



Operation Coast

In one of East Midlands Special Operations Unit's (EMSOU) largest drugs cases, analysts used Chorus to help break a 15 handed national drugs conspiracy intending to supply the UK with over £1m worth of wholesale drugs.

Key individual suspected of drugs conspiracy with connections to Birmingham, Leicester, Gloucester and Cambridge.



Chorus - attribution

- Contact list used to aid attribution of phones
- Messages and key words used to identify shipment dates

Over £1 million of 'wholesale powder' was being shipped around the UK



28 key dates where class A and B drugs couriered

Suspect's phone data used to link with other subjects and identify key supply dates

Chorus - speed

- Analysts able to process and view thousands of rows of telco data quickly
- Large number of handset downloads also processed

Key suspect had 24 different handsets throughout conspiracy. Other subjects also used clean and dirty phones

Over 300,000 rows of telco data

Chorus - scalable

- Analysts make a connection
- Chorus used to overlay data from different sources
- Links substantially raises the scale of the investigation



ANPR data used to show travel of courier vehicles on key dates. Combined with handset and call data to attribute to certain individuals.

11 of 15 defendants pleaded guilty to conspiring to supply class A and B drugs during May 2015 and March 2016

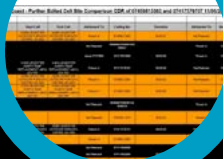
Pre-trial Verdict

Defence Challenges

Other defendants disputed co-location of clean and dirty phones and highlighted simultaneous use of phones. 50 page report from telco expert submitted 1 week before trial by defence.

After 3 days of analytical evidence and cross examination second key suspect pleaded guilty during trial. 'Bumblebee report' proving significant.

Trial



Chorus - evidence

- Chorus used on stand to immediately answer defence questions
- 31 evidential maps were produced and start and end cells plotted
- created a bed and breakfast report to assist in attributing dirty phones
- potential meeting report to show co-locating of phones



Report debunked by investigation team using Chorus in short period in run up to trial.

Jury Verdicts



Remaining 3 defendants found guilty on majority verdicts

Result

- £1 million worth of wholesale drugs removed from streets
- 15 offenders convicted
- 11 not requiring a trial due to guilty pleas
- EMSOU Analyst received judges commendation

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