

The Accident Investigation and Asset Protection Team using technology to make a difference





Overview

APU Ltd uses technology and unparalleled Policing experience to provide rapid accident investigation services, covert asset monitoring and recovery services to CHOs, solicitors, Police forces and insurance companies. Identifying and minimising fraudulent automotive activity, APU Ltd is uniquely staffed by trustworthy former Police Officers and works with law enforcement agencies and other organisations to combat fraud.

How does it work?

APU Ltd's team of data and anti-fraud professionals provides covert vehicle monitoring capabilities using its highly secretive, almost untraceable ARU monitoring and recovery technology alongside a suite of fraud intelligence and investigation services, including people tracing, asset protection and recovery, fleet risk management and surveillance.

APU is increasingly utilised by CHOs, insurance companies, fleet operators and individual clients across the country, supporting them to reduce the costs associated with motor insurance claims, providing expert analysis and interpretation of telematics data, and where necessary, working with law enforcement agencies to bring the masterminds behind motor insurance fraud to justice.

Ownership

APU is owned by Accident Exchange Limited, benefiting from the experience and funding of a suite of complimentary companies operating in the automotive sector from telematics and accident management to specialist automotive software and day-rate insurance.

ARU stolen vehicle monitoring and recovery

Modern vehicles incorporate similar anti-theft devices, we all know that, but so do the criminals. APU's innovative ARU technology is virtually undetectable and allows it to locate and recover stolen vehicles when other technology falls short.

The leading-edge technology has been directly responsible for locating, tracking and the resulting convictions of several prolific criminals. With its team of highly experienced investigators, APU's combination of technology and skilled personnel provides the best chance of recovery.

CASE STUDY

APU Ltd helps break up London-based Ugandan car theft ring

In one of the most notorious cases of vehicle theft in recent years, APU's fusion of leading-edge technology and human intelligence expertise enabled the safe return of over 20 prestige vehicles—valued at over £1 million—from Uganda.

The vehicles started their round trip on the streets of London where they were targeted by the gang as high value, prestige models. As luck would have it, and unfortunately for the criminal gang, one of the vehicles targeted—a Lexus—contained a covert piece of technology allowing APU Ltd to monitor its whereabouts. The crime syndicate had stripped the vehicles of their conventional tracking devices but the Lexus was equipped with APU's technology.

When the technology raised a red flag (as the vehicle crossed a national border), APU was unaware of the vehicles final destination however it transpired the Lexus was due to join a number of other prestige vehicles, which had previously been taken to Uganda via the Mediterranean Sea, Oman and Kenya, eventually reaching Kampala, Uganda, in steel containers.

APU Ltd immediately alerted the National Crime Agency and Interpol, who worked in tandem to locate and potentially return the vehicles to their owners in the UK.

Law enforcement agencies were that confident in the ARU technology and APU's credibility that the Lexus was remotely tracked across Africa whilst remaining in a steel container, which was a new tactic.

The cross-border case led APU and the authorities to a location in Kampala via APU's technology, enabling all teams, along with Ugandan officials, to keep abreast of the vehicles' location.

Later it was discovered that they were now trailing one of the most prevalent motor theft syndicates seen in recent years whereby the criminals would target expensive vehicles to be stolen from the UK's roads and shipped abroad.

Even though the vehicles had been located there was still concern that their safe return was by no means guaranteed. Neil Thomas, APU's Head of Investigative Services, travelled to Uganda with NCA officers to seize the vehicles and install further covert devices to ensure the vehicles arrived safely back in the UK.

Several weeks later all of the stolen vehicles arrived at Southampton docks to acclaim from their owners and insurance companies in what was the largest repatriation of stolen vehicles from Africa.

CASE STUDY

Stolen £100,000 Porsche recovered amid rise in car theft

With 40 police forces in England and Wales recently revealing that car theft was up 30% from 2013, a recent theft of several high value vehicles including a £100,000 Porsche is a perfect example of how criminals are finding success on UK roads.

However, the thieves did not have it all their own way in this case. While the theft from a repair centre in Birmingham led to the loss of a number of vehicles, the Porsche sports car was quickly recovered using one of APU's covert devices and its experienced team of investigators.

