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## **Cryptocurrency trader jailed for stealing £32,000 of electricity**

In 2017 British Gas caught a cryptocurrency trader who was bypassing the electrical mains to power machines used for their financial dealings. The individual had been creating a community safety risk at several sites across Leicester from industrial units to a nightclub and abstracting circa £80,000 worth of electricity.

After making the supplies safe and reporting the findings to the police, members of the Revenue Protection Team at British Gas worked hard to support the prosecution case against the individual being held responsible. On Monday 15th October 2021, thanks to the hard work and efforts of everyone involved, Leicester Crown Court ordered that the person responsible repay £32,000 to British Gas and issued a 13-month custodial sentence.

Providing a long-term deterrent to energy theft is not easy and is seldom a quick activity but the team's commitment to supporting the criminal prosecution provided a great result.

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