



NEWSLETTER

The Institute of Professional Investigators SPRING EDITION

PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR HIRED BY EX-FOOTBALLER

Football legend Alan Shearer used private detectives to find Kevin Neal, a financial adviser who owed him £232,000, after alleging he was given "negligent" pension and investment advice.

The former striker agreed a confidential settlement with Neal but the pundit was furious when he failed to make a High Court hearing, claiming he was stranded at his Spanish home with an injured foot and the COVID-19 quarantine rules.



Shearer hired PIs to find him and within days of the court case being adjourned, they produced photographs for the judge that reportedly showed the 62-year-old loading a car in Hertfordshire before driving off. Neal has now been ordered to pay the ex-England striker the money he owed him, as well as £55,845 in court costs.

<https://247newscentre.com/2020/12/12/alan-shearer-hires-sleuths-to-track-down-financial-advisor-who-owed-him-232000/>

EDUCATION AND TRAINING UPDATE

The IPI are looking to offer the SfJ - Level 4 Award in Covert Surveillance Operations (Intermediate) qualification adopting the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) route. This route is intended for individuals who qualified as surveillance operatives and can prove that they meet the current qualifications underpinning knowledge outcomes and will then complete a one-day practical assessment of their skills. Details: Brian@ipi.org.uk

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Guy Cooper has been co-opted onto the Board. A retired Police Officer, he brings a background in specialist covert policing and investigation in the national security, domestic extremism and serious crime context including the establishment and operation of specialist teams.

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