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Bullet Resistant Rising Screens

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METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE

To Whom It May Concern

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Dear Sirs

BULLET RESISTANT RISING SCREENS

Mr Nick Medlam, the Managing Director of Safetell, has told me of the interest being expressed in the United States for these products.

I am part of the Specialist Crime Directorate Flying Squad of the London Metropolitan Police Service specialising in the prevention and investigation of armed robberies. I have been aware of the rising screen product since its introduction to the United Kingdom in the late 1980s. During that time I have noted its effectiveness in stopping armed robberies. As far as I am aware, this has been achieved without any hostages being taken and without any weapon discharges against the screen.

A number of statistical studies have been undertaken to measure the effectiveness of rising screens. I attach a copy of the summary findings of one of these. You will note that rising screens stop 90% of armed robberies compared to other systems defeating only 10% of attempts.

I understand that approximately 1,650 systems using 3,500 screens have been installed in the United Kingdom, providing protection for approximately 7,500 tellers.

The Metropolitan Police and SCD Flying Squad in particular fully support the use of rising screens in commercial premises as a tried and tested product in the protection of staff and prevention of armed robberies.

I hope these facts are helpful in your assessment of rising screens and if you need any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan Townsend".

Alan Townsend DC,
Crime Prevention Co-ordinator,
SCD Flying Squad.