clearly captured the couple dancing, and subsequently leaving the venue together. - Source - [BBC News](#)

Talk about taking the - City officials in Portland, Oregon were quick to react when a lone male was recently caught on security cameras, urinating into one of the region's main reservoirs. With barely a moment's hesitation, they ordered the draining of the entire 8 million gallons of water from the city's storage facility. - Source - [News Telegram.com](#)

And not a penny less - The MP for Killarney in The Bahamas is so convinced of the vital role that CCTV can play in providing enhanced community safety, that he's decided to go the extra mile; he's actually pledged his entire \$ 50k allowance to provide cameras across the constituency - Source - [The Tribune](#)

The perils of peddling - In a somewhat ironic location, a cyclist has complained about being cut up by a police vehicle whilst making his way along a road in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The incident was actually captured in detail using a CCTV camera fitted to the bicycle, which was only recently installed after he was knocked off his bike by another motorist, whilst trying to negotiate a roundabout. - Source - [This is Hull and East Riding](#)

Not quite on song - A well known New Zealand radio "shock jock" found himself the subject of an unexpected appearance on TV, when security recordings of his outrageous behaviour at Auckland Airport were played to the Manukau District Court. The DJ apparently arrived at the check-in minutes after his flight had closed, and in a furious outburst, was caught on CCTV trading insults and even throwing a radio at an airline employee. - Source - [Ninemsn](#)



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All tanked up, and nowhere to hide - As the cost of fuel continues to soar, Thames Valley police are reporting a three fold increase in the theft of vehicle number plates, as criminals try to disguise the identity of their cars. The problem is becoming increasingly obvious where drivers fill up their fuel tanks before driving off without paying, although ANPR cameras are now apparently capable of identifying most stolen plates, within a matter of seconds. - Source - [BBC News](#)

I Wonder woman ... what were you thinking? - In an extraordinarily ironic moment of madness, a public spirited woman by the name of Mrs. Lawless pursued three male shoplifters from a Walmart store in Houston, in an attempt to stop their escape. As the thieves piled in to a getaway car, the five foot tall mother of two scrambled onto the roof of the vehicle in an attempt to force her way in through the sunshine roof. Whilst her less than successful valiant efforts were clearly captured in detail by the stores surveillance system, the culprits were themselves eventually caught after an hour long pursuit by police officers - Source - [Mail Online](#)

Money's too tight to mention - Just months after discussing a reduction in CCTV monitoring to save £ 72k per year (US\$ 110k, €80k), Stoke on Trent City Council has announced it will spend £ 1m on upgrading cameras, and a further £ 4.4m over the next five years, developing a new CCTV Control Room. - Source - [This is Staffordshire](#)

He thought he'd got it covered ... - Police in Mumbai, India might well have had their work cut out trying to identify the burqa clad woman who stole a large quantity of cash from a fashion store. That is until the stores owner reviewed the CCTV recordings, and noticed something rather familiar about the way the suspect walked. It turned out that the manager 28year old Mohammed Khan who was supposed to be on holiday, had instead decided to put in some extra hours thieving from his employer. - Source - [Mid Day](#)

The clocks ticking - Not for the first time, police in Amritsar, India have directed that any outlets selling alcohol must comply with a directive to install CCTV systems, within the next 45 days. The cameras are required to record both customers and the area in front of their premises for a distance of up to 50 metres. - Source - [The Times of India](#)

Absolutely nothing to see - Australia's Victoria Police are investigating a spate of mysterious thefts from a number of businesses in Werribee and Hoppers Crossing. The victims have absolutely nothing in common, other than the fact that their beloved security cameras have all disappeared within a six week period. - Source - [Wyndham Weekly](#)



Hell hath no fury ... - The Greater Toronto Airports Authority has fallen foul of strict canadian privacy laws, after an employee was found to have been using their surveillance systems in a less than appropriate way. The Privacy Commissioner will be taking a case to the Federal Court having received a complaint from a member of the public, that he was tracked through Pearson Airport and recorded by the CCTV system, which was at the time being operated by his ex wife. - Source - [thestar.com](#)

