

DEFACE

The Route to Undoing a Gang

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SCANNING

An aerial photograph of a city area, likely Preston, showing a dense urban landscape with buildings, roads, and green spaces. A semi-transparent blue box with a dark blue border is centered over the image, containing text in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in four lines, identifying the location as University Ward, Preston, Central Division, and Lancashire Constabulary.

**UNIVERSITY WARD
PRESTON
CENTRAL DIVISION
LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY**

- Criminal Damage ‘The volume crime’ affecting Community Confidence (Graffiti, Vandalism)
- Significant impact on British Crime Survey Comparator Crime performance
- Home Office (Department of Justice) set damage reduction target
- CDRP (Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership) ownership
- Neighbourhood Policing teams to drive activity
- Central Division each Policing ward to develop Damage Reduction P.O.P.



University Ward Damage Profile



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- Community Consultation
 - P.A.C.T. (Police And Communities Together)
 - Ward Councillors (Elected Local Politicians)
 - Council Surgeries – Regular meetings where people can attend without appointments

- Environmental Visual Audit
 - City Council funded graffiti clean up
 - Early identification of emerging graffiti



University Ward Damage Profile



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Crime report analysis

- Detected crime
- Type of damage
- Time of offence
- Location of Offence
- Modus Operandi

**Graffiti tagging linked to other offending
Emerging Delinquent Peer Group 'MLM'
71% Increase in Criminal Damage
Reporting Year – April 2007/ April 2008**

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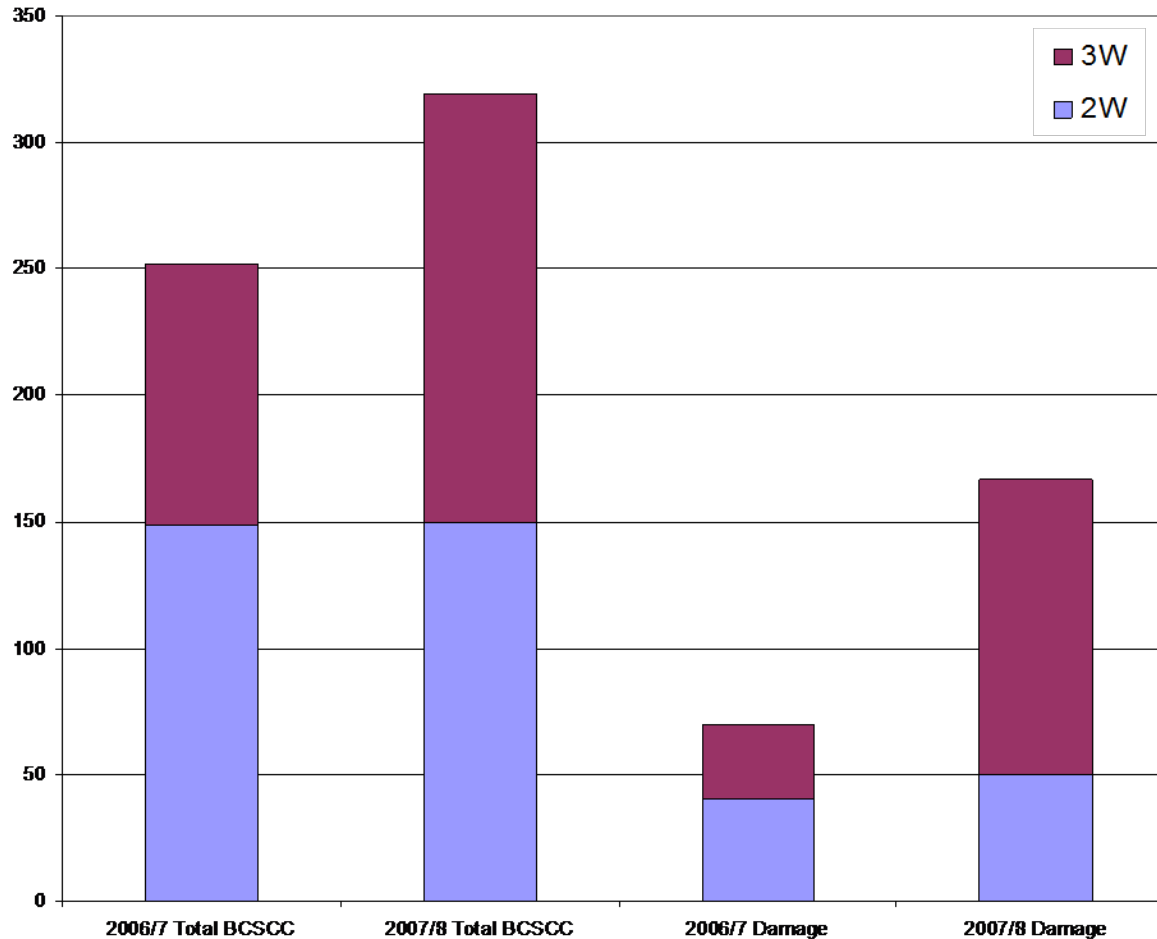


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ANALYSIS

British Crime Survey Comparator Crime University Ward



**71% INCREASE IN REPORTED CRIMINAL DAMAGE
(COMPARED TO 15% REDUCTION ACROSS DIVISION)**

68% increase in British Crime Survey Comparator Crime



OFFENCES BY STREET



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STREET (DA2W)	OFFENCES				TOTALS
	Dwellings	Other	Other Buildings	Vehicles	
Corporation St			1		1
Fishergate		1			1
Fylde Road		3	4	4	11
Ladywell Street			1	1	2
Leighton Street	1	1		1	3
Maudland Road				1	1
Pollard Street				2	2
St Peters Square	1				1
Vernon Street			1		1
Victoria Street	1	2		3	6
TOTALS	3	7	7	12	29

