Boy, 14, arrested in Britain over 'terror plot in Australia'

<u>Isil-inspired plot to slaughter police in Australia.</u>

Detectives investigating the youngster, from Blackburn, Lancashire, found evidence on his computer or phone of an imminent plan by fanatics in Melbourne for a terror outrage during Anzac Day celebrations this Saturday.

The boy was first arrested on April 2 as part of an investigation by officers from the NWCTU, which is based with Greater Manchester Police, and a 16-year-old girl from Manchester was also arrested. The pair were questioned on suspicion of preparing a terror act but police have refused to say what that initial investigation centred on.

However, as officers examined the boy's electronic devices they unearthed communications with an Australian man that suggested an imminent attack in Melbourne.

It led to police there launching "Operation Rising" which saw the arrest of five men, all aged 18 or 19.

Police insiders claim the men were planning to run over a police officer with a car before killing him with a knife and going on a shooting rampage with his gun.