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## **OPERATION TRILBY– Community Update from Superintendent Ivan Powell**

I am the policing commander for Herefordshire and think it is vitally important that I communicate clearly with local residents following a serious incident that took place in the early hours of this morning, Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2013.

Operation Trilby is the operational name allocated by police into the investigation of a stabbing incident.

The way in which events unfolded is as follows:

At approximately 04:40am on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2013, police received a telephone call from the ambulance service telling us they were responding to a report of a man who had been stabbed in the Brewers Arms Public house in Hereford.

A significant number of police resources were deployed to several locations in relation to this incident. These resources included firearms officers, plain clothes and uniform response officers. Other specialist officers are also involved.

At around 4.54 am, only 14 minutes after the call, two persons were arrested on suspicion of attempted murder by taser equipped officers. Both remain in police custody at this time.

This was an extremely fast moving investigation that required the deployment a significant number of police resources. I would like to re-iterate some key messages:

- Within 15 minutes of the call being made, two persons were under arrest and there is no longer any threat to the community.
- The victim and suspect are believed to be known to each other and there is no evidence to suggest that any other member of the public is at risk of harm.
- We have significant policing resources committed to the investigative interviewing, forensic investigation, crime scene searches and house to house enquiries.

I would also like to thank the local community in Hereford for their understanding and support during this police operation.

Whilst the identity of the injured male is known to some members of the community, his identity will be confirmed in due course. At this time, his injuries are not thought to be life threatening. Our thoughts are with him and his family at this difficult time, but please be reassured we continue to provide them with personal support.

It is important for me to acknowledge that this is a serious incident, but please be reassured this type of event is very rare, and there is no longer a threat to the community of Herefordshire.

Members of the public who believe that they have information that may be relevant to the police investigation are to contact West Mercia Police on 101 and ask for officers at Hereford, or please approach any of my staff who will be patrolling your areas whilst they conduct house to house enquiries over the next few days.

Superintendent Ivan POWELL- Herefordshire Policing Area.