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*the Brett Irwin Walk or Ride*

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***Well another month has gone by and police are still resigning in alarming numbers. Now this brings to mind why now, more than ever, the government and hierarchy have to think about how they can more effectively use very valuable and scarce first response police.***

Faced with an already massive workload, police are often tasked with attending alarm activations that, in my experience, 90% of the time turn out to be false alarms. Has anyone got any exact figures? It may be more. How many false alarms at factories, schools, houses and businesses have you attended?

A small amount of research reveals that in most countries it is legislated that alarm activations received by a central monitoring station are to be visually confirmed before law enforcement officers are called out, and fines are invoked in the event police attend false alarms. In fact I know that the QFRS fine businesses for having to attend false alarms regularly, and rightly so.

Police know that when prioritizing the responses to alarms the fact that a venue may have had numerous false alarms will almost certainly increase the response time and sometimes place these types of jobs on the very bottom of the list of jobs that we attend.

An alternative to how our business is done now may be the Videofied (video+verified) system which uses the concept of a completely wireless video verified alarm technology. Motion sensors for the alarm system are self powered and each sensor has a built in camera with night vision infrared illuminators. The Videofied solution eliminates continuous CCTV style recording and provides "event-based video" of only the events triggered by the alarms motion sensors. When the motion sensors detect an intruder, a 10 second video clip is captured and is immediately sent to the monitoring station via the GPRS cellular network. This video verification of an 'alarm' or 'false alarm' enables appropriate response and prevents unnecessary police deployment.

The Videofied alarm technology has only recently been released to Australia and won "Best in Show" award for new product innovation by the Security Industry Association at the ISC West in Las Vegas 2007.

After personally being provided a demonstration of the Videofied system I am convinced that the video verified concept is the way of the future in intrusion detection

systems. I would encourage the speedy implementation of this concept in the commercial and small business sector as a means to prevent unnecessary police deployments and give urgency to verified intrusions. Steps should also be taken to be in keeping with the majority of the world and introduce laws to fine those who waste precious police time with false alarms.

If you know of anybody wanting further information on the Videofied system it can be found at [www.videofied.com](http://www.videofied.com)

I have recently spoken to another stressed out member who has been done over by our judicial system. It seems that he has had \$1,500 in costs awarded against him personally. Not the QPS but him. Now whilst awaiting relevant court reports to fight this matter he has been served papers by the court stating that if did not pay the costs within the time frame the matter would be referred to SPERS for it to be resolved by that means.

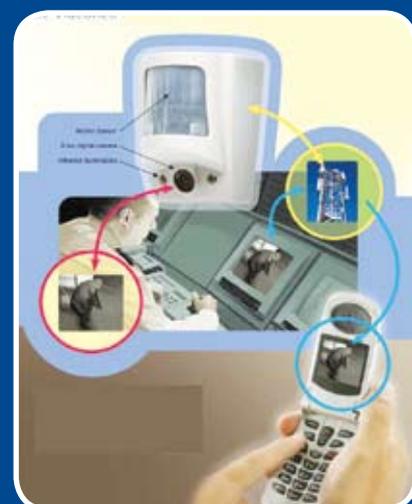
Now you might think that our colleague may have presented a flimsy case. Not so, he had full audio admissions by the defendant confirming the elements of the offence, however this was not good enough for our legal system. I cannot help but wonder where it will all end? Will it take a total breakdown in society before justice might prevail?

Now what affect do you think this will have not only on this particular officer but on any cop out there trying to do the right thing and put crooks before the courts? I'll tell you. More and more police are going to be leaving, when seemingly their only reward for keeping our citizens safe from crooks is a kick in the guts from the judiciary.

**Be careful out there.**

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