



# 1ST CLASS PROTECTION NEWSLETTER

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## HIGH PROFILE BURGLARY

Tottenham and England midfielder Dele Alli was held at knifepoint during a burglary in the early hours of the morning on Wednesday 13th May.

Two men broke into the 24-year-old's home in Hadley Wood, north London, where he had been spending lockdown with his brother and their partners.

The footballer was threatened and punched during the incident and suffered minor facial injuries but did not require hospital treatment.

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A Metropolitan Police statement said: "Police were called at approximately 00:35 BST on Wednesday, 13 May to reports of a robbery at a residential address.

"Two males gained entry to the property and stole items of jewellery, including watches, before fleeing.

"Two male occupants at the property suffered minor facial injuries after being assaulted. They did not require hospital treatment.

"There have been no arrests. Enquiries into the circumstances continue."

Alli posted to Twitter after the attack: "thank you for all the messages. Horrible experience but we're all okay now. Appreciate the support."

Spurs added: "We have been offering our support to Dele and those isolating with him. We encourage anyone with any information to help the police with their investigation to come forward."

The latest raid comes two months after fellow Tottenham player Jan Vertonghen's family was robbed at knifepoint while he was away on Champions League duty.

Vertonghen was part of the squad that travelled to Germany for the last-16 second leg with RB Leipzig in March when four thieves wearing balaclavas raided his home. They were armed with knives, but Vertonghen's wife and two children were unharmed.





## ZOOM SECURITY

Video conferencing platform Zoom has been credited with saving our work and social lives during the coronavirus lockdown, but it's also been subject to criticism over security issues.

As a response to these problems, the company has released its Zoom 5.0 update featuring new security enhancements which are said to help improve the privacy of the platform.

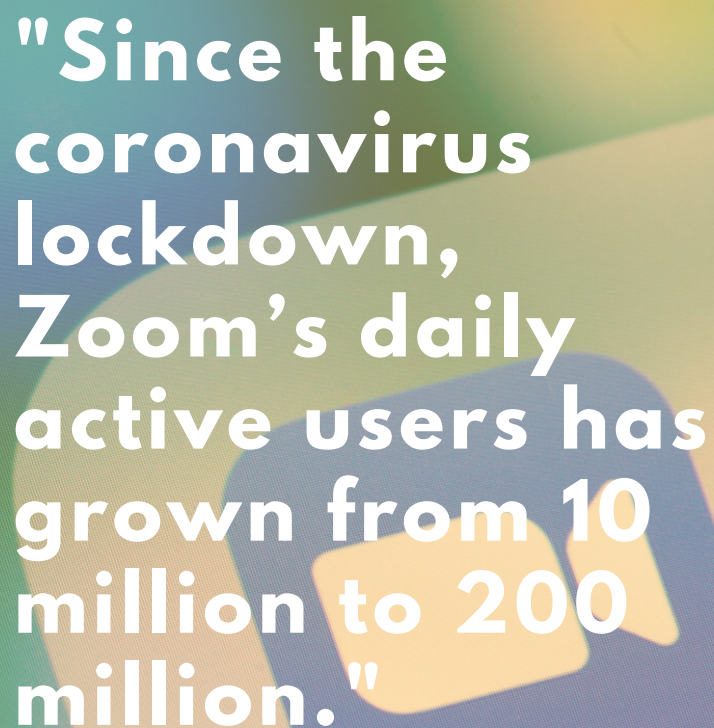
This is part of Zoom's 90-day plan to seek out and deal with security issues in the app.

The platform has added a new encryption standard, which is considered the "gold standard" of encryption, used by the US government to secure data. This is meant to increase the protection of meeting data and resistance against tampering.

There are improved controls for hosts too. They will be able to "Report a User" to Zoom via the new security icons and the waiting room function, which keeps participants separate until they are admitted to a meeting. Furthermore, all meetings will require a password, whilst the Zoom 5.0 rollout means the app will support secure account contact sharing for larger organisations, so it's easier to find and search for things like meetings, chat and phone contacts.

Since the coronavirus lockdown, Zoom's daily active users has grown from 10 million to 200 million; However, many companies have banned employees from using the app because of privacy concerns.

