

A CRIMINT goes onto the system, it gets assessed and graded by the BIU, and then gets brought up at the Daily Intelligence Meeting and we all discuss whether or not it is a borough priority, a crime generator or if we have the staff to take on the job. Then it goes to the following week's Tactical Tasking and Coordinating Group meeting where it is discussed again and it is decided that we should proceed with it. Best we assign someone to it so they can update the tactical planner. There's no one on until the following Monday who can get a warrant though so it will have to wait until then. Monday arrives and a warrant is obtained from Barkingside Magistrates Court after an Officer has waited in the lobby for five and half hours despite being promised that they would get on quickly by the usher. However, the Safer Neighbourhood Team for that ward are weekly leave for two days because they worked a bank holiday weekend, never mind we'll do it on Thursday. Best we do a risk assessment and a full briefing package ready for the dawn raid. The big day arrives, all the troops are briefed, the dog handlers are there and the helicopter is on standby. At 6.30am precisely the front door finally goes in - two weeks after the intelligence was submitted. The suspect has left the premises. Neighbours said he moved out a week ago because he thought that the Police were looking for him. Okay, all back to the nick for a debrief and then the officer in the case can circulate him as wanted for the offence on PNC. Two years later he is finally arrested after a routine stop in Middlesborough. There is now a hastily made phone call between the Duty Officer there and the Grip & Pace Centre here at Fresh Wharf. After lots of toing and froing and revisiting the original intelligence it is decided that it is not really in the public interest to proceed with this after all and in any case we haven't got the manpower or a spare vehicle to travel all the way to Middlesborough to collect him. He walks.

He's done what?
Right let's go round his house and nick him now.



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