

Witness appeal following theft of SAS plaques



Officers from Police Scotland in the Forth Valley area are appealing for witnesses to the theft of brass plaques from a statue commemorating the founder of the SAS (Special Air Service), Colonel Sir David Stirling.

The statue was unveiled near the village of Doune in 2002 and the theft was discovered by a gardener who tends the memorial.

It was reported to Police Scotland on May 30th, and took place between May 23rd and 30th. Two inscribed brass plaques measuring 900mm x 600mm and 700mm x 400mm were stolen after the brass screws fixing them to the statue were cut off using bolt cutters or similar.

Local Inspector Jim Young said: "This is a disgusting theft and is totally disrespectful to people who have given their lives to make this country a better place.

"We are investigating this theft and I am appealing for anyone who has any information about it to contact Police Scotland on 101 or through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. I am particularly asking any any scrap dealers who are offered the plaques, to contact us immediately."