PDL Warns of 40% Rise in Corporate Espionage, Unveils New 'Physical Firewall'

Your Firewall Has a Blind Spot" — Private Detective London Launches "Physical Firewall" Initiative as Corporate Espionage Surges Across the Capital

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LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, May 7, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Private Detective London (PDL), the capital's leading Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (TSCM) specialist, is urging Mayfair and City-based firms to look beyond their digital defences after recording a 40% year-on-year rise in suspected eavesdropping incidents across London's legal and financial hubs.

As organisations pour resources into cybersecurity, a new generation of AI-enhanced surveillance devices is quietly exploiting the gap that firewalls were never designed to cover: the physical office itself.

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> *Tim Boyd, Lead Investigator at PDL*

Today, PDL launches its "Physical Firewall" initiative — a programme that fuses military-grade electronic sweeping with forensic physical audits to secure the spaces where the most consequential conversations happen.

"The industry has spent a decade building higher digital walls," says Tim Boyd, Lead Investigator at PDL.

"Meanwhile, someone's been leaving the boardroom door open. We're finding devices that sit dormant all day, invisible to standard detectors, then burst-transmit recorded audio over 5G in the middle of the night. No firewall catches that — because it was never a digital problem."

The threat has evolved far beyond the conventional "bug in a lamp." PDL's enhanced TSCM protocols now target:

* Dormant & passive devices — electronics that power down or record locally, producing no RF signature to trigger conventional alarms.
* Laser microphones — long-range external devices that reconstruct speech from window surface vibrations, requiring no physical access to the target room.
* Rogue IoT nodes — miniature transmitters concealed inside everyday office hardware — smart speakers, thermostats, even USB chargers — turning trusted equipment into listening posts.

The shift comes amid growing concern that London's recent focus on high-profile digital breaches — including council-level incidents in Kensington and Chelsea — has drawn attention away from the physical layer, creating precisely the blind spot adversaries are now exploiting.

PDL stresses that bug sweeping is no longer a reactive measure reserved for when something "feels wrong." In an era of high-stakes litigation, contested mergers, and executive-level targeting, regular TSCM audits are becoming as routine as penetration testing — and arguably more urgent.

PDL is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). All forensic reports are produced to evidential standard for use in legal proceedings.

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About PDL
Headquartered in Mayfair, PDL is a leading investigative agency specialising in high-end surveillance, asset tracing, and TSCM (Bug Sweeping) services. With a network spanning 60 countries, PDL provides discreet, legally compliant intelligence for a global client base.

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