

Criminal intelligence IT specialist ABM launches anti-knife crime film

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Nottingham, 11th December 2008 – In response to the escalating problem of knife crime, exacerbated in some cases by the unwillingness of witnesses to come forward and give evidence, criminal intelligence IT specialist ABM, has today launched a new film that shows how its computer software can help police in their investigations.

The film was premiered to an audience of more than 100 officers from over 40 police forces at ABM's recent user conference, and has now been made available through the company's website at www.abm-uk.com/crime-film

BTEC National Diploma (BND) Acting and BND Performance students from New College Nottingham played the knife victim and his attackers, and the film follows through from the aftermath of the murder showing how ABM's software helps investigating officers to deal with covert policing operations such as police informant management, surveillance and witness protection.

Alastair Luff, Managing Director of ABM, commented "Knife crime is an emotive and very serious problem for many police forces. Although 23 young people in London alone have died after being stabbed, this is a nationwide problem, with one in five teenagers have admitted to carrying a knife. Our abmpegasus software brings vital intelligence information together in a single web-enabled system to help police officers investigate offences quickly and efficiently.

"Being able to take an integrated approach to managing covert operations through one central repository – rather than piecing together information from various locations – increases the likelihood of securing a conviction. Processes are also standardised so police officers can be confident that they are automatically being taken through best practice procedures. As well as ensuring adherence to regulatory guidelines and legislation, the administrative burden is significantly reduced so police officers can spend their time where it is most needed rather than being slowed down by unwieldy paper processes.

"This film shows how, when powerful software is used correctly across the police force, crimes can be efficiently investigated using covert intelligence gathering techniques in a compliant way which ensures that perpetrators are brought to justice."

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About ABM

ABM is a leading supplier of criminal intelligence IT, developing best of breed solutions in partnership with customers to meet the unique requirements of the law enforcement market. ABM's intelligence-led applications are national standard compliant and work from a single data source enabling customers to gain substantial time saving and financial benefits. Its 180 law enforcement customers worldwide include internationally renowned organisations such as the Metropolitan Police, New York Police Department (NYPD)

and Western Australia Police. For more information, visit ABM at <http://www.abm-uk.com>

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