A move in the right direction? - After months of trying to get their CCTV scheme operating normally, officers at West Berkshire Council have been reporting on the problems encountered when they switched over monitoring operations to new control centres. The move from Newbury to Windsor and Maidenhead has been plagued with technical problems, which some six months late are still responsible for a number of town centre cameras not working properly. - Source - [Newbury Today](#)

Parental guidance advised - A 29year old mother from Ville Platte, Louisiana may be regretting her quick trip to the shops. Having parked up her vehicle with both her three and six year olds in the back, she was caught on camera entering a store alone, whilst the children were left behind in the car. Having been arrested and charged with leaving her kids in an unattended vehicle, child abandonment, two counts of no child restraints, and a broken tail light, the accused has since been released on bond, awaiting trial. - Source - [3KATC.com](#)

There's a welcome in the A&E's - The Ysbyty Gwynedd hospital Accident and Emergency department is one of four north Wales departments to see a significant reduction in violent and aggressive incidents, since CCTV has been installed. Somewhat surprisingly, the presence of security cameras has markedly reduced offences caused by people acting under the influence of either alcohol or drugs. - Source - [Wales Online](#)

At number one, it's top of the - Kingston Council's Control Room has just been chosen as the UK's "CCTV Operator Team of the Year 2011", beating 350 other local authorities to scoop the top award from the CCTV User Group. - Source - [Your Local Guardian](#)



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Whichever way you look at it ... - Speculation that the recent terrorist attack on the police headquarters building in Nigeria was committed by a suicide bomber, has been dispelled after investigators trawled through numerous CCTV recordings. The latest theory is that the device was set on a timer, and it's quite possible that the bomber actually failed to place it at its precise intended target. - Source - [Nigerian Bulletin](#)

Let's just backup a moment - A manslaughter trial in Wellington, New Zealand, has been told by an embarrassed police officer that the vital CCTV recordings that could have established the exact chain of events, were unfortunately corrupted and lost during the copying process. The accused maintains that the victim was struck purely in self defence. - Source - [Stuff.co.nz](#)

Facing up to the consequences - Having reported the theft of his bicycle to the police, the frustrated victim decided to adopt a slightly more proactive approach to getting his property back. Having recently installed a CCTV system on his home, he managed to recover images of the thief which he then posted on Facebook. Within days, the bike was recovered and the remorseful 13 year old thief suitably chastised for his wrong doing. - Source - [International Business Times](#)

You can almost picture it - When the local council, police and CCTV operators decided to call a public meeting to discuss the future of public surveillance operations in Devizes, they didn't exactly get the response they were expecting. In a desperate attempt to address a gaping £ 11,000 (US\$ 17k, € 12.5k) gap in the systems funding requirements, only the proprietor of a local florist bothered to turn up for the gathering, which had been hoping for at least 100 of the towns businesses to provide some degree of minimal financial support. - Source - [This is Wiltshire](#)

Paws, rewind then play - There's many a break in caught on security cameras, but for managers at the Fairbanks North Star Borough animal shelter in Alaska, their CCTV system captured a rather unusual incursion. In the early hours of the morning, a 2year old husky cross dog who staff have nicknamed Albert, dug his way under the perimeter fence before carrying out a similar excavatory exercise on an inner barrier. He's since settled in well and is getting to know all the other sled dogs in the home, as he awaits an adoption. - Source - [Newsminer.com](#)

Is it a bird, is it a plane ...? - Outside of London, Helsinki is thought to have the second highest density of security cameras in Europe, but now four more units have been installed in the Finnish capital, looking out for a rather unusual target. "Pteromys volans" otherwise known as the Siberian flying squirrel is a rare protected species that has become the subject of a one year research project, using surveillance cameras to study their gliding abilities when attempting to cross a busy highway. - Source - [Helsingin Sanomat](#)

Authority perplexed by CCTV cut - Salford City Council in Manchester, UK responded to local residents concerns about anti social behaviour in the community, by installing a street surveillance unit to tackle the problems. Despite early successes, vandals decided instead to take down the camera's pole using a portable saw. Police are now appealing for witnesses to come forward. - Source - [Belfast Telegraph](#)



