



Rugby's CCTV Cameras played crucial role in Murder Investigation

It can now be revealed that Rugby CCTV and the control room operators played a crucial role in the arrest and subsequent conviction of the suspect in the Kevin Wright murder. Rugby BID has been unable to talk about how important CCTV was to the investigation until after the trial. Now they can reveal the role it played in catching the suspect.

CCTV footage from the twenty four hours prior to the murder, and from each of the cameras installed in Rugby Town Centre, was put together by Rugby BID and passed on to the Police Murder Investigation Unit. The footage was used to help officers piece together the events both before and after the murder as well as identify potential witnesses.



Aftermath - the scene following the arrival of the emergency services

Rugby BID CCTV Control Room staff were responsible for leading Police to the Celestial nightclub on Church Walk where the name of the suspect was subsequently obtained. By identifying the car that the suspect was in CCTV operators were able to go back over footage and track the route of the car coming in to Rugby right through until the time of the murder. The time of this response was so quick it enabled Police

to get a lead on both the name of the suspect and the car that the suspect was travelling in. This led to an arrest taking place just hours after the murder.

CCTV was also used to identify potential witnesses at the scene for the Police to contact. Chief Inspector Robert Musgrove of Warwickshire Police commended the BID and its staff who worked tirelessly alongside Police Investigators to not only identify the suspect but also in collating evidence from the CCTV footage. “The strength of the partnership between Warwickshire Police and Rugby BID could not have been more evident than during this investigation. The Police were able to gather significant evidence from the huge amounts of footage from the cameras around the town centre. Without this the outcome could have been very different,” said the Chief Inspector.

Many questions were raised at the time of the murder about the point of CCTV cameras if it could not help in such serious cases. “For legal reasons there are many occasions when we are not allowed to talk about the role CCTV has played until after a case has gone to court. The CCTV in Rugby Town Centre was vital to this murder investigation and now the trial is finished we are able to explain this,” said Aftab Gaffar, Operations Director at Rugby BID who operate the control room. “It is without doubt that if CCTV had not been working in our town centre then the Police would have had a much tougher task in catching this criminal and piecing together exactly what happened.”