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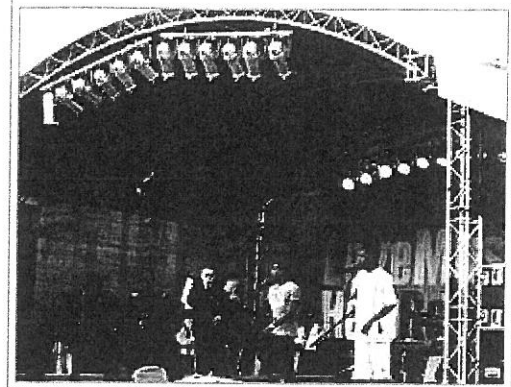
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To catherine.arkle@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk  
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Subject Re: Work Media Events October : NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

Hi Cath

I'm looking into 'Lethal Bizzle' to find out what recent events/crowds have been like and if there have been any similar incidents. I will also find out if the 2006 incident was linked to the artist. I will be in touch soon.

Thanks for the heads up, I had no idea about what happened in Liverpool.

Graham

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We have serious concerns about the 'artiste' Lethal Bizzle. 'Grime' as I understand it is the harder end of Bassline. Bizzle appeared in Liverpool in 2006 at their Academy venue and after the event there was a stabbing connected with his entourage.

On that day ,31/10, we also have a Leeds Utd football home match and the English Defence League march in the city centre. Police resources will be stretched.

I await your comments.

Cath

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- 1) Extra cctv cameras covering outside area and approach to entry as well as exit.
- 2) More staff including the 'heavier' kind of door staff we don't normally need.
- 3) We already search everyone on entry but will also have metal detectors for this event.
- 4) Pre event meeting on site with Protec manager to identify potential problems. Contact Richard at Protec 078837166632
- 5) Program of events planned to help crowd management\*.

I can see why you might think that I have lost the plot or been tricked by dodgy promotors, but I didn't just jump into this without any doing any homework. I hope and expect that this will be a fantastic event. I would not have considered an event playing this style of music that wasn't live. Although you can never be certain of how things might turn out, you can plan for it and I am confident that this event should pass with little or no trouble as has been the case with the previous Jam hard events which have had comparable attendace with far less security and planning. Please bear in mind that-

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The incident occurred after a post-gig party in the early hours on Monday morning (March 27).

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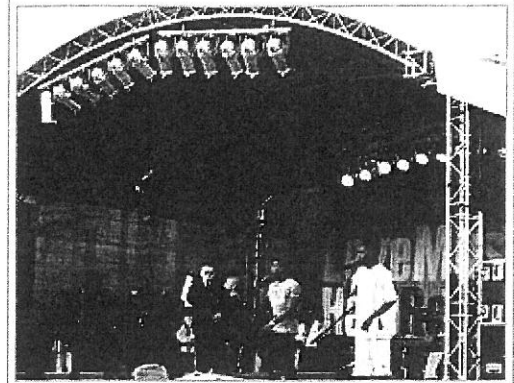
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Subject Re: Work Media Events October : NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

Hi Cath

I'm looking into 'Lethal Bizzle' to find out what recent events/crowds have been like and if there have been any similar incidents. I will also find out if the 2006 incident was linked to the artist. I will be in touch soon.

Thanks for the heads up, I had no idea about what happened in Liverpool.

Graham

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We have serious concerns about the 'artiste' Lethal Bizzle. 'Grime' as I understand it is the harder end of Bassline. Bizzle appeared in Liverpool in 2006 at their Academy venue and after the event there was a stabbing connected with his entourage.

On that day, 31/10, we also have a Leeds Utd football home match and the English Defence League march in the city centre. Police resources will be stretched.

I await your comments.

Cath

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Hi Cath

Sorry I haven't been in touch about the 31st sooner.

You are absolutely right, this is very different to the things we normally put on and I do agree that there is more potential for trouble than usual. I am aware that I shall be stepping out of my 'comfort zone' on this and will be bringing in a lot of extra security measures and following advice from the experienced Protec team.

- 1) Extra cctv cameras covering outside area and approach to entry as well as exit.
- 2) More staff including the 'heavier' kind of door staff we don't normally need.
- 3) We already search everyone on entry but will also have metal detectors for this event.
- 4) Pre event meeting on site with Protec manager to identify potential problems. Contact Richard at Protec 078837166632
- 5) Program of events planned to help crowd management\*.

I can see why you might think that I have lost the plot or been tricked by dodgy promotors, but I didn't just jump into this without any doing any homework. I hope and expect that this will be a fantastic event. I would not have considered an event playing this style of music that wasn't live. Although you can never be certain of how things might turn out, you can plan for it and I am confident that this event should pass with little or no trouble as has been the case with the previous Jam hard events which have had comparable attendance with far less security and planning. Please bear in mind that-

- 1) This event is nothing to do with Bassline and no DJs supported by the 'fighting' bassline people are playing (grime is an amalgamation of hip hop, garage and drum&bass). On the other hand, I expect a relatively small amount of 'dodgy hoodie' characters to be attracted by the music but hope the ticket price and student targeted promotion will put most off.
- 2) The event is produced by reputable promotors, Jam Hard events who put on Drum and Bass events for students. I hope / expect that the attendees will

be 80% students and this trend is currently obvious on Facebook. Contact Tom Buxey of Jam Hard on 07921 086541.

\*3) This event has been promoted and programmed as a mini festival rather than a club night, despite being in a venue. The 'Urban' artists are programmed to perform live vocal sets on a brightly lit, full stage to promote their new album releases between the hours of 6pm and midnight, many with full live musical accompaniment.

Planned security numbers at present are 4 during the day for DJ and dance workshops and 14 from 5.30 until 4am for main music event. There are 435 confirmed guests on facebook and 9 tickets had been sold at last count.

I will stay in touch on this, updating you of any significant developments, please contact me if you feel there is anything else we should be doing or if you hear of the planned attendance if any un-desirables.

Regards  
Graham

PS also planning larger live event Nov 21 with Sunshine Underground (indy)

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Hi Cath. Just to let you know organisers of 31st event haven't sold many more tickets and main artists have been moved back so peak now starts at 10 rather than 7. Hope this eases your resources. Also detached on 6th Nov have asked me if they can continue in one room until 8 or 9am. Graham catherine.arkle@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk wrote:>Graham

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>Thanks for the update.

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>Hope things are O.K, sorry for any extra work created by our Halloween event, you can be sure I will look more carefully at proposed artists in the future!

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>Re 31st October

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>At the moment ticket sales are just over 200 with 643 confirmed guests on facebook. Based on similar past events, I would expect a minimum turnout of

>400 and a maximum of about 800 with good weather and good luck, there is a lot of competition on the night and this year it seems many people are having parties at home.

>I checked with venue and police in Sheffield and apparently 150 - 200

>people turned up to Lethal Bizzles O2 gig, it was a young student based  
>crowd and there were no incidents.  
>  
>I have asked Protec to provide 10 security staff for the peak times (main  
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>  
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>Sat 14th Pre Party After Party, Electro with local DJs 21:00 - 09:00. 400  
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