

intention to commit the offence would still be current on 11<sup>th</sup> December, whether the rationale for an armed deployment remained in existence and confirmation even that the Audi was still the vehicle intended to be used. Detective Inspector MURRAY as the SIO approached me with regards to planning an operational response to this intelligence.

I took the view that there were potential tactical options available to us. Effective control of the Audi was paramount as this provided the optimum opportunity to close intelligence gaps and conduct any operation safely. During the week of 9 November DI MURRAY, with myself as the likely TFC had a provisional discussion with the probable Strategic Firearms Commander (FE14) and our own Line Manager (FE15) as to how we hoped to progress the operation. We took the view that if effective control of the Audi was obtained and maintained then there was a real opportunity to disrupt this conspiracy, maximise our chances of recovering firearm(s) from the streets of North East London and of reducing public risk in the long term.

At this stage I had considered various other tactical options to mitigate this threat e.g.

- Video Link the Court Appearance
- Use the Metropolitan Police Special Escort Group to convey the prisoners
- Simply seize the Audi

In my opinion however all such options would not address any potential attempt in the future (e.g. the potential for Izzet EREN to feign illness and get taken to hospital from where an escape bid could be made). He would inevitably have decamped overseas at some stage and there still remained the possibility that he retained the intent to carry out whatever attack he was planning on 13<sup>th</sup> October, before he fled. Furthermore the operational team had been presented with a realistic opportunity to arrest Ozcan EREN and unknown associates and address the threat they posed. Ozcan EREN represents a significant threat in his own right as a criminal within Haringey with intelligence linking him to firearms and the feud with their Hackney rivals still very much ongoing. The current intelligence regarding the plot to free his brother indicated that he had access to another firearm, which placed an obligatory duty on the operational team to try and recover it. If we were able to arrest Ozcan for significant criminality, with both him and Izzet in custody, the Metropolitan Police Service would have made a really significant dent in the criminal capability of the Tottenham Turks to maintain their feud with their Hackney rivals. This feud had dated back to 2009 and is well documented. We therefore had an unprecedented opportunity to obtain direct evidence against him, which might never have been repeated and ultimately make the communities of North East London safer.

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