

Operation UTARA

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Introduction

Operation UTARA is an ongoing proactive investigation into the criminal activities of an organised criminal network including Ozcan EREN and his cousin Izzet EREN. This OCN is based within the Turkish community and is a network of long standing in North London with historic links to offences of drug supply and acts of extreme violence against members of rival Turkish OCNs.

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Background

On 13th October 2015, SCD7(7) mounted a spontaneous armed surveillance deployment at Craven Park Road. A los motorcycle was observed arriving at the location with two persons on board. Both went towards the building line of premises close to a tow path and met an u/k male before returning to the bike and riding towards the A10.

The motorcycle was stopped by armed Officers. Izzet EREN was detained and found to be in possession of a Tokarov 9mm pistol and six rounds of ammunition.

Amoyah Gyamfi made off dropping a bag containing a Scorpion machine pistol and full magazine. He was detained nearby.

Both men were arrested and dealt with at Stoke Newington. They have since been charged and at the first appearance at Wood Green Crown Court pleaded guilty to offences including possession of firearms with intent to endanger life.

Intelligence indicates that, at the time of the first appearance, there was a plan to intercept the prison van and forcibly assist EREN to escape from lawful custody. This plan did not go ahead due to a break down in communications and a change of heart on the part of one of the team.

Current Intelligence

- EREN and GYAMFI are currently on remand at HMP Wormwood Scrubs. They are next due at Wood Green Crown Court on Friday 11th December 2015.
- Intelligence indicates that Izzet EREN intends to escape from custody whilst en route to court.
- Intelligence indicates that Ozcan EREN has access to a vehicle parked in a car park in Eastern Road, Wood green. This vehicle is intended for use in bid to free Izzet from lawful custody.

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