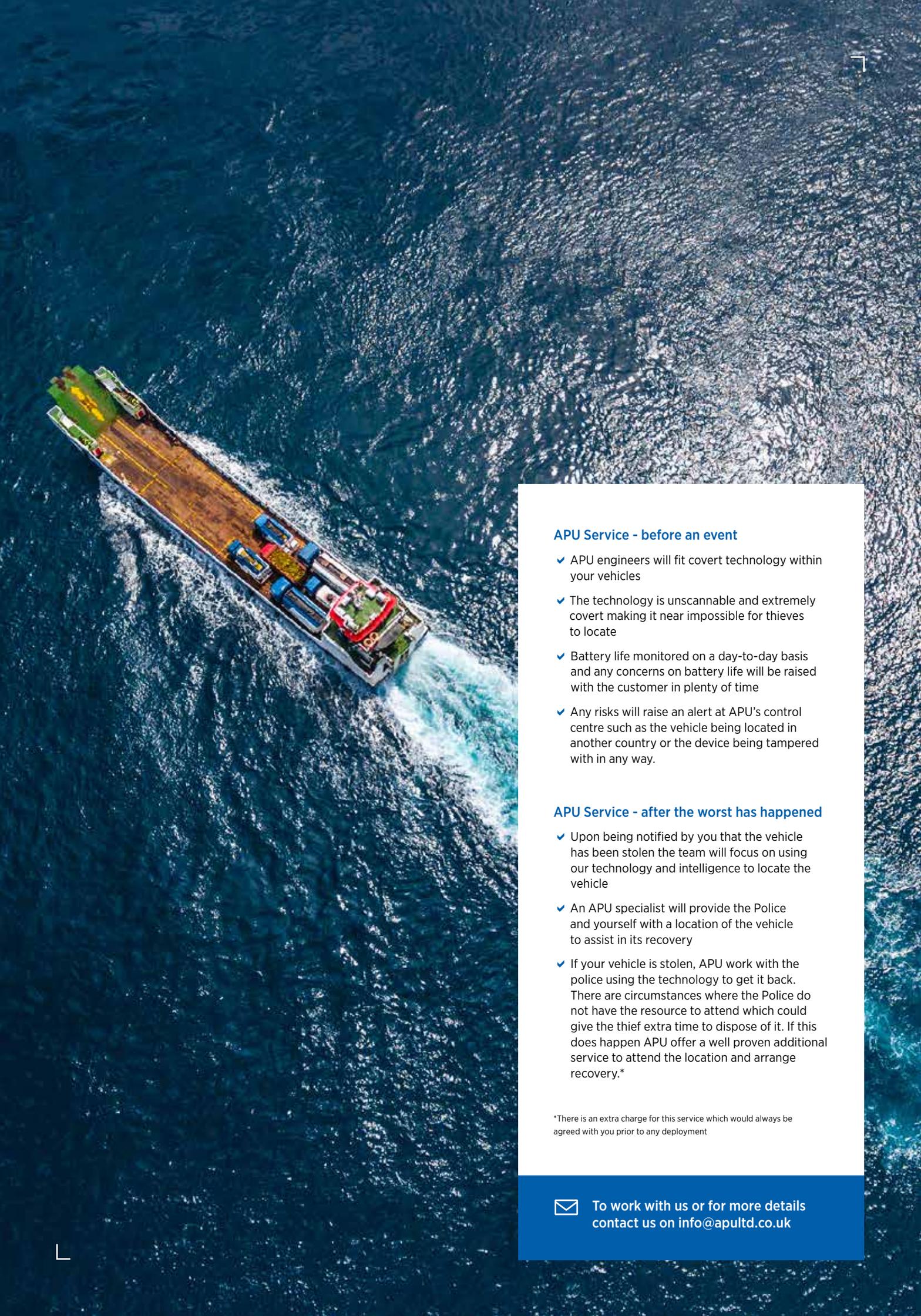
Despite the Porsche having its conventional telematics device removed and being fitted with a cloned licence plate to make it nearly untraceable, the technology and APU's proficiency in vehicle recovery ensured the vehicle was returned to its owner.

