

techniques used in pursuing the money and assets trail. Perhaps when this Bill is enacted, this same emphasis will be required by the AFP for all other perceived implications arise only if our collective skills are developed in the tracking, analysing and building up of data on the unlawful assets of criminals, thereby enabling effect to be given to the legislation.

The approach outlined above in respect of drug related matters is adaptable to investigations into fraud and other offences. Whatever approach is decided by the AFP there is little doubt that an overall reassessment of direction and priorities will be required and individual members will need to adapt to that approach and develop their skills accordingly.

### Revenue

The Government expects that the proposed package of legislation will be a significant weapon against major crime in Australia and elsewhere. Additionally it is believed that the benefits returned will greatly outweigh administrative costs; the Bill provides mechanisms to return substantial revenue to the Government.

### Trust Fund

The Attorney-General has proposed that a special trust fund will be established 'to receive funds generated under this legislation' and those funds will be applied 'specifically to finance further measures by law enforcement authorities in their fight against crime.' At the time of writing we do not know the background of that proposal and the mechanics through which it might be administered. The criteria upon which re-application of revenue gained may be authorised are also not known. One would hope that the AFP as the primary law enforcement arm of the Government would be consulted in development of such criteria. As a consequence it may be that the resource problems touched on earlier can be more easily resolved.

Without attempting to diminish the perceived resource concerns facing the AFP as a result of the introduction of this and associated Bills, this legislation will cause a directional review of AFP investigation priorities and will mean for some (or many), a philosophical change to investigational requirements and a development of more sophisticated skills. ●

## NOT THEIR DAY

It was twice unlucky for three men on Thursday 21 May when they rammed their allegedly stolen utility into a traffic light pole only about a block from the AFP's Training College at Barton in Canberra.

Naturally they were in somewhat of a hurry to get away. They had not reckoned that on this morning at about 9.30am, there would be 13 of some of the AFP's fittest men from the Special Operations Team who, after a warm-up, had just begun a run as part of their fitness testing. The team had been training for more than three weeks and were at their peak fitness. They happened to be about 200 metres away and heard the prang.

The trio took off and began to split up. The SOT officers were ready for that and quickly formed into three teams and even though the trio had a 200 metre start managed to run them down within about 800 metres.

One of the officers, Senior Constable John Anderson, had a sore foot and was able to join up with his colleagues when a very cooperative member of the public lent him their private vehicle.

According to the team's training officer, Acting Sergeant Ron Learmonth, it was a great exercise. When the trio were caught up with, one wanted to make a bit more of it but the officers felt after their harrowing experiences that would have been unfair. By this time a few of the SOT officers had recognised two of the three men as 'known to police'.

The officers had been allowed to sleep in a little later than usual because of a previous night's exercise so the trio were very unlucky. One officer went with them to the City Station; the others had

to get back into it to complete their fitness test that afternoon.

The three Canberra men aged 18, 22 and 23, faced a total of 13 charges including theft, taking and using unlaw-

fully a motor vehicle, attempting to take a motor vehicle, malicious damage, driving while unlicensed, and exceeding the prescribed level of alcohol. One man had some outstanding warrants.



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