58.6% of damage in incident location DA2W is on 2 of the 10(20%) streets

STREET (DA3W)	OFFENCES				TOTALS
	Dwellings	Other	Other Buildings	Vehicles	
Abbey Street	1				1
Ashton Street		1		2	3
Atholl Street	1		2		3
Brieryfield Road				1	1
Cheviot Street		1			1
Cooper Street				1	1
Croft Street				1	1
Fylde Road	1		1	1	3
Ingot Street	1	1			2
Lodge Street			2		2
Marsh Lane			3	2	5
Helson Terrace			1		1
Pedder Street		2		2	4
Priory Street	1	1			2
Spa Road		1	1		2
Spa Street				2	2
St Marks PI East			1		1
St Marks Road				12	12
Steeple View		4	6	1	11
Strand Road		1		4	5
The Cloisters				1	1
Vine Street		1		1	2
Water Lane				1	1
Wellfield Road	4	1	1	2	8
Wellington Street	2	1		3	6
West Strand			2	1	3
West View Terr	1				1
TOTALS	12	15	20	38	85

49.4% of damage in incident location DA3W is on 5 of the 27(18.5%) streets.

Offence Timing Analysis



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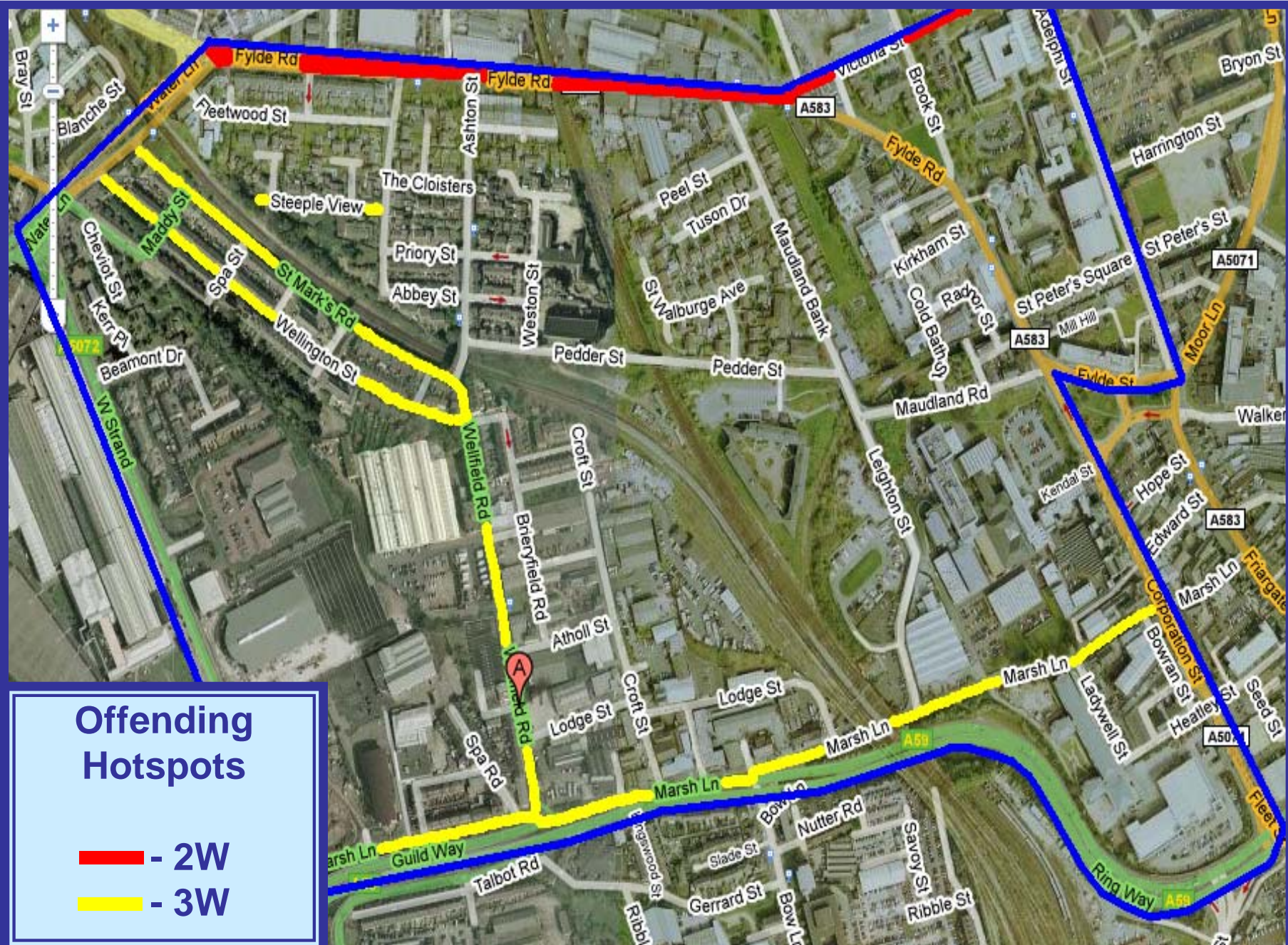
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TIME (DA2W)	WITHIN THE HOUR	DURING THE DAY	OVERNIGHT	TOTALS
0700-0800		2		2
0800-0900				0
0900-1000				0
1000-1100	1			1
1100-1200				0
1200-1300				0
1300-1400				0
1400-1500	1			1
1500-1600	1		1	2
1600-1700	1			1
1700-1800	1			1
1800-1900	2			2
1900-2000	2		1	3
2000-2100			1	1
2100-2200	2			2
2200-2300	2			2
2300-0000	2		2	4
0000-0100	2			2
0100-0200				0
0200-0300	2			2
0300-0400	1			1
0400-0500	2			2
0500-0600				0
0600-0700				0
TIME NOT RECORDED				0
TOTALS	22	2	5	29

