

Cumbria Police attend in Force



Mtrack Thwarts Stolen Plant Convoy

Who said “The Police don’t care about Stolen Plant” With Mtrack, the Police know a successful recovery and arrest opportunity are a likely outcome.

A total of seven officers and four patrol vehicles from Cumbria police attended when an mtrack protected JCB was stolen from Fraser Tool Hire of Hamilton.

The JCB was stolen from a yard in East Kilbride tracked and intercepted south of Penrith.



Fraser Tool Hire Stolen JCB 8016

“Anyone would have thought the police were after a lorry load of diamonds” explained Richard Taylor Director of Automatics.

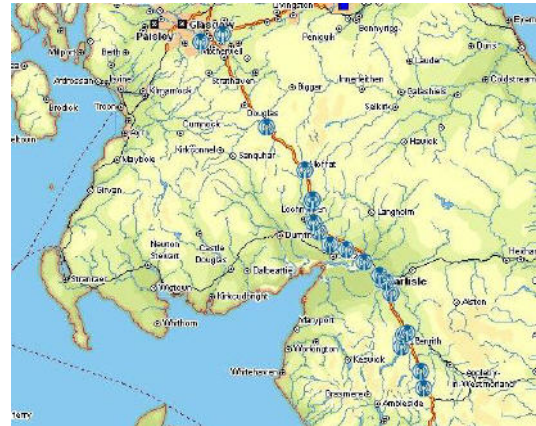
On the 25 November 2008 the 24/7 mtrack call centre was notified that a JCB mini digger and trailer had been stolen. The position was immediately reported back to the owner just south of Glasgow.

Strathclyde Police attended the area but the digger was out of sight, thus an mtrack radio find would be needed.

En-route to Glasgow the mtrack radio tracking team reported the digger was on the move, traveling south towards England. With the digger heading south and the tracking team heading north, a 19.40 rendezvous at Penrith was predicted.

Two police vehicles meet up with the mtrack radio find team at 19.35. The radio signal was picked up at 19.38 quickly strengthening until a convoy of three lorries passed the rendezvous point.

The mtrack finder was collected by one police vehicle and immediately gave chase closely followed by a second police vehicle.



Polish Convoy Mtrack Route

Within five minutes the police had caught up with the convoy. The police drove alongside each lorry in turn to determine the strongest mtrack signal, which was easily identified as the lead vehicle.

The officer then radioed colleagues behind to confirm all vehicles were owned by the same Polish company, it was decided to pull over and search all three lorries.

The lead vehicle curtainsider trailer was examined. The JCB mini digger protected by Mtrack was present, still on its original trailer. In addition were discovered a Kubota mini digger, a generator, a trailer, a Transit van, some furniture and paintings. All vehicles were recovered by the police and drivers are assisting with Police with their enquires.

“From a hirer’s point of view, the Mtrack units are a godsend,” says Fraser Tool Hire’s General Manager, Michael Lydon. “They are totally independent of the machine they are fitted to and, being magnetic and roughly the size of a cigarette packet, they can be moved from asset to asset, even to items without a power source such as trailers. The level of service from Automatics can only be described as exemplary.”

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