



Media Information
Ryde Police Area Command
Monday 17 June 2019

Two officers injured after head-on crash - East Ryde

Two police officers were injured after a head-on crash in East Ryde.

Shortly before midnight on Friday 14 June 2019, officers attached to Ryde Police Area Command were patrolling on Lane Cove Road, Ryde, and attempted to stop a black Holden Commodore.

The Holden Commodore failed to stop, and a police pursuit was initiated.

A short time later, the Holden Commodore has collided head-on with a police vehicle on Pittwater Road, East Ryde.

The occupants – a sergeant and senior constable – were taken to Royal North Shore Hospital for treatment.

The driver, a 33-year-old sergeant – suffered a hand injury.

The front passenger – a 29-year-old senior constable – suffered chest and back pain.

Both officers are expected to make a full recovery.

The driver and passenger of the Holden Commodore, both men aged in their 20s, were uninjured.

The driver of the Holden Commodore fled the scene on foot into nearby bushland.

A crime scene was established while officers from Ryde Police Area Command conducted a full investigation.

About 8:30pm on Sunday 16 June 2019, investigating police attended a unit complex in Penthurst in an effort to locate the driver. Police observed the man to be walking to the unit complex and placed him under arrest.

The 22 year old man was taken to St George Police Station. On searching his belongings police located a small clear resealable bag containing a small amount of a clear crystallised substance which police allege to be methyl amphetamine.

The man was charged with Police pursuit - not stop - drive recklessly, Drive motor vehicle during disqualification period, Drive furiously in motor vehicle do/cause bodily harm, Owner not disclose identity of driver/passenger, Custody of knife in public place, Goods in Custody, Possess Counterfeit money, Not give particulars to other driver, Fail to stop and assist after impact cause injury, Possess Prohibited Drug, Use etc offensive weapon to prevent lawful detention and Negligent driving.

He was bail refused and will appear in Burwood Local Court on 17 June 2019.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

High Range PCA - Ryde

At 8:25pm on Friday 14 June 2019, a 26-year-old man from Seven Hills was driving his vehicle, north west along Rothesay Ave Ryde when for reasons unexplained the front near side tyre blew out. The man began to change the tyre when a passer-by stopped and offered some assistance. While doing this the passer-by noticed the man's speech was slurred and breath smelt of alcohol. The passer-by contacted police and remained with the man to insure he did not leave the scene.

Police arrived a short time later and spoke with the man before submitting the man to a breath test. The man returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station to undergo a breath analysis.

The man returned a reading of 0.151 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with High Range PCA. His licence was suspended, and he will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 1 July 2019.

Man charged with numerous offences - Gladesville

Approximately 10:30 pm on 15 June 2019, a 22-year-old man from Abbotsford in company with a small group of friends were in attendance at a licenced premise in Gladesville.

About this time the man exited the via the premises front entry doors, passing staffed security officers. Although the man left at his own accord they observed him to be moderately affected by alcohol as his balance was unsteady, his posture sagged, eyes glazed and bloodshot.

Approximately twenty-five minutes later the man returned to the entry doors of the premises in company with another man, Security immediately recognised the man due to his previously observed behaviour to which was now exaggerated. The man was informed that due to his level of intoxication he was refused entry.

The man has then gained access to the premises via a side entry door. He was observed by security and escorted from the premises. The man became aggressive and argumentative with security. In the midst of the dispute security attempted to remove the accused further from the

front of the premises, in the thick of the struggle between security and the man, he has stepped onto lane two on Victoria Road with oncoming traffic approaching.

At this moment, police patrolling observed the man on the main road. Police exited the vehicle and placed a hand on the man in an effort to remove him off of the road. The man violently shrugged and pulled away from police escorting him to the pavement. The man however continued to struggle and pull away from police by vigorously swinging his arms down in part with his body weight.

To prevent the man from re-entering the roadway, police pulled the man to the ground where handcuffs were applied to prevent injury to himself and others. Whilst on the ground the man began yelling and swearing at police.

A search of the man located a clear large resealable bag containing what is believed to be Cannabis.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Excluded person fail to leave premises when required, Excluded person re-enter/attempt to re-enter premises, Excluded person remain in vicinity of licensed premises, Use offensive language, Resist officer in execution of duty and Possess prohibited drug.

The man is due to appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

Police warn businesses about University identity takeover scam

The NSW Police Force Financial Crimes Squad is warning the community about an elaborate scam where people claim to be from a tertiary education facility looking to purchase products from legitimate businesses.

Police from across NSW have received numerous reports in recent weeks relating to a scam which begins as an email or phone call, using the identity of a university, to order electrical goods or medical equipment from businesses across Australia.

The scammer uses the identity of University Procurement Services and provides instructions to deliver the products, which have included laptops and defibrillators, to a warehouse.

