

MEDIA INFORMATION

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Cell site evidence plays major part in investigation of gruesome attack

Cell site analysis carried out by Key Forensic Services played a vital role recently in the resolution of an attempted murder case, investigated by Bedfordshire Police.

The victim returned home one evening to find 4 men in his dwelling, who then subjected him to a terrifying attack in which he was stabbed twenty times and assaulted with a stun-gun.

The victim survived and managed to identify his attacker (who was known to him and to his partner). A suspect was apprehended and a number of mobile phones belonging to him were seized and sent to Key Forensic Services for examination. A Cell-Site analysis was carried out on one of the phones which plotted the movements of the suspect on the day of the offence and linked him to the vicinity of the crime scene, around the time of the brutal attack.

Initially, the suspect denied being in the town where the crime had been committed, but faced with this compelling evidence and CCTV footage of him meeting with the victim's partner (who was involved in planning the attack), the suspect pleaded guilty to the charge of attempted murder and received an indeterminate sentence last week, which carries a minimum of 6 years imprisonment.

Commenting on this case, Detective Chief Inspector Paul Schoon of Bedfordshire Constabulary said: " This case highlights the power of Cell-Site Analysis as an intelligence tool. Using sophisticated technology, Key Forensic were able to establish the whereabouts of the suspect on the day of the crime, tracing his route by the calls he made/received and putting him in the immediate vicinity of the scene around the time that the offence was committed. This and other evidence linking the suspect to the victim and the scene resulted in a guilty plea and an early and cost-effective resolution of the case."



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