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## **Campaign to hunt some of the UK's most wanted fraudsters launched by Crimestoppers**

### **Press release**

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Crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers is hunting for ten of the most wanted fraudsters from across the UK, this follows reports earlier this year that fraud cost the UK an estimated £38 billion in 2010\*.

The ten on Crimestoppers' Most Wanted Fraudsters list are believed to be responsible for at least £200 million worth of fraud.

With fraud costing each one of us over £700 a year, the national charity has launched the campaign to try and track down ten of the most wanted fraudsters in the UK.

Those profiled as part of the campaign include individuals that are wanted for high value VAT fraud, fraud by false representation and bank account fraud.

Lord Ashcroft, KCMG, Founder and Chair of Crimestoppers, said: "This is not a victimless crime. Every single one of us is paying higher taxes, bank charges and insurance fees because of fraud.

"The amount of fraud against the public purse is around £27 billion a year. This is equivalent to 30 per cent of the estimated national education budget for 2011/2012\*\*. Think of the many cuts and savings that would not have to occur if we did not suffer this level of fraud!

"Serious fraudsters often operate as part of gangs and fraud is just one of their business streams. This can result in the funding of drugs and people trafficking, which causes real harm to many.

"Fraud is not acceptable and must not be tolerated. If you know of anyone committing fraud, or know the whereabouts of those featured in this campaign, I urge you to call the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or to visit our website [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) and fill in an online form. We guarantee that no one will know your identity. Help us take these criminals out of circulation."

The 10 'Most Wanted' individuals are:



**Subject:** Nasser AHMED

**Offences:**

AHMED is wanted for his role in a large scale VAT fraud in the region of £156 million in the Bristol area.

He absconded during the trial and was sentenced to 6 years in his absence.

His current location is not known.

**Alias:** N/A

**Force:** HMRC



**Subject:** Timur MEHMET

**Offences:**

MEHMET is wanted for his role in a large scale VAT fraud of £25 million.

He absconded prior to his trial and was sentenced in his absence to 8 years imprisonment.

His current location is not known, although he has links with the North London area.

**Alias:** N/A

**Force:** HMRC



**Subject:** Misba UDDIN

**Offences:**

Wanted for fraud by false representation after he submitted a number of fraudulent mortgage applications totaling £5.7 million pounds whilst working as a financial advisor. Once the mortgages were processed he transferred the

funds in to his own accounts.

**Alias:** N/A

**Force:** London Met



**Subject** Ajayi SEUN

**Born** 01/09/1965 Age 45

**Offences**

Subject is currently charged with Conspiracy to Money Launder and has failed to sign on at Sutton Police Station in breach of Crown Court Bail granted at Ipswich Crown Court.

His previous address was in Carshalton and has not been seen at this address since 24/05/11

He is believed to have conned Mortgage Lenders and banks out of an amount in excess of £12 million between 2004 and 2009

He is a solicitor and has worked at a solicitors in the Old Kent Rd London. He has strong links to the Carshalton area.

**Alias:** N/A

**Force:** Suffolk



**Subject:** Peter STEAD

**DOB:** 2/9/1962

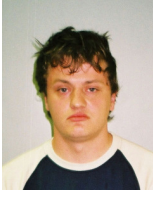
**Offences**

Allegedly tricked several Derby landlords out of money in the summer of 2009. He offered to put on a comedy night to raise money for the Lewis Mighty Fund. He was given cash by landlords to secure the booking but failed to perform. The fund was launched to send four-year-old Lewis, a cancer patient, to America for treatment.

**Description:** Stead is in his 40s, of large build, with sandy blond hair.

**Alias:** Danny Kay

**Force:** Derbyshire



**Subject:** Nicholas SLOCOMBE

**Age:** 28

**Offences**

Wanted in connection with reports from dozens of shops and business about false claims of collecting for charity. He has been travelling around the country and has recently been in the Lincolnshire area and prior to that may have been in the Newtown area of Powys, Mid Wales.