Got your TV licenced yet? - In an attempt to tackle increasing criminality in Quezon City in the Philippines, Mayor Herbert Bautista passed an ordinance making it mandatory for all businesses to have CCTV in place by the end of the year. Failure to comply with the directive after January 2012, will result in a business not having its permit to trade renewed. - Source - [Journal Online](#)

There's dumb, and there's stupid ... - A 55 year old woman from Minnetonka in the US, has been charged with two counts of felony first degree property damage, after she inadvertently recorded herself spray painting the lenses on four security cameras dotted around her condo complex. She apparently carried out the vandalism as a protest against what she perceived as the management wasting money; if convicted, she faces up to ten years imprisonment. - Source - [Minnetonka Patch](#)

All was not what it seemed - A nightclub bouncer has finally been acquitted of assault charges, five years after the alleged incident was supposed to have taken place. After security camera recordings were shown to the magistrate in a Maltese court, it quickly became apparent that the seriously injured "victim" who filed the original complaint, was in fact one of two men who actually attacked the door supervisor. - Source - [Times of Malta](#)

Facewatch goes forth - During a successful initial six month trial in south London, the 45 businesses that took part in the Facewatch pilot scheme reported that 39% of all incidents recorded have since led to criminal convictions. Now the unique CCTV and crime reporting website is being rolled out in Widnes, Cheshire in the latest phase of its expansion. - Source - [Sky News](#)



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Houston, he has a problem - Fraudulent card purchases happen all the time, but for one hapless thief, his choice of victim couldn't really have been much worse. After \$ 4,000 of retail purchases were made using a card account belonging to a US Secret Service agent on assignment in Washington, his colleagues quickly located store security camera recordings to help identify and locate the Houston based thief, who is now awaiting trial on various felony charges. - Source - [Examiner.com](#)

Dozy workers fail to impress - Workers at the Tata steel plant in Port Talbot, Wales, have been shocked to discover that management had installed hidden cameras to identify employees caught sleeping on the job. As a result of the investigation, thirteen workers were dismissed for their excessively somnolent shift work. - Source - [BBCNews](#)

Plate readers in overdrive - The Government has confirmed that there are currently 4,225 ANPR cameras being used by police forces across the UK, with an unspecified number of additional units being operated by other agencies. Transport Minister Mike Penning MP has indicated that the advanced vehicle licence plate capture technology is increasingly being used to tackle the problems caused by almost 1.5 million uninsured drivers using the country's roads. - Source - [UKauthorITy.com](#)

When the fish have had their chips - The recently opened Underwater World specialist exotic fish emporium in Helena, Montana, has become the target of a particularly unpleasant and unusual crime. A suspect was clearly recorded on camera engaging the stores owner in conversation, then when he looked away, dropped a white powder substance into the fish tanks. The systematic attack on a number of tanks, resulted in almost \$ 5k worth of stock being poisoned, enough to potentially put the distraught owner out of business. - Source - [9KHLH](#)

Now that's lucky - A security video has recently appeared on YouTube which appears to show a man having a rather lucky escape. Well to be accurate it's more like two lucky escapes, as having walked past the CCTV camera he is almost immediately struck by lightning. A short time later, having regained consciousness and what little vestige of dignity still remained, he struggled to his feet, managed a few steps along the driveway, before yet another bolt decided he was even more attractive than he realised. The clip ends with him having for the second time regained the use of his legs, as he staggers away out of camera shot. - Source - [Examiner.com](#)

The latest cereal on television - It's been reported that the Food Ministry has directed that all warehouse and storage facilities operated by the Food Corporation of India, will in future benefit from CCTV monitoring to help regulate the movement and distribution of valuable grain stocks. It's hoped that the initial pilot project will help to impact on an estimated loss of up to 40% of grain stocks, which for various unspecified reasons never manage to get through to their intended markets. - Source - [Commodity Online](#)

Not such a g'day at the office - The Australian Workers Union are becoming increasingly concerned that employers are adopting video surveillance, to monitor their employees in the workplace. As the list of snooped on trades people grows by the day, the AWU are launching a campaign to try and persuade companies not to monitor their staff during normal working hours. - Source - [The Telegraph](#)



The demise of a Champion - Following on from the humiliating debacle of covert CCTV surveillance having been discovered in Birmingham's mostly ethnic suburbs, workers have now started to remove some of the 218 offending cameras that were being operated without consultation, under a police operation named Project Champion. - Source - [Birmingham Post](#)

