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Further attacks 'are likely'

THERE are likely to be more letter bomb attacks in the coming days, a top security expert predicted last night.

David Hill, the former head of Gwent CID and a counter-terrorism specialist, also warned that the police would have great difficulty tracking down the perpetrator - likely to be a lone attacker.

He said that whoever was behind the campaign was clearly resourceful. "The attacks we've seen so far suggest a level of organisation and research in locating the targets," said Mr Hill.

"They have been specific and have generated a large amount of publicity. The perpetrator will want to maintain the momentum."

Mr Hill, now a consultant with global security agency red24, said: "It is vital that the public and workers handling mail remain vigilant and are aware what to look out for." He said the conviction rate for such crimes was historically low, because evidence is "usually destroyed".

"That said, from reports of the injuries, it seems the detonations were not very strong, and the police will certainly be scrutinising every scrap of evidence left."

Mr Hill said detectives would be keeping an open mind, but added: "This is likely to be an individual trying to draw attention to his specific gripes or issues."