He was arrested in April 2011 on suspicion of more than 30 allegations of fraud by false representation across Shropshire and Herefordshire.

He was interviewed and released on police bail pending further enquiries. He failed to answer his bail in May and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

**Alias:** Owen Roswell and Arron Renfry,

**Force:** West Mercia



**Subject:** Jascent NAKAWUNDE

**DOB:** 5/4/78

**Offences:**

Jascent NAKAWUNDE aka 'Tania BIRD' is aged 33 and is wanted for questioning in connection with a £35,000 fraud that occurred in the Cardiff area between 2007 & 2008. She was employed in a position of trust as a live-in carer for an elderly vulnerable lady in her eighties in the Cardiff area and during this time she stole cheques from this lady which were paid into false accounts in the London area.

She is known to have strong links and previous addresses in the London area, although she has previously travelled to other parts of the United Kingdom with her work.

**Nickname:** Tania Bird, Tracey Bird

**Force:** South Wales



**Subject:** Mohamad KHAN

**DOB** 30/6/82

**Offences:**

KHAN is from Waltham cross and is believed to be in London. He is responsible for using counterfeit credit cards in order to purchase high value items from shopping centers such as Bluewater and Lakeside. He was arrested by Police and charged, however, subsequently failed to attend Crown Court. A warrant has been issued for his arrest. The value of goods purchased is in excess of £100,000.

**Alias:** N/A

**Force:** City of London



**Subject:** Unknown

**Offences:**

Between 20/10/2008 and 28/10/2008 in Bethnal Green, London an unknown female suspect entered a bank branch and falsely obtained a debit card and account details in the name of a legitimate customer. She then attended three additional branches in Saffron Walden, Cranbrook and Cambridge Hills and fraudulently transferred funds out of the customer's account. These electronic transfers were wired to locations across the world and used to purchase a number of high-value vehicles. The total amount stolen was £650,000.

**Force:** City of London



**Subject:** Kevin Andrew LEITCH

**Date of Birth:** 4/11/62

**Offences**

Devon and Cornwall Police in St Austell are seeking a 48-year-old male in connection to a number of Fraud type offences.

Kevin Andrew Leitch, from Liverpool, is sought in connection for several Fraud related offences and lived in Cornwall.

Leitch took bookings for a Holiday Let in Cornwall. He accepted payments, often over £1000. He then cancelled the booking only days before hand claiming that the property was no longer available. He failed to refund the money paid on all occasions. Devon and Cornwall Police had no less than seven complaints from families who had fallen victim to Leitch's scam.

Devon and Cornwall police are proactively following a number of lines of enquiry to ascertain his current location.

He has links St Austell and Newquay in Cornwall, Brixham in Devon and Southampton.

**Alias:** Kevin Branson

**Force:** Devon & Cornwall

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#### **Notes to editors**

- \*Estimated £38 billion cost of fraud in 2010 and £765 cost to adult population per year reported by National Fraud Authority in January 2011.
- \*\*The 30 per cent of the Education Budget is based on the estimated £89 billion announced for 2011/2012 in this year's Budget, announced in March 2011.
- Crimestoppers is an independent charity which helps the police to solve crimes, making communities safer. It does this by operating the 24/7 telephone number 0800 555 111 which people can ring to pass on information about crimes anonymously. They can also use our 'giving information' form via our website [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)
- Around 23 people are arrested and charged every day as a result of information given to Crimestoppers.
- Since Crimestoppers began in 1988, it has received over a million actionable calls, resulting in over 108,000 arrests and charges. Over £115 million worth of goods has been recovered and over £213 million worth of drugs has been seized.

- In 2005, Crimestoppers launched the UK's Most Wanted on its website which allows the public to view images of criminals and pass on vital information about their whereabouts. It has been highly successful with over 1,000 arrests to date.
- Crimestoppers UK was founded by Lord Ashcroft, KCMG, Chairman of Trustees. In 1988, he launched Crimestoppers in the Metropolitan Police area. Crimestoppers' 'call to action' is built on a three-way partnership between the business community, the police and the media.