The business provides payment details to receive an electronic transfer and the goods are delivered; however, the money is never paid and is not able to be recovered.

Detectives from the Financial Crimes Squad have commenced an investigation and are urging the public to be vigilant when selling items to tertiary education facilities.

Financial Crimes Squad Commander, Detective Superintendent Linda Howlett, said businesses should be wary of unsolicited emails and check the sender's details closely.

“We urge businesses to make independent inquiries with the University procurement section to check the legitimacy of the transaction,” Det Supt Howlett said.

“When making further inquiries, go directly to the University website and seek legitimate contact details rather than using the numbers listed in the email.

“One company has lost half a million dollars and we estimate the scam has netted at least \$1.5 million from legitimate businesses.”

If you have been the victim of a scam, you can report it to local police or to ACCC
Scamwatch at: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam> or by calling 1300 795 995.

Further, victims of identity theft can contact IDCARE for assistance to reduce the harm experienced from the compromise and misuse of identity information: <https://www.idcare.org>

To find out more information about this and similar scams or to find out other ways to protect yourself, visit <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/types-of-scams/buying-or-selling/classified-scams>.



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Shoplifter – Macquarie Park

About 3:45PM on Wednesday 19 June 2019, a 17-year-old teenager has entered a department store in Macquarie Park. The teen has selected an item of clothing and removed the security tag with a de tagging device.

The teen has then left the store without making any attempt to pay for the item. The incident was witnessed by the stores Loss Prevention Officer. The teen was stopped and detained by the officer who escorted him to the security office and contacted police.

Police arrived a short time later and spoke with the teenager. The 17-year-old will be dealt with under the Young Offenders Act by way of Youth Caution for shoplifting.

Fire – West Ryde

About 11:55am on Monday 17 June 2019, the resident of a home in Hibble Street West Ryde was watching television. The resident heard a bang in the laundry and could smell plastic

burning. The resident opened the laundry door and saw smoke coming out from the washing machine area.

Another resident in the house has attempted to put out the fire with a hose and called triple zero.

Police arrived a short time later and observed the residents attempting to extinguish the fire. Police escorted them out of the home for their own safety. Shortly after this, Fire and Rescue arrived and extinguished the blaze that had engulfed the laundry and threatened other areas of the home.

Both residents were taken to hospital as a precaution due to smoke inhalation.

The possible cause of the fire was determined to be from a fault in the washing machine.

Man charged with drink driving - Carlingford

About 6:30pm on Thursday 20 June 2019, police were called to Tintern Avenue, Carlingford in relation to a heavily intoxicated driver who had crashed into parked cars in the street.

Police arrived a short time later and observed witnesses standing around a 45-year-old man from Carlingford. Police spoke with the man before submitting the man to a breath test. The man returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station to undergo a breath analysis.

The man returned a reading of 0.164. On questioning the man, it was ascertained that after the man had collided with the parked cars, that he had walked a short distance to his home and drank an amount of alcohol and then returned to the scene.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Alter concentration of alcohol before test - 1st off.

He will now appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

Man charged over roof scam – Denistone East

In January this year a 22-year-old man has cold canvassed a house in Denistone East advising the female occupant of the home that the residence was in need of roof repairs in the form of requiring new downpipes and gutters and provided the victim with a quotation for those repairs.

In the following weeks, work commenced on the home, however the owner of the premises was introduced to a second man who advised her that further repairs would be required on the premises and a substantial amount of money would be required. The victim has paid this money to the man.

The victim reported the matter to police in March this year and an investigation into the matter was commenced.

On 19 June 2019, a 22-year-old man was arrested and charged with Dishonestly obtain financial advantage etc by deception and Knowingly deal with proceeds of crime.

He was bail refused and will appear in Central Local Court on 20 August 2019.

Ryde Police urging residents in unit complexes to lock up security cages

Over the past few weeks there have been several break and enters across the Ryde Police Area Command, particularly in the Meadowbank area. Thieves are targeting basement car parks and gaining access into garage and storage units.

Residents should ensure that their garages and storage units are locked, and they have no valuable items in view.

Police encourage the community to report all suspicious behaviour to police on 9879 9699 (Gladesville) or 98589299 (Eastwood), alternatively you can contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



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High Range PCA – Hunters Hill

About 3:15am on Saturday 29 June 2019, police were called to a single vehicle accident on Figtree Road at Hunters Hill.

Police attended and observed a white motor vehicle in the middle of Figtree Road balancing on its side. A 23-year-old man from Huntleys Cove who was the driver of the vehicle was standing nearby. Police spoke with the man who stated that he was driving along Figtree Road when he lost control of the vehicle and collided with a parked car. This caused the vehicle to flip onto its side. Police submitted to man to a breath test.

