

Drug Dealer's Seized Cash Given to Charity

CASH seized from a drug dealer has been given to charity in order to benefit local communities.

In 2009 officers seized drugs and just over £4,666 in cash during an investigation into the criminal activities of Paul Turai, from Blackpool. The 45-year-old died prior to a prosecution taking place.

No claims were ever made in relation to the cash and at a Police Property Act application magistrates ordered that the money be used for charitable purposes.

The money will be given to LANPAC (the Lancashire Partnership Against Crime) to fund crime fighting projects across the county.

Since it was set up in 1992, the charity has distributed over £1million to schemes that work towards preventing and reducing crime. Recent LANPAC funded activity has included providing items such as locks and alarms to vulnerable premises; organising diversionary activities for youngsters to reduce anti-social behaviour; and funding counselling services for victims of crime.

Alan Todd, financial investigator for Lancashire Constabulary, said: "The money seized from Paul Turai will now be put to use funding good causes in the community – in complete contrast to Mr Turai's intentions for it."

More details of the projects funded by Lanpac in the west of the county can be found at <http://www.lanpac.co.uk/csiwestern.php>

Information can be given to police on the **new number 101**. In an **emergency always dial 999**.

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