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A RADIO SHOW

Steve: And now it's over to our Fergal Howie for Crime Zone.

Fergal: Thanks Steve and welcome to Crime Zone.

A pretty quiet day in the capital at the moment. Our eye in the sky reports there's a car chase currently on the Edgware Road, which is three vehicles in length and moving at an average of 70 mph. That will be clearing up later in the day, just south of Oxford on the M40, with a fatal crash at Banbury Services.

Monday will see short outbreaks of street crime in Hackney and Lambeth with the worst of the violence on Coldharbour Lane. That will be followed by fairly persistent burglary over most of the capital into Tuesday morning, petering out at about 6am.

Much of Tuesday and indeed Wednesday, expect to see armed robbery in south east London, highest figures reaching three an hour in Lewisham.

Thursday will bring the first murder of the week, a drive by shooting in Hounslow, which will be followed by house-to-house searches. The police will be looking for a black man in his early twenties. The assailant is in fact a white 45-year-old plumber called Neville.

Patchy car theft appearing on Friday and into the weekend, with the heaviest figures focused around Chelsea. You'll be looking at about £2.5 million retail, which is £800,000 street sale value.

The outlook then for the weekend, crimes against property in general will be fairly heavy, top figures 1167, with street fights after closing reaching an unseasonal high on Saturday at 670. Glassings will be holding steady at 35%.

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Re-offending is currently up 5% at 65% and the prosecution of officers on brutality charges index is steady at ...zero.

The white-collar crime index is stable at 7923, down 1.5%, with a cluster of insider trading holding out around Liverpool Street.

Moving onto the sentencing forecast:

Old Bailey, murder to manslaughter, charges dropped, forecast acquittal.

Bow Street Magistrates, currently inconsistent, evidence fair to poor, CPS cock-up.

Wood Green Crown Court, Crown v Ahmed, inadmissible, off on a technicality.

Ilford Magistrates, punitive, climbing vindictive, going down for a long stretch.

PART TWO

Just time to read out a few of your messages:
John Bromley from Guildford has written in to say:

Dear Fergal, I'm a huge fan of Crime Zone and tune in every week....

Thanks John.

Please can you wish Guigsy and Adam all the best for the Abbey National job on Tuesday, 11.30, Wood Green High Road. Don't forget to have enough petrol in the motor this time, boys. Running out at Highbury Corner last week was not cool, innit.

OK, the very best of luck lads. And watch the traffic there. The buses can be a real nightmare.

And Peter Walsh from Walthamstow writes:

Please can you wish me all the best this Tuesday when I will be the victim of a hit and

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run accident outside my local Londis. This is my first time and although I have done lots of preparation I still feel a little nervous. Can you also wish Gary the driver the best as he gets ready for the accident, and I look forward to seeing him, albeit briefly, as I bounce off the windscreen on Tuesday.

And just time for one more.

This one by e-mail this time. Harry Frewen from Kingston writes:

Dear Fergal

Last week I was asked to do a stabbing in Surbiton. Noticing a couple of police cars buzzing around, I asked a very sweet old lady to keep a look out for me while I did the job. In my haste to flee the blood soaked corpse I was remiss in not properly thanking her. Please could you extend to her my warmest appreciation. It's good to know that we still live in a society where people are willing to lend each other a hand. Could you also extend my sympathies as I subsequently learnt that the victim may well have been her husband, a fact I am not sure she was entirely aware of when she agreed to help.

So if you are listening, lady from Surbiton, do call in and we'll put you guys in touch.

Well that's all for this week. Next week we'll be looking at a sadly neglected group in the Criminal World, ladies over 50. We'll be examining areas where post-menopausal women can get involved in crime. Booker Prize winner Margaret Atwood will be joining us for the discussion.

Bye for now, and back to you Steve.

Steve: Thanks Fergal. Time for a break and taking us into it.. this is The Clash.

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