

**Mark Hallas, CEO, Crimestoppers Trust:**

“Ladies, gentleman and members of the press,

Crimes including serious sexual assault, heroin trafficking and insider dealing at investment banks are the types of serious illegal activity the eleven men featured today are suspected of.

While the eleven suspected criminals may see Cyprus as a safe place to evade law enforcement, we are confident that with the help of the local public and ex-patriot community, these individuals will not be able to escape justice for much longer.

Operation Zygus features six brand new fugitive appeals and includes the five remaining suspected criminals from the first campaign in 2012 which saw the arrest of a man wanted for alleged sexual offences against a child just 48 hours after launching.

- **To begin with from the list of new appeals we have Cypriot 35-year-old Osman Aydeniz and Turkish 39- year-old Ozgur Demir who were both last resident in London. Both men are wanted for heroin trafficking of up to 17.83kg of diamorphine.**

The supply of this class A drug is a serious offence, and with 1,496 deaths in England and Wales related to drug misuse around the time of these crimes, we are eager to see those involved in drug trafficking arrested and appropriately sentenced. Three other men have already been convicted in connection with this particular offence and we look forward to locating Aydeniz and Demir to face justice for their alleged actions. Osman Aydeniz is also wanted for conspiracy to commit theft and transferring criminal property.

- **Empathy towards the members of the public who suffer because of their crimes is alien amongst these men. Next on the list is a man suspected of specifically targeting UK gamblers in order to defraud them of millions of pounds.**

Over a period of five years, 41-year-old Jeffrey Bloor is accused of fraudulently providing horse racing tipping services and various types of advance fee fraud connected to the breeding of racehorses.

He advertised campaigns guaranteeing large financial returns for membership fees and offered large returns for stocks which never existed. Bloor’s fraudulent activity has led to innocent members of the public losing thousands from their life savings.

- **Similarly British born Christakis Philippou targeted innocent members of the public attracted by cut-price holidays which he used to lure them into paying for holidays from fraudulent travel agencies.**

Victims were then left without a holiday as the travel agency businesses sued by the accused would cease to trade. An estimated 20,000 people put their trust in these agencies which led to them being defrauded having believed they had secured a good travel deal.

- **Richard Ardolino is another suspected fraudster, who is wanted for conspiring with others to fraudulently obtain mortgages in order to purchase houses across the UK.**

Ardolino's alleged money laundering related to the concealment and transfer of criminal property.

- **Our final of the new wanted individuals is Ersin Mustafa, who is believed to have been involved in insider dealings for two years whilst employed at a London-based investment bank.**

MUSTAFA allegedly stole confidential information and documents about future acquisition and mergers, which were provided to others who then traded using this information. The group made approximately £2.5 million in criminal profits.

It is believed he fled the UK around December 2009.

We are also still appealing for information on the five faces you can see on the screen now. These individuals make up the remainder of the original Operation Zygos back in 2012.

From left to right we have;

**Martin Evans**, wanted for cocaine, MDMA and ecstasy supply as well as fraudulent trading.

**Costas Sampson** convicted of rape and theft of a victim he met in a London nightclub.

**Mehmet Salih** wanted for conspiracy to supply cocaine.

**Timur Mehmet** wanted for conspiracy to cheat the public revenue through fraud.

Finally we have **Hasan Akarcay** who is being sought after for conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

Someone out there has information on these wanted individuals. We are appealing to the public to do the right thing and help us locate these men.

Do you have information about the whereabouts of the six new individuals? Are you aware of the location of one of the original five? They may have changed their name, moved country – any information at all is important to us.

What car do they drive and where do they like to drink? Do you know where they shop? Are they a member of a club that you belong to? We are appealing to you, the Cypriot public and ex-patriot community, to tell us where these people are, without having to tell us who you are.

I would ask any member of the public who recognises any of these individuals or has any information on their whereabouts, to contact Crimestoppers completely safely and anonymously on 8000 55 11 in Cyprus, or 0800 555 111 in the UK.

With your help, we can bring these individuals to justice.

Thank you".