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## **Central South BCU (Lambeth and Southwark) Partner Message – 08 October 2021**

Dear all,

### **Sarah Everard murder update**

I wanted to update you on some significant news in response to the significant public concerns raised following the murder of Sarah Everard.

The Commissioner has announced she will appoint an external, independent figure to conduct a review of Metropolitan Police culture and standards, as part of a significant package of measures to rebuild public trust.

We all recognise that the killing of Sarah Everard has severely damaged public confidence in us and that trust will be further diminished by the news of another officer charged with rape on 3rd October.

Policing in the UK is done by consent and we are all absolutely committed to rebuilding public trust in the Met.

The full remit of the review will be announced shortly, but it will include looking at the culture at the Met as a whole, including professional standards, leadership and standards of behaviour. The review will also involve examining the background to cases where officers have let the public down to see how they could have been prevented.

This reviewer will report to the Commissioner and publish their findings and recommendations.

In addition, an external reference group will be appointed to provide insight, challenge and support. The Commissioner is appointing a dedicated Chief Officer and team to ensure the ambitious and challenging programme is delivered at pace.

We fully recognise recent events mean there is public concern, not just about the Met overall, but specifically about the culture and standards within the Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection Command. The public rightly expects the highest standards of officers across the Met and that absolutely includes those who are charged with protecting London's iconic sites and the seat of government.

Therefore, the Commissioner is also announcing a fundamental review focused on the Command - a team made up of 950 officers and staff. It will examine whether there are specific issues within the Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection Command.

The Met will shortly be announcing both the details of its action plan for rebuilding trust in police standards and its new violence against women and girls plan.

In her announcement on 4 October the Commissioner said:  
"I absolutely recognise the grave level of public concerns and the need to take urgent action.

"All of us in the Met realise that it will take time to rebuild that trust and we will work hard to do so. We know that the responsibility sits with us.

"My officers, staff and I are all determined to do everything we can to make sure the public can continue to trust our officers to keep them safe. I hope the announcement today of an independent person to work with us helps demonstrate how seriously we take this and our commitment to making the changes needed.

"The Met is far from perfect. But I humbly ask you to consider that for every officer who lets us down there are thousands

more whose commitment to you is undiminished. They are good people, doing the best they can. They also feel angry, undermined and let down.

“These women and men care deeply, love their work, enjoy being in an inclusive, supportive team and are very proud to serve you.

“I have said these words before but they bear repeating. This is the Met I know. It is capable and caring. It is courageous. It is full of able, committed and compassionate people who work all their lives to protect others. We are here for you.”

Thank you for all your continued advice, engagement and support. The relationships we have with important partners like you and directly with our communities are so important to our work in rebuilding trust.

### **Charge of PC Dave Carrick for rape**

A Metropolitan Police officer has appeared at St Albans Magistrates' Court charged with rape.

PC David Carrick, 46, who is attached to the Met's Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection Command, was charged by Hertfordshire Constabulary on 3 October.

The charge relates to an allegation that on 4 September 2020, PC Carrick raped a woman while off duty in Hertfordshire.

He appeared via video link and was remanded in custody to appear next at St Albans Crown Court on Monday, 1 November.

Hertfordshire Police was first contacted about the incident on Friday, 1 October. PC Carrick was arrested on 2 October 2021 and suspended from duty on the same day by the Metropolitan Police.

We await the outcome of criminal proceedings and a referral has been made to the Independent Office for Police Conduct.

Commissioner Cressida Dick said following the decision to charge PC Carrick: "I am deeply concerned to hear the news today that an officer from the Met's Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection Command has been arrested and now charged with this serious offence. I fully recognise the public will be very concerned too.

"Criminal proceedings must now take their course so I am unable to comment any further at this stage."

## **Local News and Results**

Our Proactive Unit have had a fantastic result after following up on an anonymous Crimestoppers intelligence report. The Unit applied to the court for a Section 23 warrant to search an address for drugs. Within the address they found 30-40 rocks of crack cocaine and £47,000 in cash. Following on from this, a further search warrant was executed where an additional £20,000 and two tasers were seized. In the last week a male suspect was sentenced to 3 years 9 months in prison as well as forfeiting the £47,000.

Our Lambeth and Southwark Police Cadets were deployed last Sunday morning to clear up after the Cancer Research Moon walk in Southwark Park.

It was an early start but the team weren't phased. The Cancer Research staff were full of praise and said they did an amazing job. As a thank you the team were allowed to raid what was left of the snacks and they did a pretty good job of clearing those up as well!

This last week saw the conclusion of an 8 month operation by Southwark Neighbourhood Tasking Team who responded to community concerns around Class A drug dealing. The Tasking Team enlisted the help of colleagues in covert policing and

proactive units and together they worked tirelessly gathering intelligence and capturing evidence. The dedication and hard work put into this operation by everyone involved led to 22 suspects being charged with 108 offences. This is an absolutely outstanding result and one which will undoubtedly make a difference to the quality of life of many local people. We look forward to hearing the results from court.

Thursday 30th September saw another successful day of directed police action. Officers from a range of units came together to form a Police Support Unit targeting violence against women and girls. The Unit went to a variety of calls ranging from a dispute on a bus to domestic violence and knife crime calls. Officers made arrests for serious domestic violence incidents and seized a multitude of weapons, some which were believed to have been used in a serious domestic assault which amounted to grievous bodily harm.



The above are a few examples of the hard work and dedication shown by your local officers every week on Central South.

Kind regards,

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