

Police CIS report Ref 17/438

Two vehicles parked overnight on a public Rd outside (Withheld) Apsley Rd. A Renault Laguna has been found by a member of the public with the engine compartment well alight and flames coming out of the front and front offside. No persons seen in the area and no suspicious circs noted at the time. CSI requested to photographically record the damage and examine the Laguna to try and determine the possible cause of the fire within the engine compartment. Photos were taken and an examination carried out. All of the front of the vehicle was completely burnt out and a half circle area of the front of the bonnet was completely burnt away. The most extensively burnt out area of the engine was around the Alternator where there is normally a mixture of permanently live wires, oil and fuel lines. There was nothing around the burnt areas or within the debris to suggest that anything malicious or foreign source of ignition could have been introduced to start the fire. It is therefore considered that it is most probable that there has been a small electrical fault which could have started arcing around the Alternator area which eventually in turn burnt/melted live wires which was the eventual cause of ignition in the unusually hot temperatures being experienced at this time. (Approx' 33% Celsius) and around 22 - 24% overnight. To sum up, there is no evidence of criminality being involved to cause this fire. The Ford Fiesta was not examined as this has just suffered severe heat damage to the rear of the vehicle from the Laguna. Likewise the plastic moulding of a double glazed window frame has been melted from the heat of the fire. The Fiesta and window of (Withheld) Apsley Rd was also photographed.