TIME (DA3W)	WITHIN THE HOUR	DURING THE DAY	OVERNIGHT	TOTALS
0700-0800				0
0800-0900		1		1
0900-1000		1		1
1000-1100				0
1100-1200	1			1
1200-1300	1			1
1300-1400	2			2
1400-1500				0
1500-1600		1	4	5
1600-1700	2		4	6
1700-1800	2		3	5
1800-1900	7		7	14
1900-2000	2		3	5
2000-2100	1		6	7
2100-2200	4		2	6
2200-2300	1		4	5
2300-0000	3		1	4
0000-0100	4		1	5
0100-0200				0
0200-0300	1			1
0300-0400	1			1
0400-0500			1	1
0500-0600				0
0600-0700				0
TIME NOT RECORDED				14
TOTALS	32	3	36	85

Incident Loc. 3W

90% of known offending times between 16.00 and 01.00 hrs



Offending Hotspots

- - 2W
- - 3W

Creation of MLM Intelligence profile

Identify all individuals associated with MLM

- Assess current intelligence picture
- Current criminality

Tasking process to proactively gather intelligence

- Full list of associated MLM members
- Offender Management Model
- Current engagement with agencies



DIRECT QUOTE FROM MYSPACE

'MLM is growing rapidly and has been a gang since November 2006'



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IDENTIFIED GANG TAGS

Moor Lane
Rude Boyz

Broadgate
Riot Squad

Deep Twisted
Youngaz

Deepdale
Youth

Holme Slack
Youth

Bad Newz

Moor Nook
Crew

Avenham Youth Defence
AYD

Farringdon Park
Original Gangsters
FPOG

Callon Youth Defence
CYD

Callon Young
Gangsters

Farringdon
Young
Defenders

STR8 Otta
Preston

Ruthless
Assassins

Halton Place
Mafia

Sulby Soldiers

Clean Cut
Connections

Grange Young
Army

Longridge
Boyz

All 'Bout Money
ABM

Savick Mad Dogs
SMD

Fuck The Law
FTL

True Crime
Taggers

Grid Lock
Division

Reppin
Preston City

Clean Cut
Youngers

Howarth Road
Crew

Savick Youth
Defence

Blackpool
Road Boyz

Larches Youth
Defence

Savick Mad Dogs

SMD



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Homicide



Homicide



Robbery



Drug Supply



Robbery

Avenham Youth Defence

AYD



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Homicide



Homicide



Serious Assault
&
Firearms



Serious Assault

HIGH SPEED GRIME aka M.L.M

"MLM mandem"



Male
18 years old
preston city,
Northwest
United Kingdom

Last Login:
14/08/2008

Mood: accomplished
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<http://www.insanelayouts.com>

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MySpace URL:
www.myspace.com/mlmgowild

HIGH SPEED GRIME aka M.L.M's Interests

General \$
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Music grime / rap

HIGH SPEED GRIME aka M.L.M's Details

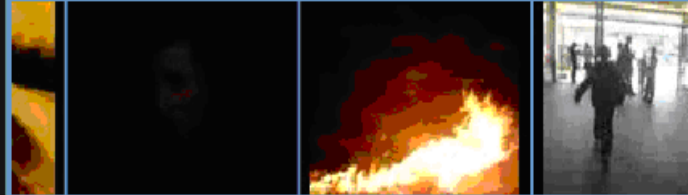
Status: Single

Here for: Networking

Zodiac Sign: Gemini

Occupation: gang

HIGH SPEED GRIME aka M.L.M's Videos



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HIGH SPEED GRIME aka M.L.M's Blurbs

About me:

M.L.M MOVEMENTS 2008

Welcome to the official myspace of the M.L.M thugdem and MLMstudios

we hope you like what this space has to offer you

which includes:

- Videos of various things (fighting , freestyles , mad shit, etc;)
- Grime instrumental downloads
- News on upcoming events
- Walkman themes
- Interviews

- Downloads -

M.L.M walkman theme
(k750i/k800/w850i)