The Porsche 911 was in a Birmingham repair centre on Friday 27th September 2017 and nearby CCTV evidence showed the car was stolen that night at 9:47pm, along with three other prestige vehicles.

The car's telematics device and local CCTV showed cars entering a dump site in the Birmingham area just ten minutes later. There, the conventional telematics device was expertly removed, and the licence plates changed, making the car almost impossible to trace.

Using the covert technology still in place, and alongside its team of data experts and former police officers, APU located the car stashed in a hotel car park in Coventry just two days later.

The theft took place as the Metropolitan Police announced new guidelines for 'low-level' crime in response to funding cuts. While it is not yet a UK-wide policy, the changes mean the Met Police often won't investigate many crimes including vehicle theft.



APU Service - before an event

- ✓ APU engineers will fit covert technology within your vehicles
- ✓ The technology is unscannable and extremely covert making it near impossible for thieves to locate
- ✓ Battery life monitored on a day-to-day basis and any concerns on battery life will be raised with the customer in plenty of time
- ✓ Any risks will raise an alert at APU's control centre such as the vehicle being located in another country or the device being tampered with in any way.

APU Service - after the worst has happened

- ✓ Upon being notified by you that the vehicle has been stolen the team will focus on using our technology and intelligence to locate the vehicle
- ✓ An APU specialist will provide the Police and yourself with a location of the vehicle to assist in its recovery
- ✓ If your vehicle is stolen, APU work with the police using the technology to get it back. There are circumstances where the Police do not have the resource to attend which could give the thief extra time to dispose of it. If this does happen APU offer a well proven additional service to attend the location and arrange recovery.*

*There is an extra charge for this service which would always be agreed with you prior to any deployment



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Fraud Intelligence and Investigation

APU provides a range of intelligence, investigative and evidential support services which can be deployed exclusively or in tandem with other parties and enforcement agencies.

The force behind APU's approach is a team of dedicated former police officers and fraud intelligence experts with years of experience in the motor fraud sector. The team is well versed in working with in-house personnel to provide comprehensive motor fraud investigation services, or can act as the 'glue' that binds together multiple investigating parties.

The range of services APU provides is, naturally, dependent on each case's needs, but clients can select individual services—from asset protection, statement taking, technology consultancy, tracing services (people and assets), surveillance, risk management and more—or draw on APU's comprehensive, full investigative pedigree.

CASE STUDY

APU's fraud prevention team helps convict prolific insurance conmen who stole hire cars worth over £200k

One of the UK's most prolific motor fraudsters was sentenced to two years in prison at Preston Crown Court following a sting operation carried out by APU Ltd.

The fraudster, Naveed Shah, stole multiple hire cars—valued over £200,000—from several CHOs and created a complex scam to outwit the police, but which was foiled by APU. As well as stealing cars, Shah stole the identities of innocent people, took out fake insurance policies and even posed as a care assistant who had been a victim of several car crashes.

Shah was eventually caught following a two-stage sting operation performed by APU, when he tried to hire a car from accident management firm, Accident Exchange, leading to the discovery of a web of deceit.

APU's mix of fraud investigation skills and telematics data expertise enabled it to build a portfolio of compelling evidence to help the Police uncover the extent of Shah's offending, and ultimately secured his prosecution and jail term.

CASE STUDY

Private prosecution

Using similar expertise APU was able to uncover another fraudster – this time through a landmark private prosecution.

In an unusual case which foxed insurers, a man disguised his Toyota by dressing it as a Ferrari before crashing into his friend's hired Audi.

Adam Islam and his accomplices staged a 'crash for cash' style setup before splitting the resultant £29,000 insurance pay-out. However, APU deployed its team of forensic experts and former Police officers to establish a link between the persons involved, initiating a further investigation into the case.

After establishing that Islam had failed to sell his Toyota a few days previously, the evidence pointed to fraud. APU partnered with an international law firm to launch a private investigation into the case after the police did not pursue the fraud.

The duo submitted the case to the courts and worked jointly to conduct the advocacy in court hearings. In the face of strong evidence Islam pleaded guilty to fraud and was sentenced to 18-months in jail. His accomplice received a suspended sentence. The insurer and other aggrieved parties also received £10,000 in compensation from the duo.

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