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Community Dept
Buvinda House
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Department of Justice and Equality

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Re: December Joint Policing Committee Meeting

A Chara,

I refer to the above, and wish to advise you of a matter that came up for discussion at this and previous JPC Committee meetings, including at the Public Meeting held in Trim last October.

Specifically, the issue of criminals having easy access, via the motorway routes, to the rural areas of Co Meath, to carry out burglaries ,farm machinery theft ,cattle rustling etc .

The Committee has suggested the option of the Courts implementing a " 3 strikes and you'r out type policy" given the number of repeat crimes being committed by persons while out on bail. In addition, the idea of imposing driving bans by suspending driving licences on convicted criminals, similar to the Driving Licence (automatic) ban for drunk driving convictions , whereby they would be banned from driving for a period of time. Similarly the idea of suspending or withdrawing/recalling Passports for persons convicted of cross border crimes was also mooted.

The Committee would be obliged to receive your views on this matter and look forward to hearing from you further in that regard.

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**ClIr Trevor Golden
Chairperson Co Meath JPC.**