- News -



PUBLIC ORDER

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

ASSAULT

SHOPLIFTING

VEHICLE
TAKING

GRAFFITI

THEFT

BURGLARY

OFFENSIVE WEAPON

ROBBERY

THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLE

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

BINGE DRINKING



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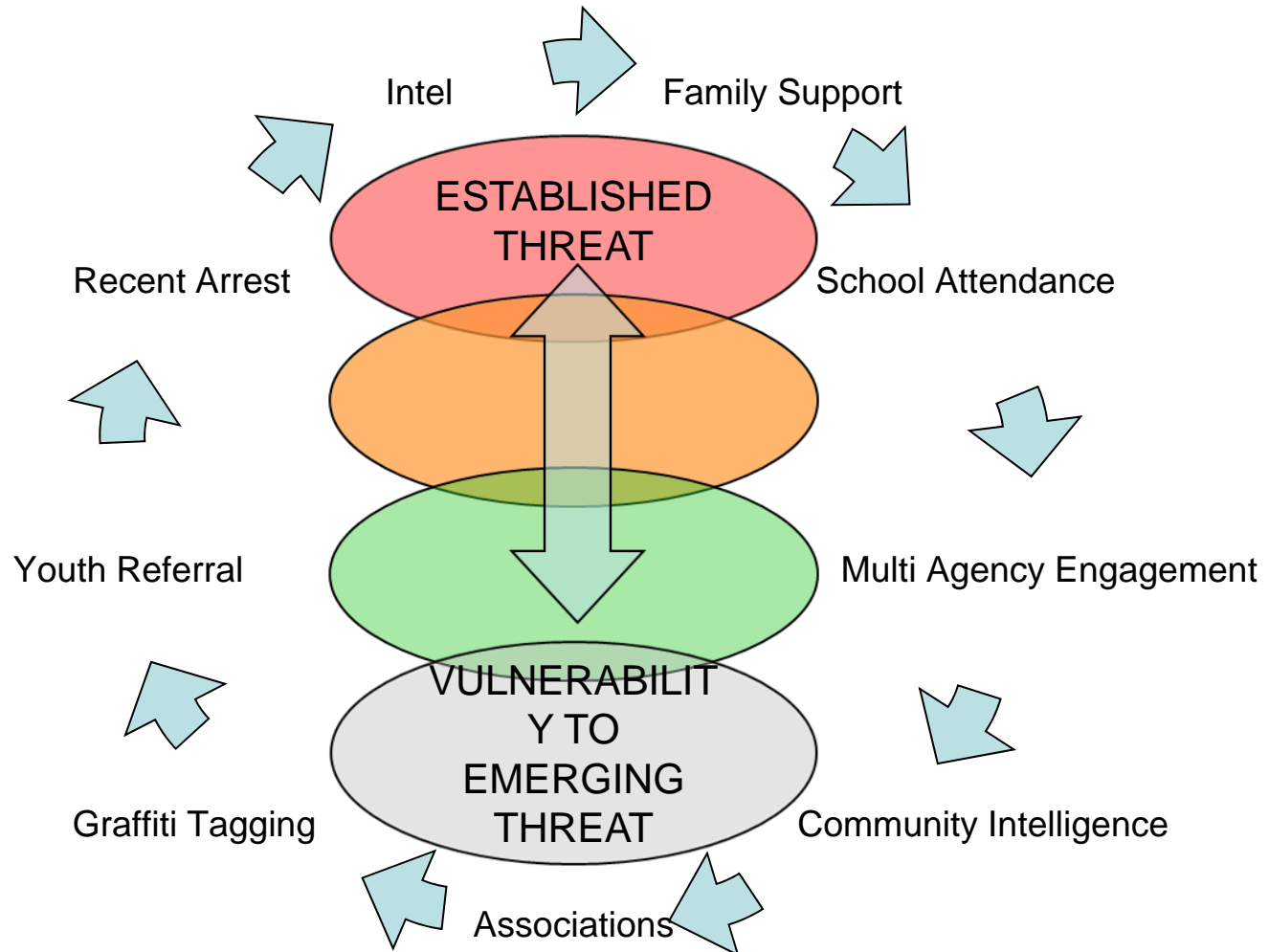
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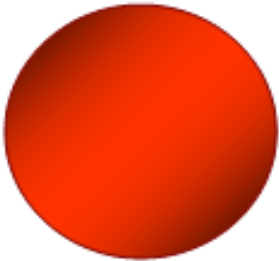
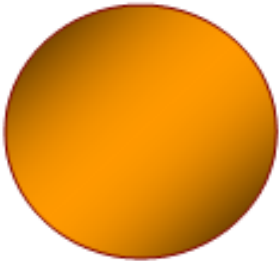
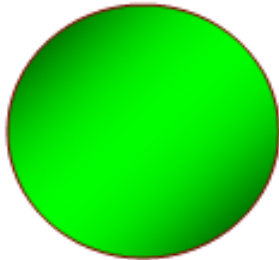
INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT (IOM)

What is Integrated Offender Management

- A long term approach to reducing crime and re-offending.
- Integration of existing offender based interventions
- Aimed at the most damaging offenders, including problematic drug users and priority offenders, who have the greatest detrimental impact on the community.
- Co-ordination of approaches which maximises opportunities.
 - To bring together rehabilitation pathways.
 - Assist accurate early identification of offending risk
- Offenders facing their responsibility or facing the consequences

DYNAMIC MODEL OF THREAT MANAGEMENT



	RISK	MANAGEMENT
	HIGH RISK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Targetted Interventions ■ Adoption as Target ■ Consideration of ASBO's / ASBI's ■ Intelligence / Evidence Gathering ■ Youth Offending Team ■ Owned by Offender Management Unit
	MEDIUM RISK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Owned by Neighbourhood Policing Team ■ Youth Offending Team ■ Home Visits ■ Intelligence Gathering ■ Multi-Agency Interventions
	LOW RISK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ School Liaison ■ Home Visits ■ GRIP Referrals ■ Education Welfare ■ Family Interventions ■ Youth Involvement

Dean & Jake McLaughlin

- Multi Agency Management
- Ownership by Offender Management Unit
- Adopted as Prolific Priority Offenders (PPO)
- Threat Level set at **RED**
- Education Welfare & School Liaison
- Connexions
- Management by Youth Offending Team
- Acceptable Behaviour Contracts offered
- Intervention & leverage with parents
- Multi Agency referrals

Dean & Jake McLaughlin

Adoption as Sector Police targets

Evidence to support Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO)

Tasking visits

Disruption

Intelligence gathering

Premium Service of Investigation

Search Warrants

MLM Gang Members

- Identification of all members and gang involvement
- Continued focus on intelligence profile
- Risk Assessment carried out on all members
- Threat Level set for each offender
- Application of Offender Management model
- Management by Neighbourhood Policing Team
 - Co-ordination of police response & tasking
 - Home Visits
 - Appropriate Multi Agency Intervention

Parents engaged and appraised of MLM threat

- Initially uncooperative and defensive
- Unwilling to believe Dean & Jake's offending behaviour

Appraised of Police, partner & community determination to resolve problems.

