

A Message from the Lewes District Police Commander

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Following on from the 6 arrests made last month for burglary offences across the District I have an update for you from a burglary that happened in September 2007. Jermaine Taylor, a 29 year old male from London, was found guilty of the offence at Crown Court this week and was sentenced to 7 years in prison.



The sentence reflects the particularly nasty nature of this incident where he tied up two family members and stole money. A difficult investigation which demonstrated the excellent investigative skills of Detective Constable Cowley as well as the determination of Detective Inspector Till Sanderson to get some closure for the family concerned.

A 'visiting' burglar from Northamptonshire, 41 year old Steven Roberts, has returned to his home town having been arrested, charged and subsequently convicted of burglary. He received an 18 month Supervision order which will keep him out of our County.

Adam Hills, a 23 year old from Seaford, is due in Court this month for burglary at Seaford Head Community College back in July. Let's hope he is suitably deterred. I'll let you know.

You'll recall that last month we ran the Crime Prevention road shows in some of our rural villages. It was such a success that we put on an additional day at Firle. Over 400 items of personal property were security marked by my staff. Hopefully this has improved awareness around home security and will deter thieves from stealing from outbuildings and sheds. For more advice on keeping your home safe and secure please see the Crime Reduction Partnership website – www.lewesdistrictcrp.org.

How does crime to the end of September look like compared to last year?

397 fewer victims,
342 fewer damage reports,

107 fewer car crimes,
76 fewer victims of violent crime.

Kind regards

Natalie Carron
District Commander