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# Genesius Newsletter No.5 June 2011

**Project Genesius** is a pioneering initiative by the Metropolitan Police's Economic & Specialist Crime Command to work in partnership with the Printing Industry to reduce the harm to the UK from criminal gangs who obtain specialised printing equipment from legitimate suppliers and use it to produce thousands of fake identity documents.

Any company no mater how large or small, that is involved in the printing industry is welcome to join Genesius – it is totally free and will almost certainly save your time, money and reputation. See

http://www.met.police.uk/op\_maxim/ge nesius.htm

or Email us on <u>ProjectGenesius@met.pnn.police.uk</u>

## Met Police changes

Project Genesius has now joined forces with **Amberhill**, whilst remaining under the command of Nick Downing. This is a natural progression, as **Amberhill** is the analytical step that follows up the false ID data recovered in Genesius operations. They format it so that it can be shared with the public sector and private industry in order to identify the harm being caused and prevent future offences from occurring.

For instance, all false ID data is shared with the financial institutions, in order to prevent them being used for fraud, and as a result of this data matching over  $\pounds 2$ million of confirmed fraud has been identified whilst  $\pounds 500,000$ 's worth of fraud has been prevented in 5 months.

## **New Contact Number**

The Genesius Team can now be reached on 020 7230 1654



Elliot Davis, Karen Kinger, Gary McManus and DED staff

## **DED Genesius visit**

In October, Elliot Davis of DED kindly invited Gary McManus and Karen Kinger to visit their premises in Kent to give a presentation on the workings of Genesius. This made the staff aware of the damage potential of their equipment in the wrong hands, and showed them what signs to look out for in their future customers.



SECURITY FOILING DOCUMENT SECURITY SOLUTION PROVIDER

Earlier this month, Karen & Gary visited Security Foiling in Ipswich, and gave a presentation to their staff about the project. Mark Filby gave an excellent insight into the block foiling and embossing processes, helping us to understand the issues faced by the industry, such as the pressures of making a sale to a insistent customer.



Dies and clamps found in a recent operation.

## **Operations & Results**

# Rubber Stamp Manufacturers' Information

An order was received for a rubber stamp with details of the Court of Appeal in Conkary, Guinea - (where the Chief of Defence Staff is currently on trial for treason) – **they were advised not to proceed.** 

A customer on a farm in Kent is ordering several different brands of car dealer stamps - referred to Kent Police – **ongoing operation.** 

#### **Shropshire Police**

An Email was received from a male called Pavel FANTA asking for Zebra Printers to be delivered to an address in Shropshire. Local police were contacted and confirmed that the address given was not linked to the order but that it was likely that couriers were being intercepted o/s the address.

#### **Best Times Past**

Roland WOODS wanted a rubber stamp made up saying 'Best Times Past'. He was using an '0703' phone number and the Liverpool address given was a virtual office. Company advised not to proceed.

### **Zambian Enquiries**

A customer was requesting a thermal printer and accessories to be sent to Zambia. Persistent enquiries tracked down a gift shop set up by an ex-pat. *The enquiry was genuine* and the Genesius member was advised.



Rubber stamps seized by Genesius.

Thanks to Genesius referrals an **Organized Criminal Network** has been identified by the various names involved using the same IP addresses, delivery addresses and email formats. A report is being compiled to be passed on to SOCA as it is believed this group is not UK based.

## **Intelligence Trends**

## The Criminals TOP 10 Shopping List

These are the most popular brands of equipment recently requested from Genesius members by suspected criminals. Zebra **29** YMCKO ribbons **8** Rubber Stamps **5** Javelin **5** Datacard **5** Eltron **4** Fargo **3** HP **3** Epson **2** Evolis Printers **1** Magicard Printer **1** 



A card printer found by Police in a document factory

There is now a clear link between Counter Terrorism and the manufacturing of forged documents. A French Printing Office was raided by a Terrorist Organisation in possession of a 'shopping list' stating exactly what printing equipment they intended to take. Hooded and armed, they took 5 Fargo printers (HDP 5000, DTC 550, DTC 4000 and DTC 1000) plus all the ribbons.

## **Other Updates**

The first six numbers on a credit card are known as the **Bank Identification Numbers** and can be traced to a bank by an internet check. This would show which country the card was from.

The numbers can be checked on these websites-

www.binbase.com www.bindb.com

The joint Met./City of London Police Unit **(DCPCU)** has recently disrupted four credit card 'factories', so members are to be aware that the manufacture of both ID cards and credit cards are linked, i.e. they can be made by the same criminals in the same factories.

## **Recent Alerts**

The details below have been sent to the print industry as people of interest. We ask that you email Genesius if they contact your company.

1. Mike COLLINS is after HP and ZEBRA printer ribbons. Delivery address is a freight forwarding company - Unit 2, Belvedere Industrial estate, Fishers way, Belvedere, Kent DA17 6BS T07024024748 T0208441057 email <u>nexsystn@aol.co.uk</u> This address has been used by both Mike Collins and a Dr Kata Moles, previously sent out on alerts.

2. Tony Venus , Jerry White and James Louis all send the same email asking for Zebra printer ribbons. The IP address for the e-mails is based in Nigeria.

venustony7@gmail.com jerry.white006@yahoo.com louisjames72@gmail.com

The wording, layout and font on the three emails from three 'different' customers being 100% the same is what indicates a degree of suspicion.

3. James ORELOPE wishes to purchase Zebra printer and 30 colour ribbons.

jorelope@yahoo.com

4. Albert GRAYSON is asking for products to go to Spain. Email

address based in South Africa. ralphm@mastercare.co.za

#### Save your company time and money - get a full list of alerts by Emailing-

projectgenesius@met.pnn.police.uk and join up to Project Genesius.

It will cost you nothing and save you time, money and your industry's reputation.

## Well done Genesius!!

A Genesius member was recently visited by a man who asked for his Fargo ID card printer to be repaired and to be collected on the following Monday. He provided just a mobile contact number.

The company contacted Project Genesius as they considered the customer to be suspicious due to the following factors:

- No address details provided.
- Said he would pay by cash.
- Wanted repairs done ASAP.
- Serial number of the printer had been removed.

Diagnostic checks carried out identified the serial number of the printer and its history was traced to a certain point.

The customer was told it would take time to repair the printer due to it having to be sent off to an engineering department.

The customer phoned back to cancel the repairs and asked that the printer be delivered by courier to an address which turned out to be 'virtual' office.

### Operation Maxim were alerted and have just arrested 3 men in a fully fledged ID document factory.

## **Genesius Staff Changes**

How will we manage without our stalwart **Gerri Mannion**??? She has sadly had to leave the project after being with us since inception, but we wish her well in her new challenge. Welcome to **Gary Miles**, Acting Detective Inspector, who takes over

from Gerri. Gary has been a member of the Amberhill team since May 2009 and the Operational Head since July 2010. Amberhill Project.

## **Project Genesius Team Members**

Nick Downing – Detective Chief Inspector. Gary Miles – Head of Intelligence Shaheena Khanom – Analyst Gary McManus – Researcher David Bracken – Detective Constable Karen Kinger – Prevention & Relations Manager (07789 874941)

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