

In the last month of 2008, Rugby Town's CCTV system played a vital role in the arrest of more than 77 people. A range of crimes were caught on camera and the Speaker cameras were used on 7 occasions to diffuse situations and prevent a more serious incident taking place.

***In Focus***

***Incident Number 5689 – Shoplifting***

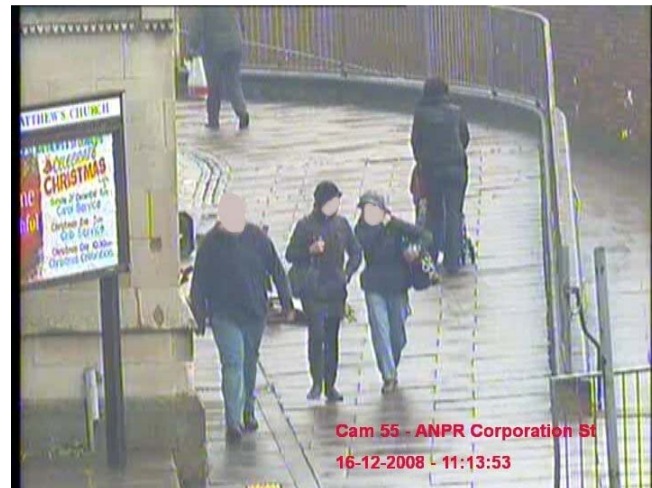
On 1<sup>st</sup> December at around 4pm a man was seen by a Rugby Ranger taking goods from Woolworths and walking out of the door without paying. CCTV then picked up the man and, along with the Ranger, pursued the suspect. The man in question proceeded to run off and after a twenty minute chase by Rangers, the police arrived and then apprehended and arrested the suspect.

***Incident Number 5874 – Pickpockets***

On the 16<sup>th</sup> December pickpockets who work in towns around the country were arrested in Rugby Town Centre following action by Rugby BID and Warwickshire Police. The two females were noticed by a Ranger acting strangely around a cashpoint. CCTV was informed and then proceeded to follow the two women up Sheep Street (or High Street?). The women then began to walk out of town and swiftly changed their clothes in order to avoid being spotted. However, the CCTV was able to capture this and continue following the pair. After the two females were picked up by their male friend, Police proceeded to stop the vehicle and arrest the three suspects. It was later found that they had stolen and used bank cards.



***Can you spot the difference?***



***These two pictures show how the two women who had been pickpocketing changed their appearance in under a minute, in an attempt to get out of the town centre without being caught.***

***Incident Number 5844 – Shoplifting***

Following part of the Christmas crackdown on crime in the town centre, Rugby Rangers were supporting shops in spotting potential criminal activity by spending time with them as an extra pair of trained eyes. On 12<sup>th</sup> December a group of youths were seen by the CCTV Control Room acting suspiciously outside of Woolworths. A conversation with a Ranger present in the shop confirmed that the youths had not purchased anything. The Police were informed and attended where three youths were subsequently arrested.