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Police track laptop

POLICE have foiled the attempts of computer thieves using high-tech software that helped officers trace a stolen laptop.

Businessman Nigel Barr, who runs Sheffield construction firm Strada, lost his laptop when thieves broke into his car.

South Yorkshire Police traced it with software that revealed its location as soon as it was connected to the internet.

Det Con Simon Hennigan found the laptop on at a car boot sale.

He said: "This is a deterrent

to those who may be tempted to purchase equipment like this even if it appears to be a great bargain. You should be aware you could receive a police warning or even charged with handling stolen goods, as in this case"

Business crime reduction adviser Edward Dodd installed the Computrace tracking software on Mr Barr's computer.

Mr Dodd said: "It is not only the loss of hardware but potentially business downtime, data loss and reputational damage that can result from laptop theft"