Driving criminals off the roads - Following consultation with the Information Commissioner, the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) have introduced the latest version of their ANPR software, which is now being used by all UK police forces. The updated system integrates both the National ANPR Data Centre with the Police National Computer, so any of the approximately 15 million vehicle records generated each day, can be instantly compared against data held on "vehicles of interest" - Source - [Police Professional](#)

A sign of the times - 22year old Martin Peale thought he was doing motorists a favour, when he stood outside the local shops with a placard, warning about the presence of the Bexley Council CCTV traffic enforcement vehicle. Shopkeepers had been complaining about the council driving away trade, but now following a visit from local police where he was shown images of himself captured by the CCTV car, he has apparently been told in no uncertain terms that he must desist from his unacceptable behaviour. - Source - [News Shopper](#)



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Cameras concentrate on the core of the Apple - As Lower Manhattan presses ahead with its ambitious plans to install over \$ 200m worth of video surveillance cameras, it's been revealed that in the first four months of this year, almost half of the publicly released NYPD crime reports involved CCTV footage. - Source - [AM New York](#)

Give it a rest! - The CCTV Control Room in Carlisle, Cumbria has been left unmanned on numerous occasions recently despite being required to operate around the clock. Problems surfaced after four out of seven part time operators were suspended due to alleged irregularities with clocking on procedures. The current shortage of staff may be the shape of things to come, with a reduction in operations likely in the face of imminent financial cutbacks. - Source - [News & Star](#)

Seeing the future of imaging - In order to speed the future development of computer vision applications, over fifteen leading technology companies have formed a consortium known as the Embedded Vision Alliance, which it's hoped will assist engineers through exchanging information and developing future standards. - Source - [PR Newswire](#)

The one that didn't get away - A 21year old man slightly the worse for drink decided he fancied fish for dinner, but unfortunately overlooked the simple concept of paying for it. After sneaking in to a refrigerator at Scarborough market, he relieved the store of a monkfish and a cod, in full view of the wholesalers CCTV camera. Police later visited his home and having recovered the fish, he eventually appeared in court, and courtesy of his 17 previous convictions ended up being penalised for a total of £ 170 (US\$ 260, € 190) in court costs and fines. - Source - [Scarborough Evening News](#)

Let he who casts the first stone - A 38year old bus driver in New Mexico has been suspended from driving duties after an altercation with a would be passenger. Despite the vehicles on board surveillance system capturing the action as a fight developed, the passenger has since admitted trying to stone the bus and racially taunting the driver. - Source - [4KOB.com](#)

Come out come out, wherever they are - Sussex Police are awaiting the outcome of an appeal, after the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary were earlier ordered to reveal the location of their ANPR cameras. The ruling by the Information Rights Tribunal would if upheld require all UK police forces to divulge the precise location of cameras which collectively scan millions of vehicle number plates every day. - Source - [The Argus](#)

Pupils flushed with success - Having just published his annual report, the Irish Data Protection Commissioner Billy Hawkes revealed that CCTV concerns continue to contribute towards a significant number of complaints. In one secondary school, the pupils actually walked out after surveillance cameras were installed in the pupils toilets. The Commissioner subsequently ordered their removal, citing a breach of Ireland's Data Protection Act. - Source - [Irish Times](#)

Driving motorists to distraction - Camden Council in London is breaking records with a single CCTV traffic enforcement camera monitoring part of what has been described as 'Britains most baffling road'. So far, over 41,000 drivers have been caught out by Grafton Road's confusing array of nine different vehicle restriction signs, resulting in a total of £ 5m (US\$ 7.8m, € 5.5m) in fines having been collected over the last few years. - Source - [Mail Online](#)



A nose for a bargain - A liquor store owner in Brodheadsville, Pennsylvania quite correctly refused to sell any alcohol to a woman shopper that failed to provide proper identification. Somewhat ironically, police are now trying to establish her identity after reviewing her shopping habits captured in detail by the stores CCTV. It would appear that having carefully selected bottles of her favourite Zinfandel and Merlot wines, she then drank the contents before carefully replacing the emptied bottles back on the shelf. - Source - [WNEP16](#)

