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Lingerie line to combat thieves

A new weapon in the war on crime was being unveiled to the travelling public today – a new style money belt disguised as a piece of ladies' lingerie.

The lingerie "stealth belt" would not be detectable to would-be thieves.

The belt is part of a new commercial range of bags and fashion accessories designed specifically to combat theft.

It also includes wrist bands to carry mobile phones, alarmed laptop cases and high-security record bags for DJs.

Commuters at Victoria station in London were being encouraged to try out the new anti-theft bags which have been backed by police.

Research for the range was carried out by groups including Central St Martin's College of Art and Design, where designers Stella McCartney and John Galliano studied, the Suzy Lamplugh Trust and British Transport police.