

## Statistics

**Number of offences:** 109

**Arrests:** 16 (25 offences)

**Positive disposals:** 43 (charged/reported, cautioned, community resolution, PND, triage)

**Solve rate:** 39%

**True solve rate:** 41% (5 crimes have been non-offences due to duplication or errors in recording)

**Named/wanted suspects:** 11 (if all were detected, solve rate would be 51%)

## Good News Stories

A male who was wanted for numerous shop thefts across Southend and using a silver Ford Fiesta to travel around, has been identified after investigation and is responsible for thefts at Waitrose, Matalan, Tesco and Lidl. Located by PC James Brewer and assisted by the Local Policing Team, an arrest was made whilst he was in the vehicle which he refused to leave. Officers broke a window to prevent him from harming himself. Individual was charged and remanded to court where he was found guilty and received the following sentence:

**Resisting arrest:** 1-week imprisonment

**Disqualified driving:** 8 weeks imprisonment; additional 12 months disqualification

**Theft from Waitrose:** 6 weeks imprisonment; 50 compensation (Total loss: £457.67)

**Theft from Tesco:** 6 weeks imprisonment (sandwich and £5 worth of petrol at Waitrose)

A number of other offences received no additional sentence

On 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017, a male who is part of a travelling group operating across the country and stealing from Boots, was detained by security at Boots, Royals Shopping Centre and assisted by the Street Rangers. Charges have been authorised for these theft offences, in addition to Boots, Basildon and Hertfordshire. Total value: £7,686.

## Ongoing Work

On 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017, a prolific female shoplifter who is currently banned from Sainsbury's, Southend and various High Street stores, was detained following a £112.22 theft at The Range, Southend. Individual was interviewed and reported. Work is now being completed to look at a more robust solution to prevent the female from entering the High Street and surrounding areas, her current housing situation and support received. It is hoped that the female will be moving out of the Southend area soon.

A very well-known male shoplifter has been named as a suspect for a theft at Wilko, Victoria Shopping Centre, Southend. Work is being completed to secure a conviction against individual and establish measures to prevent access to the High Street and surrounding areas.