- Allowed removal & disclaimed numerous pedal cycles
- Allowed removal & disclaimed of motorcycles
- Encouraged to sell home address
- Encouraged to relocate out of Preston
- Encouraged to focus on 'Fresh start'

Community Partnerships

- Raise awareness of MLM threat
- Staff briefing
- Health check on CCTV
 - Recording capability
 - Camera location & operation
 - Retention of evidence
- Investment in CCTV system
- Evidence gathering in support of ASBO application



Overview of Additional Activity



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- Reassurance patrols
- Leaflet Distribution
- Crime Prevention Activity
- Environmental Visual Audit
 - Ongoing Commitment to Graffiti Removal
- PACT – Local Accountability and feedback
- Media Campaign
- University Focus
 - Respect agenda input for all new students
 - Briefing & tasking security staff

Two brothers believed to be Preston's worst graffiti vandals have been banned from the city until they are 18.

Jake McLaughlin, 15 and brother Dean, 16, formerly of Wellfield Road, off Marsh Lane, were in a gang responsible for a wave of violence, intimidation and Preston's worst-ever graffiti spate which left a £100,000 trail of destruction.

Now, Preston Magistrates have banned them from the city permanently until they reach 18. The brothers face up to five years in custody if they breach their ASBOs which also ban them from possessing marker pens and spray paint and from using threatening behaviour.

The pair had boasted about receiving interim ASBOs on a web page and one of them sniggered throughout his court hearing.

One police officer, who welcomed the ASBOs, said the graffiti caused by the brothers was the "worst ever seen" in Preston.

The duo were a major catalyst in the aggravation caused by Marsh Lane Massive – a group of yobs who have left a trail of more than 1,000 graffiti tags across the city and claim on a website to have been a gang since November 2006.

The duo were moved by their parents to Blackpool to start a new life after the courts imposed their interim ASBOs, but Preston Magistrates Court heard there had already been several breaches – and that new graffiti reading "MLM 2008" had appeared in parts of the city.

District Judge Peter Ward, presiding over Jake's case, condemned the display of their behaviour on the Internet.

A web page for MLM lists a catalogue of crime including assaulting people, rampaging through a shopping centre and defacing buildings.

District Judge Ward said: "There has been a serious problem with your behaviour. Your parents have taken a responsible approach and moved you away from the area but you still came back when you shouldn't have."

Jake's solicitor Michael Leach said the boys needed to come to Preston to see their grandmother and that Jake had breached his order to see his 15-year-old girlfriend.

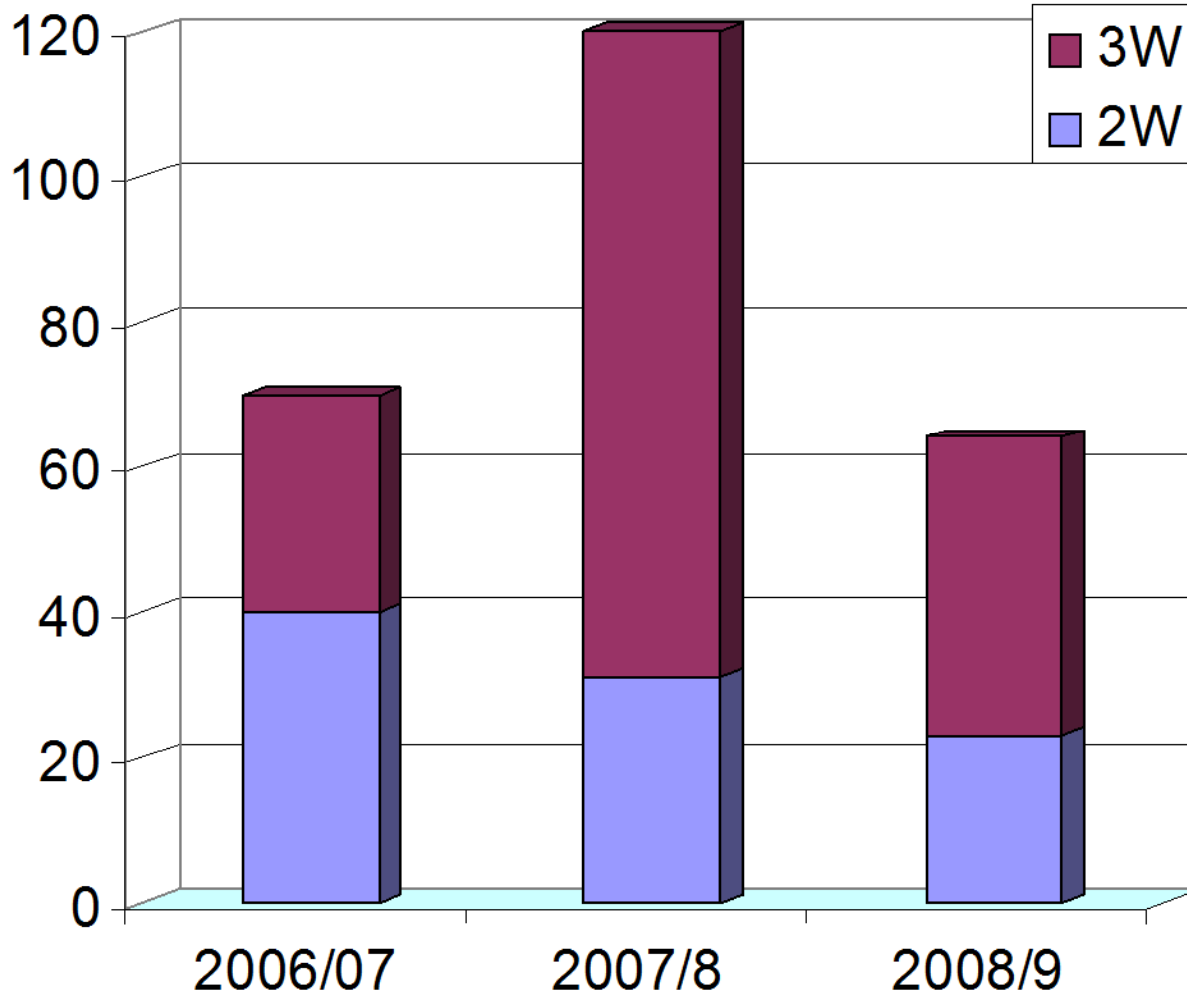
But David Sandiford who represented the police in both cases, said: "In a previous breach there was evidence Jake had sought out another member of MLM, though he was turned away from the house."