A number of plates automatically recorded - Selected schools in San Antonio are installing CCTV cameras in their canteens, as part of a research project funded by a \$ 2m grant from the US Department of Agriculture. In an effort to help develop a strategy to combat the problems of childhood obesity, the video systems will capture details of what foods are currently being chosen by school kids, which will then hopefully assist in planning more healthy diets for the future - Source - [TG Daily](#)

They're watching ewe - In the face of what has been described as "... a storm of farm thefts over Scotland ..." landowners are increasingly turning to sophisticated security technology to help stem the tide. One farmer who has lost thousands of pounds worth of livestock in recent years, is resorting to the installation of surveillance cameras to help reduce the risk of sheep rustling. - Source - [Daily Record](#)

A brief look back at the UK's premier security event - IFSEC 2011 >>>



IFSEC 2011 - 16th - 19th May - how was it for you?

Well by all accounts, for an even greater number of people it was pretty good all round this year. The Organisers have confirmed that the attendance was up by 12% since the last gathering, with numbers now independently audited at 25,468, or if you prefer 50,936 swollen feet, and that's without counting the exhibitors.

There was definitely a much more positive feel to the show this time around, and that was confirmed in a [statement by James Blue](#), Portfolio Director at organisers UBM Live "...we have observed from the visitors and exhibitors at IFSEC this year a

new, buoyant outlook, which was clearly evident across the whole exhibition."

So after an unplanned extension into four days at the NEC, what did Doktor Jon find worthy of mention? Well, first off I could be flippant and say there were lot's of cameras, and possibly even more DVR's, which based on many years past experience is neither a surprise nor indeed that particularly interesting. But having said that, this was without doubt the most enjoyable IFSEC offering for many a year.

There was certainly a fair number of new product launches, and many of those are listed in the Industry News releases on the following pages. Notable stands worth a quick mention included some of the 'big boys' like [Panasonic](#) with their latest i-Pro Smart HD cameras, a preview of SD-6 technology, analytics and a new Partner Programme. Dedicated Micros had the impressive new [AD Group](#) demo and training vehicle on show, and there were also strong showings from many key players like [ACTi](#), [Axis](#), [Avigilon](#), [Bosch](#), [FLIR](#), [IndigoVision](#), [JVC](#), [Pelco by Schneider Electric](#), [Sanyo](#), [Sony](#) and [Videotec](#) to name but a few. Nice to see [LG](#) making their presence known, and it was a very warm welcome back event for [Grundig](#), who have been conspicuously absent as a respected CCTV brand, for quite some years now.



Undoubtedly the largest and most impressive presence at the show was the enormous mini village that constituted the [Samsung](#) stand. Much as my fragile ego was greatly flattered by the repeated offer of having my badge scanned by their attractive 'meet and greet' young ladies, the fact that over four days I never actually managed to speak to anyone about the products on show, does provide a sobering example of how simply presenting on a large scale, can unwittingly overlook some of the smaller and possibly more important aspects of exhibiting.

From the largest to the smallest; as always some of the most interesting offerings are buried away just waiting to be found. Visimetrics were demonstrating their latest analytics package called [FiND](#), which is designed to provide a rapid method for law enforcement to trawl through recordings looking for suspects. [BRS Labs](#) were highlighting their unique "Behavioral Analytics", and to assist with attended monitoring, [Snap Control](#) were demonstrating a system that provides an interesting new approach to help an operator follow targets from one camera view to another, using a predictive system. New to the UK, [iluminar](#) were showing their impressive range of infra red lighting, whilst [CheckMySystems](#) introduced an innovative and extremely useful new affordable service that allows IP Video based record systems to be constantly monitored by a remote operator, or indeed a central station. Their simple approach to a real world problem, will undoubtedly provide enormous benefits when future enhancements eventually allow all network connected video surveillance devices to be performance monitored, as part of their routine operation.



A popular new feature this year was the [TAVCOM Training Theatre](#), which was running a diverse range of highly informative sessions throughout the four days of the show. On the competition side, it's hearty congratulations to this years award winners, with [Dallmeier](#) scooping 'CCTV Camera Equipment of the year' for their MegaPixel wide view [Panomera](#) product, and [iOmniscient](#) picking up 'CCTV System of the year' for their Face Recognition in a Crowd analytics offering ([pictured above - Mr. Paul Main and Dr. Rustom Kanga \[right\] with the IFSEC Award](#)).