The man returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police station to undergo a breath analysis. The man returned a reading of 0.165 and was issued with a Court

Attendance Notice for Drive with High Range PCA. His licence was suspended, and he is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

Shoplifter – Macquarie Park

About 4:50pm on Friday 28 June 2019, a 55-year-old woman from North Parramatta has entered a department store in Macquarie Park. The woman has selected a number of toys off the shelf and placed them into shopping bags that she was carrying with her at the time.

The woman has then left the store without making any attempt to pay for the items. This was witnessed by the store's Loss Prevention Officer who stopped the woman outside the store.

The woman was escorted to the security office to await the arrival of police.

Police spoke with the woman before issuing her with a Court Attendance Notice for shoplifting. The woman will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 22 July 2019.

Man charged with Assault/Resist Police – West Ryde

About 3.20pm on Sunday 6 June 2019, Police attended a service station in West Ryde in relation to a man attempting to gain entry into vehicles.

On arrival police observed a 43-year-old man from Rydalmere washing the windscreen of an Audi. Police made enquires to find that this car in fact had been at the Service Station all day after the owner had inadvertently put Diesel in it when it is a petrol car.

Police made further inquiries with surrounding businesses in relation to CCTV footage and saw that the man was loitering around cars parked in the car park.

Police spoke with the man who was ranting and making disparaging and racist remarks towards the Police on scene.

The man then shaped up in a boxing stance and was making threats towards Police. The man then rushed at police. Police then attempted to bring the man under control and handcuff him.

One of the police officers who attempted to arrest the man became wedged between the bowsers and the man who had landed on top of him. The man has then bitten the officer on the forehead. The man was finally subdued and placed into the police vehicle.

He was taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with two counts of Assault Police and Resist Arrest. He was bail refused to appear in Burwood Local Court on 1 July 2019.

Shoplifter – Macquarie Park

About 4pm on Sunday 30 June 2019, a 34-year-old woman from Cherrybrook has entered a department store in Macquarie Park. The woman has selected a number of items of clothing off the shelf. The woman has also selected some perfume and placed it into her hand bag.

These actions were witnessed by the store's Loss Prevention Officer.

The woman has then attended a cash register and paid for one of the items. The woman has then left the store without attempting to make payment for the other items.

The woman was stopped outside the store by the Loss Prevention Officer who escorted the woman to the security office to await the arrival of police.

Police attended and spoke with the woman before issuing her with a Court Attendance Notice for Shoplifting. She will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 8 August 2019.

Two men issued infringement notices for Offensive Conduct -Eastwood

On the evening of the 28 June 2019, a 26-year-old man from West Pennant Hills and a 53-year-old man from Asquith were drinking together at a licensed premise in Eastwood.

About 11.15pm the men left the premises and started heading south down East Parade at Eastwood. At this time, the men have had a personal disagreement and started arguing. This argument resulted in both parties starting to punch each other. A member of the public driving by saw this and called police.

Police attended a short time later and observed the men walking down the road casually, with neither of them fighting. Police conducted a u-turn to speak to them. In the time it took for the u-turn to be conducted, the men were once again fighting.

When Police got out to speak with the men, they were both on the ground, grappling and wrestling each other. They began throwing punches at each other. Police observed that both men had minor lacerations to their faces.

Police told the men to stop fighting and separate, but they refused to do, continuing to throw punches at each other.

Due to the violent confrontation occurring between the two men, police deployed a burst of OC Spray into the faces of each man. They both immediately stopped fighting and obeyed police directions.

The 53-year-old man was taken to Ryde Hospital due to his level of intoxication and the other man was taken home.

Both men were issued with Criminal Infringement Notices for Offensive Conduct.

Beware of Scammers

Over the past few weeks there have been several reported scams using a variety of techniques within the Ryde Police Area Command. Don't be tricked into giving away your money for nothing!

Some of the current scams that have raised their head again is the ATO scam. This is where victims are contacted by phone with someone posing as the tax office claiming that they have outstanding tax debts that must be paid immediately to avoid prosecution. The scammers then ask that you pay in itune cards.

The ATO are never going to ask you to pay with itune cards. They will contact you formally by mail if there are any issues. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from the ATO, Do not give out any personal information, and definitely do not purchase itune cards! If you have concerns, contact the ATO directly on 132 861.

The other scam that has also been reported to police recently is one involving Fake tradies (also known as travelling con men). They are dodgy tradesmen who offer to do maintenance work on your home or office then disappear with your money, leaving unfinished or substandard work, if they start work at all.

They offer to do jobs such as driveway resurfacing, painting, roof repairs and carpet cleaning at cheap rates. Fake tradies may approach people while they are working in the garden. They look for houses that have handrails and ramps, often targeting older and vulnerable people. They ask for cash before starting the work and will offer to drive you to an ATM.

Make sure that you use reputable tradesmen and get a number of quotes for the work. Do not let strangers into your home and ask them to leave. If they don't go, call the police.