



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Police Powerless To Prevent Crime Spree

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An 11-year-old serial crook stole his mum's car, crashed it, then stole a second vehicle - on the same day The Sun newspaper exposed his life of crime. The thug has been **arrested more than 50 times in two years and is among the top ten burglars in his town.**

Cops caught up with the tearaway twice during his latest crime spree on New Year's Day. But on both occasions they were forced to free him. **Under juvenile crime rules, police are unable to lock him up until he is 12 next month.**

He is **in care** and living in a children's home, but comes and goes as he pleases.

On Friday - the day we revealed his crimes - the boy broke into his mum's house and stole the keys to her Mazda. He drove it at speed before crashing into a front garden fence half-a-mile away.

A man who dialled 999 said the tiny lad's head was barely visible above the steering wheel and he was wearing latex gloves. The boy was later arrested by officers who had no choice but to let him go. He later broke into a car belonging to his mum's neighbour and made off in it after breaking the steering lock.

Police arrested him in the vehicle around 7pm and took him back to South Norwood police station, South London. But they were ordered to release him on bail yet again even though they wanted to remand him in custody to stop further crimes.

The boy - a member of the Certified Young Thugs street gang - has notched up **17 convictions at Croydon Youth Court.**

He has been arrested for offences including burglary, robbery, theft, assault, breach of bail, handling stolen goods, driving without consent and going equipped to steal. On Christmas Eve he was arrested opening a burglary victim's presents in woods. It also emerged he had previously stolen his mum's car while she was in hospital.

A police source said *"It's as if we are waiting for this boy to kill himself or another kid before someone says enough is enough."*

The boy's dad has remarried. Last night the kid's uncle - brother of his mum - jumped to his sister's defence. He denied the boy had been taken into care because of her "alcoholism". He said *"It always seems to be the mum people blame. It's not so in this case. She doesn't drink."*

The PPP comments ... We include this story as typical of what our useless criminal justice system is allowing to happen across the UK. The Police time wasted and the court costs are a scandalous waste of resources. Again we ask what are our army of politicians going to do about it?. Maybe, with an election imminent, they could give it some thought.