Looking towards 14-17th May 2012 and we can do it all again; if you're planning to exhibit here's a top tip for you. With over 650 exhibitors this year, would it surprise you to know that little more than 100 managed to get their Press Packs in to the organisers on time; publicity is mostly free, so make sure you don't miss out next year.



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So who's been on the move this time around?

This edition's latest batch of new hires and promotions, is fortunately a bit less daunting than the previous one; so as before, in absolutely no particular order ...

Sam Belbina who was previously Pelco by Schneider Electric's U.S. East Region VP for Systems Integration, has now moved to head up the company's Security Centre of Excellence and the Video organization. Still with Pelco, and Herve Fages is moving from his role as Chief Marketing Officer to his new position as Senior Vice President for Global Product Marketing.

New appointments at JVC Professional Europe include Fedja Vehabovic who's now in charge of the European CCTV operation, and Ian Galloway who has taken up the position of Sales Manager for the UK and Ireland.

In the build up to IFSEC, specialist security products manufacturer Elmdene International Limited have appointed Jo Chittenden (photo right) as their new Marketing Manager; and still in the UK, Mark Thomas has taken up the role of Managing Director of specialist distributor CCTV Center.



Meanwhile in Canada, Avigilon have announced the appointment of Keith Marett as their new Director of Marketing and Communications.

Back to the States where intelligence and analysis expert, and former Department of Homeland Security Undersecretary Jack Tomarchio has recently joined the Board of Directors of SightLogix.

Doktor Jon's brief Guide to some Forthcoming CCTV and Security Related Events

- 23rd - 24th August - MS&PCE - Peoria - Illinois - USA
- 24th August - IP in Action LIVE USA - Middletown - Connecticut - USA
- 24th - 26th August - Secutech Vietnam 2011 - SECC - Saigon - Vietnam
- 24th - 26th August - Security 2011 - SCEC - Sydney - Australia
- 25th August - IP in Action LIVE Latin America - Mexico City
- 30th Aug. - 2nd Sept. - AVSS 2011 - Klagenfurt University - Carinthia
- 6th - 8th September - IFSEC South Africa - Johannesburg - South Africa
- 13th - 14th September - TranSec Transport Security Expo & Conference - Olympia - London - UK
- 13th - 16th September - DSEi Defence & Security Equipment International - ExCel - London - UK
- 14th September - Security Canada Atlantic - Nova Scotia - Canada
- 15th September - IP in Action LIVE - Birmingham - United Kingdom
- 19th - 22nd September - ASIS International 2011 - Orlando - Florida - USA
- 19th - 22nd September - SPIE Security + Defence - Prague - Czech Republic
- 20th - 22nd September - SibSecurity 2011 - Novosibirsk - Russia
- 20th - 22nd September - APS 2011 - Porte de Versailles - Paris
- 4th - 6th October - SIPS 2011 - Sochi - Krasnodar
- 6th October - Designing for Counter Terrorism - RIBA - London - UK
- 11th - 12th October - Total Workplace Management 2011 - London - UK
- 12th - 14th October - Safety & Security Asia 2011 - Suntec - Singapore
- 12th - 14th October - FINNSEC 2011 - Helsinki - Finland
- 17th - 21st October - LEVA Annual Conference - Indiana - USA
- 18th - 19th October - SECTECH Sweden - Stockholm - Sweden
- 18th - 21st October - Milipol 2011 - Porte de Versailles - Paris - France
- 19th - 20th October - Security Canada Central - Toronto - Canada
- 19th - 20th October - IP Expo - Earls Court - London - UK
- 29th Oct - 1st Nov - CPSE China Public Security Expo - Shenzhen - China



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Well that's it folks, the Second Quarter 2011 CCTV & IP Video Newsletter, now comfortably put to bed.

I hope you've enjoyed reading it or at the very least found it useful. Keep your stories and case studies coming in, and if you have anything for inclusion in the next edition, the deadline for submission will be 23rd September 2011.

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