

Case Number: VT 04/05/20/3462

Incident: *Bicycle Theft*

Reporting Officer: *Constable Shirley Pettitt* Date of Report: *04 May 2020*

At 1040 hours on 4th May, 2020, I met with Mr William Silvester at 61 South Chorley Drive regarding a bicycle theft. Mr Silvester said he had locked the bicycle in the garage on the evening of 3rd May. When he awoke this morning, he heard a loud bang coming from outside his house. At 8am when he went to get his cycle to travel to work, he **discovered** his £660 bicycle was missing and the locked garage door had been forced open. No other items appear to have been taken from the **property**.

Mr Silvester **described** his bicycle as a 12 speed, metallic blue, Trek mountain bike 2018 model. It has a **security** tag number of B8973196 located under the cross bar.

Mr Silvester **told me** that the bike was left unlocked in the garage but he knew the garage door was locked securely before he went to bed on the night of May 3rd. Mr Silvester now believes that the bang he heard at approximately 6:45am was the sound of the **thief breaking an entrance** into the garage.

I **conducted a survey of the crime scene** and discovered that a heavy object has been used to ram through the locking mechanism of the garage door. I could see nothing on the garage floor or surrounding area which might be linked to the thief. I carried out **a house-to-house enquiry** with both his neighbours. There was no response from 59 South Chorley. Mrs Margaret Chapman of 63 South Chorley was unable to provide any more information **claiming** she had neither seen nor heard anything unusual that morning.

I **obtained a sworn statement** from Mr Silvester and **provided him with the case number and Information Leaflet 18/07 ("Victim Support after a Burglary")**. I **told** Mr Silvester that the police would **keep him informed of any developments** in the **recovery** of the cycle. I entered the bicycle into the **station database** as a stolen item. I also **searched the local area** but was unable to find the cycle.