Cyber security expert Jonathan Knudsen, commented that even though Zoom still isn't offering full end-to-end encryption like platforms such as WhatsApp, the security within the app has improved.



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## STAY INFORMED, STAY SAFE

During the Covid-19 crisis, the rate of misinformation and cybercrime has significantly increased.

Whether it's inaccurate social media posts or criminals preying on vulnerable people via bogus emails and texts, many of us will have encountered false and potentially dangerous advice and information over the past few months.

Consequently, we sourced some great tips for staying informed and protected.

**1. Be wary of who is contacting you.** With evidence of people receiving false 'fines' from the Government via text, it is important to know how to identify suspicious correspondence.

Banks and police will never ask somebody to transfer funds, full banking passwords or a pin. Always take a moment to assess what is in front of you before divulging information. Typos and mistakes are common in fraudulent emails and you can always contact an organisation via an official, publicly available email address or phone number to check what is legitimate.

**2. Update your operating systems.** To help protect your devices from cybercrime, ensure you have the latest software, apps, operating systems and security systems across devices.

**3. Never click on a link from an unknown source.** Even if it might seem harmless, it could be a phishing email. If it looks like you know the sender, speak to them on the phone first.

**4. Check who you're buying from.** People who are under pressure or stress could be fooled by false advertising. There have been cases of people buying masks and hand sanitisers from online retailers, which turn out to not exist. Stick to trusted retailers in order to stay safe.

**5. Verify any medical advice.** It is natural for people to want to do what they can to protect their health, but unsubstantiated theories and treatments have rapidly spread. One widely-shared theory even (falsely) suggested that the ability to hold your breath comfortably for at least 10 seconds meant you were free from the virus.

Safe medical advice should always be confirmed by the NHS, Public Health England, the Government and their respective websites.



## TACKLING VIOLENT CRIME

A total of 222 people were arrested between Monday, 11 and Sunday, 17 May as part of a joint operation in continued efforts to tackle violent crime.

The Territorial Support Group (TSG) and the Dog Support Unit worked in conjunction with local teams on a number of operations across several London boroughs.

This saw a range of activity including intelligence led stop and search and targeted patrols to disrupt crime in known hot spot areas and locations. The activity took place in **Enfield, Haringey, Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Lewisham, Greenwich, Bromley, Westminster, Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea.**

It resulted in:

- 222 arrests made
- 5 firearms recovered
- 26 knives recovered
- 29 other offensive weapons recovered
- 206 drug seizures



## COMMUNITY CARE

Throughout May, our Location Managers and Director of Operations have been offering their time and resources for free to assist charities in need of support during the Covid-19 pandemic.

If you are following our social media, you will know that we have helped charities, Kisharon and Norwood, by making more than 100 deliveries on their behalf to individual homes across London.

From chocolate Easter eggs to packs of educational resources, our Operations team have worked hard to make sure life continues to be as normal as possible for the recipients connected to those charities, at a time when they have experienced so much change.



## LOCAL CRIME

### Chelsea Burglary

Two men have been jailed after a woman was threatened with an axe and robbed, with officers appealing to trace a third suspect.

Connor Murphy, 26, was jailed for six years and nine months after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery. Richard Walsh, 29, was sentenced to four years and nine months' imprisonment after pleading guilty to encouraging/assisting a robbery. They were both sentenced at Isleworth Crown Court on Thursday, 21 May.

The robbery happened at around 09:30hrs on Wednesday, 13 November 2019 on a residential street in Chelsea. The victim, a woman in her 50s, was threatened by two men on a moped. An axe was held against her neck during the incident, and she was put in a headlock and forced to the ground. She did not suffer any serious physical injury. However, they took her Rolex watch - a Rolex Daytona model - worth approximately £30,000, and fled the scene on a moped.

### Harrow Firearms

Police investigating a firearm discharge in Kenton Road, HA3 are appealing for information. Police were called on Wednesday, 13 May at approximately 20:20hrs to reports of gun shots.

On arrival police found a smashed window, as well as evidence of a firearm discharge. No injuries were reported. Police are keen to speak with two men who were seen on Honeypot Lane at the time. Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward who may have seen or heard the incident.