



Case Study: Test Purchasing



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3 days

Why?

Due to a need for specialist support in ongoing investigations.

How?

Deployment of a tailored Test Purchasing package to an individual case, including fit-for-purpose expertise and characteristics.

Outcome:

11 successful Test Purchases in Thurrock and a significant breakthrough in the investigation.

A Test Purchase (TP) is when an undercover operative is sent to attempt to purchase illicit goods, in order to gather evidence and intelligence to support ongoing investigations.

TP investigations are an essential part of ensuring that illicit goods are monitored and seized appropriately. Commonly, the premises that sell illicit goods such as tobacco and alcohol are run by Organised Crime Gangs (OCGs).

In order to infiltrate the activity of OCGs to ensure successful outcomes, it is often necessary to conduct test purchases with consultants from similar cultural backgrounds.

RSMS Test Purchasers come from a diverse range of backgrounds and locations, and have years of specialist experience in covert operations.

Throughout 2018 and 2019, RSMS have conducted investigations with various local authorities up and down the country, utilising specialist equipment such as hidden surveillance cameras to gather and provide intelligence to support further evidence outcomes.

Thurrock

In 2018, Thurrock Council requested Red Snapper Managed Services (RSMS) deliver a package comprising of consultants from an Eastern European background in order to aid their investigations in the Thurrock area.

Over the course of this investigation, with the support of the RSMS team, one consultant was able to obtain 11 successful TPs.

In addition to this, this consultant was utilised to approach and eventually buy tobacco from a suspected illegal vendor seen operating on the streets, providing a breakthrough in the investigation of this individual.

Following our success on this operation, Thurrock returned to RSMS requesting surveillance support on another investigation in the area.

RSMS ensures quality outcomes by monitoring the service we provide from start to finish. Successful outcomes in Test Purchasing operations, such as Thurrock, are delivered due to the adaptability of service and the diverse range of locations, backgrounds and expertise RSMS have at their disposal.