Jake's order will last for three years until his 18th birthday. Dean's case, heard on Monday, resulted in a two-year order with the same prohibitions.

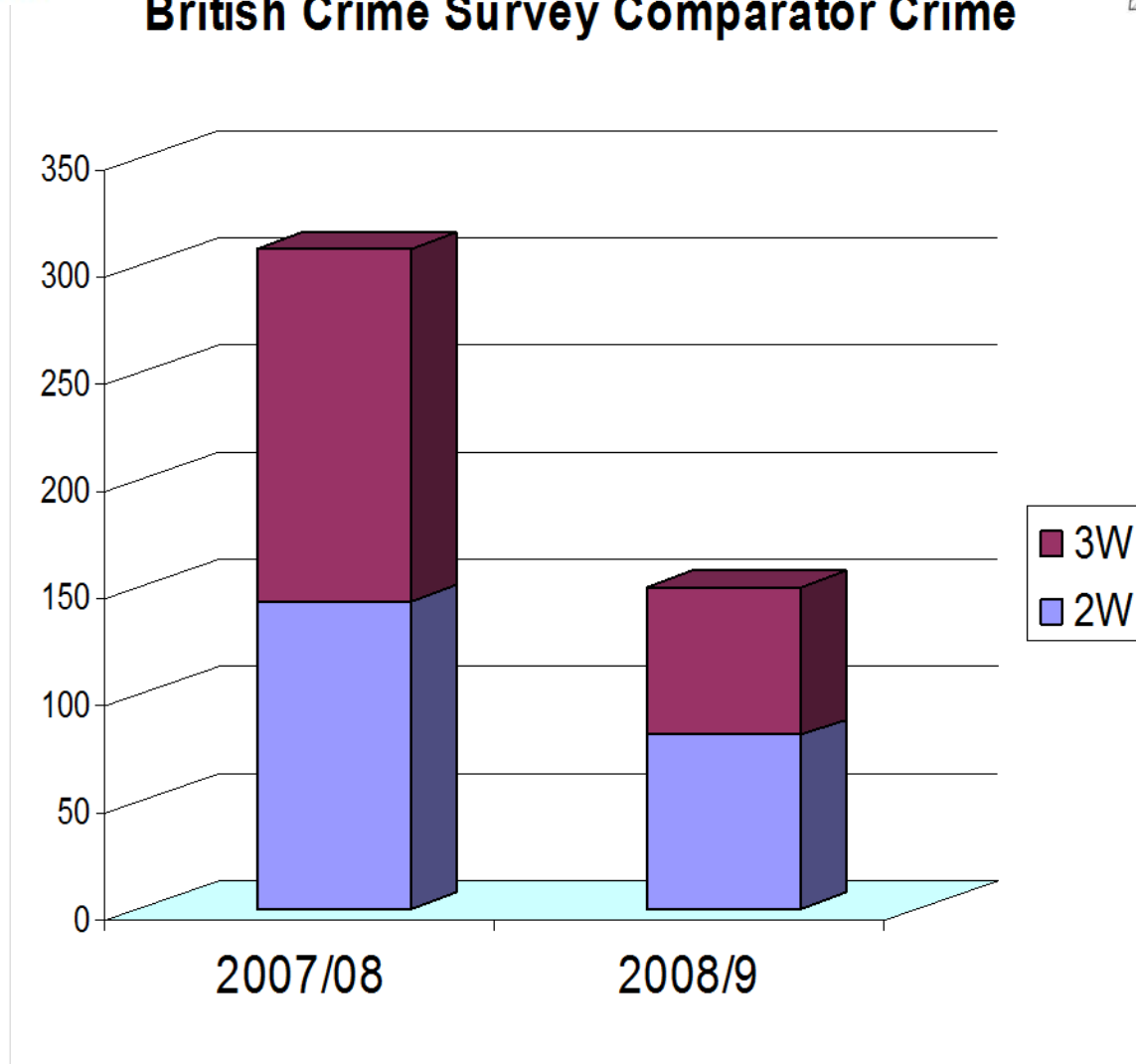


ASSESSMENT

University Ward Criminal Damage



British Crime Survey Comparator Crime



51% Reduction in British Crime Survey Comparator Crime

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

HOME OFFICE Economic & Social Costs of Crime

Robbery	£7,282
Damage	£866
Theft	£844
Common Assault	£1,440
Burglary	£3,268

With a reduction of 158 offences in 2008/9 in British Crime Survey Comparator Crime (*comprising the above crime classifications- cost per crime 2003*). Significant costs savings were achieved

Crime Reduction Savings easily in excess of \$300,000

Address at 17 Wellfield Rd, Preston

Family relocated to Blackpool (February 2008)

