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Police believe that the deployment of technical equipment will cause the least intrusion against the subjects and collateral intrusion against others as equipment will only be monitored when the subjects are in control of the vehicle, and that this is the only reasonable means of providing the intelligence and best evidence which will assist in the successful arrest and prosecutions of the subjects identified in this authority.

There are no less intrusive means that could be used to obtain this information safely without the risk of compromise to the operation and injury to those involved.

- b) **Will the action result in surveillance in bedrooms or bathrooms? If so, explain how this will be handled.**

NO

## 12. Operational plan

- (a) **What is the plan for deploying the equipment?**

Deployment of technical equipment will be undertaken by officers from MPS TSU whilst the vehicle is in a secure place and / or any public/private place. Support will be provided by the operational team.

- (b) **What is the plan for retrieving the equipment?**

Retrieval of technical equipment will be undertaken by officers from MPS TSU as per deployment or upon arrest of the subject.

## 13. Collateral Intrusion

- a) **Is the action likely to lead to intrusion with the privacy of persons other than the subject(s) of the investigation? If so, give the names or categories of people likely to be affected.**

Collateral intrusion is unlikely. This is a stolen vehicle and outside the control of the owner. Intelligence indicates that the vehicle is to be used by this organised criminal network.

- b) **Plan to minimise collateral intrusion.**

Should collateral intrusion occur it will be brought to the attention of the Authorising Officer

## 14. Applicant

(Must be a member of the same organisation as the Authorising Officer).

Name: (Print) Andy Sparks

Rank: DC

Telephone No.: DPA

Signature:

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**15. National Compromise Database checked for:**

i) Subject(s) & Subject(s) addresses  ii) Property & Property owner

Date checks completed: 10/04/2015

By: Marek Coskin

**16. Outside Force(s) Database checked for (If, applicable):**

i) Subject(s) & Subject(s) addresses  ii) Property & Property owner

Date checks completed for: (Name Forces) N/A

By:

**17. Chief Inspector / Inspector's comments**

I have checked the contents of this application and I can confirm the accuracy of the information / intelligence.

I support this application. The deployment of this equipment will provide the operational commanders with the maximum information to maximise the safety of all parties involved, and expedite the earliest and safest opportunity to bring the operation to a close.

It will minimise the risk to police officers, the subjects and members of the public.

This is a stolen vehicle and has been specifically set aside for the purpose of serious gun enabled criminality. Therefore any intrusion is greatly exceeded by the benefits of the information being received.

Name: (Print)

FE16

Rank: DCI

Telephone No.:

DPA

Signature:

Date: 20.11.2015

**18. Superintendent's comments**

I am familiar with the circumstances relating to this application to deploy covert audio equipment within the AUDI A6 detailed above. I have also received briefings from the Investigating Officer.

I am satisfied that this tactic will support the operational objective of disrupting this serious crime by securing evidence of conspiracy to escape from lawful custody. If authorised, this tactic will also assist in reducing risk to members of the public and officers by providing the investigation team the opportunity to disrupt this offence before any violence or attempt to free the subjects is made.

The matters under investigation are serious and the subjects are experienced criminals. It is assessed that any less intrusive attempts to secure evidence of this offence would fail as the

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subjects have an awareness of police tactics. I believe that this tactic is proportionate and necessary when considered against the scope of the activity and serious matters under investigation.

I note that the vehicle has been specifically acquired to be used in crime. On that basis, it is likely that any person using it and subject to monitoring will be linked to the crime. However, the IO detailed effective measures to reduce collateral intrusion and manage information obtained. These will remain under review by the IO.

I have considered the operational resources required to support the deployment of this equipment and the subsequent monitoring of the subjects. I can confirm that SCO7 will provide appropriate resources to support this activity.

This application has my full support.

**Name:** (Print) Brendan GILMOUR

**Rank:** D/Supt

**Signature:**

**Date:** 24/11/2015

## 19. TSU comments

SCO35 TSU supports this application - Steve Alexander

## 20. SCO39 Comments

This application is supported by this branch and is forwarded for your information and consideration under Part III Police Act 1997.

**Name:** (Print)

Samantha Marshall

**Rank:**

Band D

**Signature:**

*Samantha Marshall*

**Date:**

1/12/15