

Loch Lomond Takes Action to Stop Youth Crime After Tragic Losses

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In response to a series of recent tragedies involving young people, Loch Lomond police have relaunched Operation Ballston, a joint effort aimed at reducing youth crime, violence, and antisocial behavior across the area.

The deaths of three teenagers 16-year-old Kory McCrimmon, 15-year-old Amen Teklay, and 16-year-old Kayden Moy have deeply affected communities and highlighted the need for stronger action. Each young life was lost due to violent incidents, raising concerns about knife crime and youth safety in western Scotland.

Local Area Inspector Colin Cameron said, “We understand the worry these incidents have caused. While violent crime remains low compared to past years, we are not taking this lightly. Through Operation Ballston, we will focus our efforts on areas where young people are most at risk, working closely with partner agencies to keep everyone safe.”

Kory McCrimmon was fatally stabbed in Glasgow’s East End last May, with a 14-year-old sentenced for his killing. Amen Teklay was found seriously injured in Maryhill earlier this year, and three teenagers have been charged in connection with his death. More recently, Kayden Moy died after a disturbance at Irvine Beach, with two 17-year-olds facing murder charges.

Inspector Cameron added, “Officers will carry out high-visibility patrols throughout the summer. Anyone involved in antisocial or violent behavior will be dealt with firmly and fairly. We want the community to feel safe and supported.”

Operation Ballston also addresses other safety concerns, including the misuse of disposable BBQs, which have led to fires and property damage.

Chris Spence, a Scottish Fire and Rescue Service watch commander, said, “Setting fires is a serious crime that endangers people, wildlife, and property. It’s important that everyone understands the risks involved.”

With this renewed campaign, police and their partners aim to protect young people, prevent violence, and ensure Loch Lomond remains a safe place for all residents.