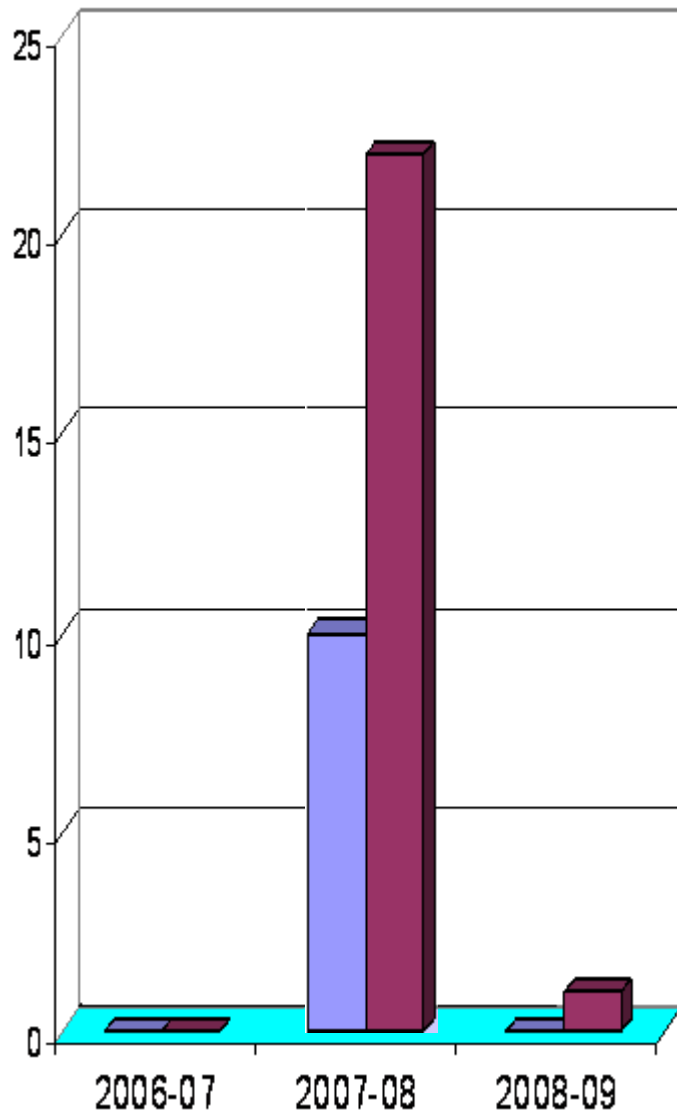
- Fresh start for all the family
- Ownership transferred to IOMU at Blackpool
- Neighbourhood Policing Team briefed



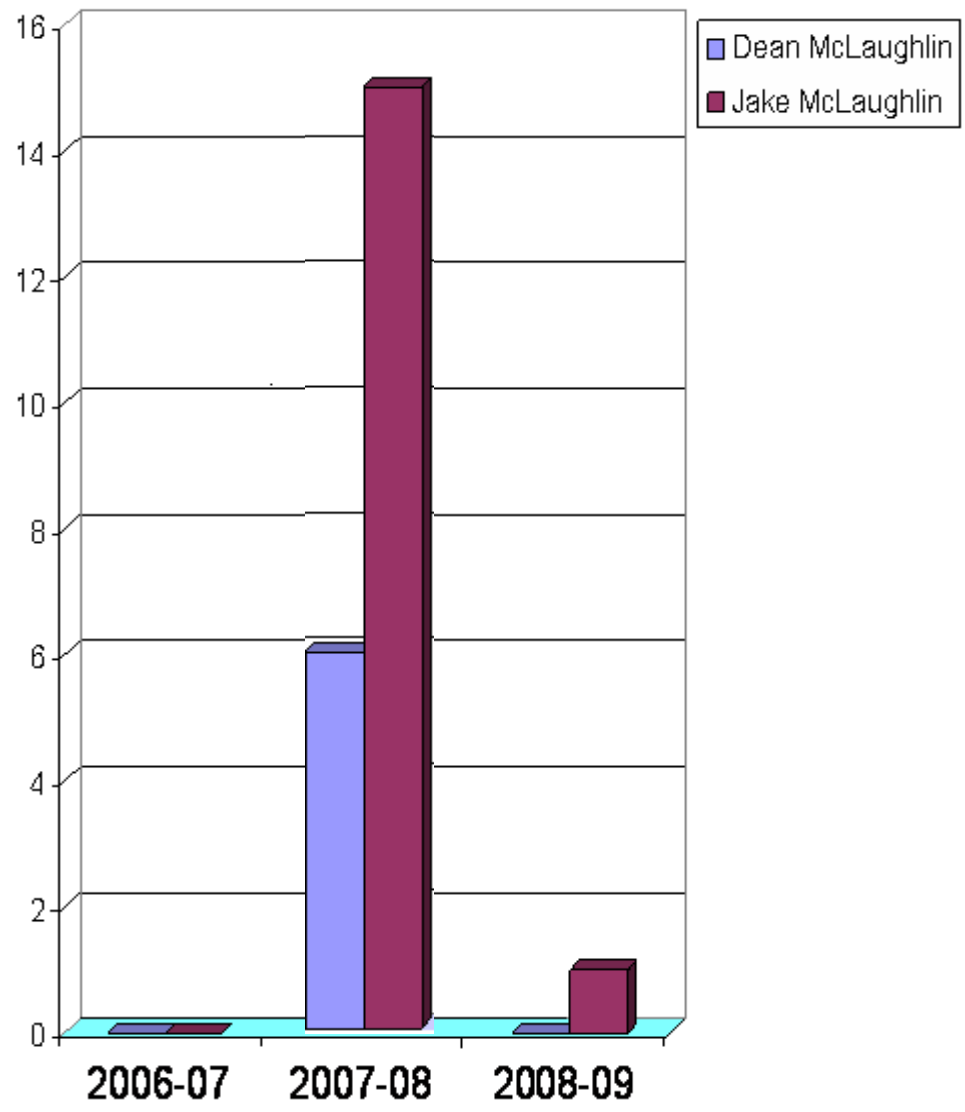
Anti Social Behaviour Order granted at Preston Magistrates Court April 2008

