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Eight arrested as Rugby BID works hard to tackle crime

Staff from the Rugby BID took a leading role in taking two national gangs off the streets this weekend. On a busy Saturday in Rugby Town Centre, eight people were arrested and over £6,000 worth of stolen goods recovered as a result of work by Rugby Rangers, CCTV Operators and Warwickshire Police. The O2 Shop and Donald & Aitchison both had goods stolen and recovered as a result of the vigilance and strong partnership working in the town centre.

The first gang were spotted by a Ranger, as they emerged from the Clock Towers running away carrying large amounts of goods. Alerts to the CCTV Control Room saw operators picking up the men and following them in their high performance cars, one maroon Mercedes and one white Audi. An ANPR check also revealed that the two cars were being driven without tax and insurance. Police caught up with the gang in Northampton resulting in the arrest of six men. Stolen goods worth over £5,000, taken from the O2 shop in the Clock Towers Shopping Centre, were recovered.

On the same day a second gang of two males were caught stealing over £600 worth of spectacle frames from opticians, Donald & Aitchison. Staff at the shop believed two men had stolen goods and so contacted the Rangers. On arrival the men were pointed out to the Rangers who detained them until the Police arrived. The stolen goods were then recovered and the two men arrested.

Chief Inspector Bob Musgrove of Warwickshire Police said, "This weekend has shown once again how successful the partnerships within Rugby Town Centre have become. The work by the Rangers, CCTV Control Room Operators and the Police has seen two national gangs of thieves taken off our streets and sends a very strong message to criminals that we are a very vigilant town."