- Jake McLaughlin (expires March 2011)
- Dean McLaughlin (expires April 2010)
- Not to possess paint, spray paint or markers in any public place in England or Wales
- Not to enter Preston (area on map)
- Not to use threatening abusive words or behaviour or cause harassment alarm or distress in England or Wales

Arrests and Detected Crime

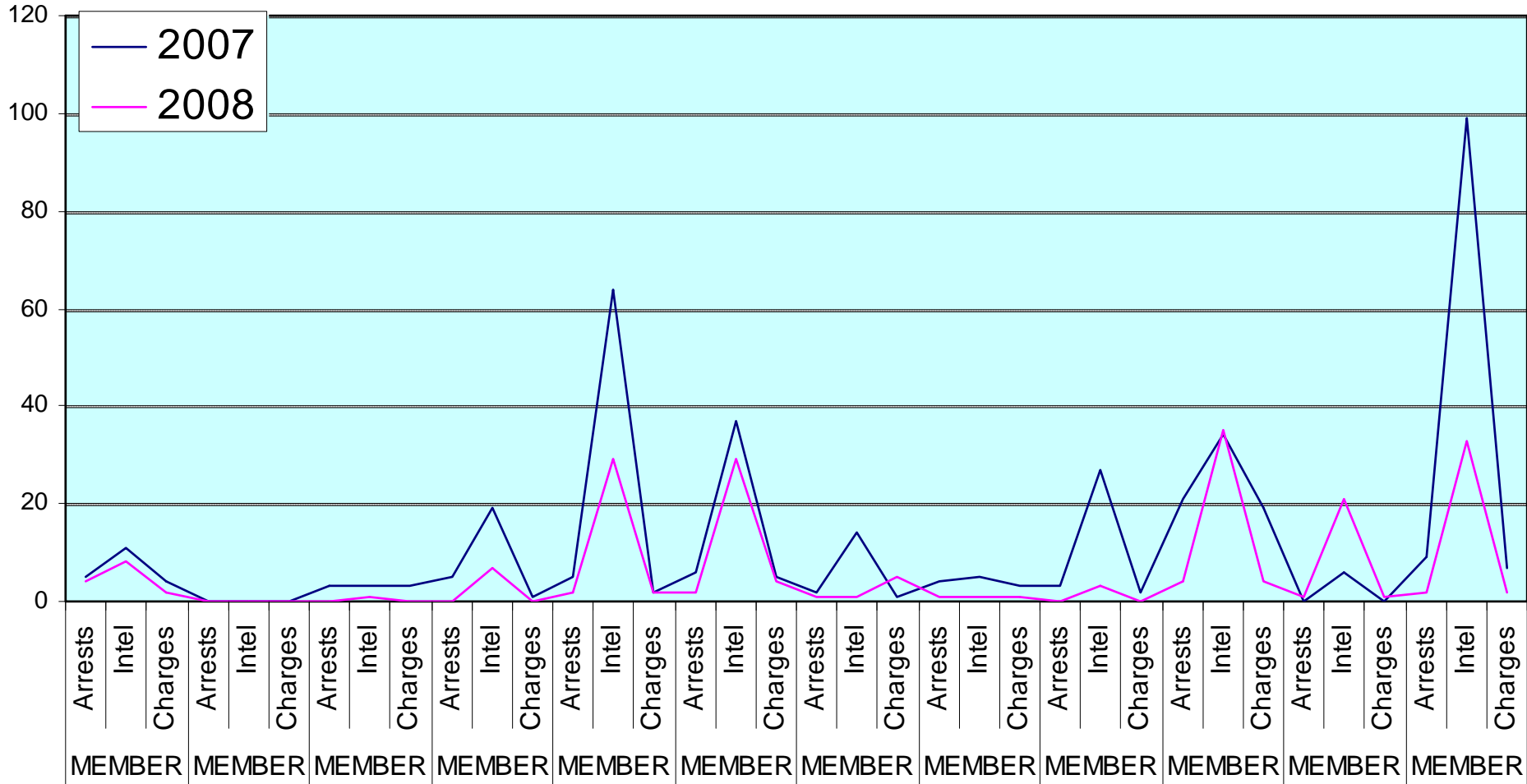


Arrests



Detections

MLM Criminal Associates Offending & Intelligence Comparison



SUMMARY

Damage

- Criminal Damage offences in University Ward significantly reduced
- 51% reduction in BCSC Crime
- Significant cost savings

MLM Delinquent Peer Group

- MLM group dynamic smashed
- MLM youth gang (DPG) no longer exists
- No recent MLM graffiti
- Recorded crime lower than before MLM threat identified
- No offending in Preston by Dean & Jake McLaughlin since April 2008
- Offending across entire peer group reduced and managed

Learning Outcomes

- Established link with graffiti tagging to Anti-social behaviour, damage and crime
- Tag identification process adopted by Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (City Council)
- Established link between graffiti tagging (Territorial Marking) and emerging youth gang threat
- Established best practice of early identification & intervention with youth gangs (Delinquent Peer Groups)
- Early intervention with youth gangs (DPGs) preventing emergence of future Organised Crime Gangs.

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