



## **Media Information**

### **Ryde Police Area Command**

**Monday 29 October 2018**

#### **Woman charged over the alleged 'theft' of more than \$450,000 in cryptocurrency**

A woman has been charged following an investigation into email compromise and the unauthorised transfer of cryptocurrency.

In January, detectives from the State Crime Command's Cybercrime Squad established Strike Force Rostrevor to investigate the 'theft' of 100,000 units of Ripple from an electronic account.

At that time, the total value of the cryptocurrency was more than \$450,000.

Investigators were told the victim, a 56-year-old man, believed his email account had been hacked the previous month and was subsequently locked out of his account for two days in mid-January.

When he regained control of the account and checked the activity, he noticed his cryptocurrency account had also been compromised leaving almost a zero balance.

Following extensive investigations, Strike Force Rostrevor detectives, with the assistance of the Public Order and Riot Squad, executed a search warrant at a home at Epping about 8am on Thursday 25 October 2018.

During the search, police seized computers, electronic storage devices, mobile phones, and documentation.

A 23-year-old woman was arrested at the home and taken to Ryde Police Station, where she was charged with knowingly deal with proceeds of crime.

Police will allege in court that the woman and/or others took over the man's email account and locked him out by changing the password and enabled a mobile number as a second authentication on the account.

She then allegedly accessed his cryptocurrency account and transferred more than 100,000 Ripple into an exchange based in China, which was later converted into Bitcoin.

She was granted strict conditional bail and is due to appear at Burwood Local Court on Monday 19 November 2018.

Investigations are continuing.

Cybercrime Squad Commander, Detective Superintendent Arthur Katsogiannis, urged the community to enable multi-factor authentication on accounts to help protect from hackers.

“An email account is more valuable than people realise – scammers are increasingly targeting emails as they link the individual to financial accounts and other personal information,” Det Supt Katsogiannis said.

“There is often valuable information saved in sent items or the trash, and scammers will look for anything that will assist in taking over your identity or accessing your finances.

“This is the modern equivalent of digging through a household rubbish bin or stealing mail.

“Just as we were taught to shred documents and lock our mailboxes, the lesson is now ensuring that email accounts containing personal information and are linked to financial accounts have a minimum of two-factor authentication.

“Your personal information is an extremely valuable commodity to criminals and needs to be treated and secured as you would cash,” Det Supt Katsogiannis said.

Advice about multi-factor authentication can be found on the Australian Cyber Security Centre website: [https://acsc.gov.au/publications/protect/multi\\_factor\\_authentication.htm](https://acsc.gov.au/publications/protect/multi_factor_authentication.htm)

*Police are urging anyone with information in relation to organised fraudulent activity, email/online scams, or other cybercrimes to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au/> Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our social media pages.*

### **Low Range PCA – Macquarie Park**

About 8:35pm on Sunday 28 October 2018, Police were patrolling the Macquarie Park Area when they observed a 57-year-old man from North Sydney was travelling east upon Epping Road. Police stopped and spoke with the driver before submitting him 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 driver returned a reading of 0.050 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Low Range PCA.

He is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on Monday 10 December 2018.

### **Shoplifter – Macquarie Park**

About 4:30pm on Thursday 25 October 2018, a 33-year-old woman from Barrack Heights has entered a supermarket in Macquarie Park. The woman has selected a number of items off the shelf and placed them into her handbag.

The woman has then left the store without attempting to make any payment for the items. This incident was witnessed by the stores Loss Prevention Officer who stopped the woman outside the store. The woman was then escorted to the security office to await the arrival of police.

Police spoke with the woman before issuing the woman with a Criminal Infringement Notice for shoplifting.

### **Mid-Range PCA - Epping**

At 12:20 am on Saturday 27 October 2018, a 24-year-old woman from Denistone East was driving on Bridge Street Epping when she was stopped for the purpose of a random breath test. The woman returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station to undergo a breath analysis.

The driver returned a reading of 0.087 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA. She is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 27 November 2018.



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### **Ryde Police Area Command**

**Monday 5 November 2018**

### **Multi-vehicle crash - Gladesville**

Five adults were taken to hospital following a multiple-vehicle crash in Gladesville.

About 7.30pm on Sunday 4 November 2018, police and emergency services were called to Victoria Road, near Westminster Road, after four vehicles were involved in the crash.

The injured sustained varying injuries including; broken pelvis, internal injuries, and minor injuries. They were taken to a variety of hospitals, including Royal North Shore, Ryde, and Royal Prince Alfred.

The cause of the crash is yet to be determined.

Victoria Road was closed in both directions for a short time.

Officers from the Crash Investigation Unit attended and are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the crash.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to the crash to contact police via Crime Stoppers.

**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.**

### **Man arrested over alleged glassing - West Ryde**

A man has been arrested after another man was injured following an alleged glassing in West Ryde.

Shortly before 11pm on Saturday 3 November 2018, emergency services were called to a service station on Victoria Road, near Hermitage Road, where they found a man aged in his 20s with wounds to his head and neck.

He was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command attended and established a crime scene.

Investigators were told following an altercation, the injured man was approached by another man, who allegedly struck him with a broken bottle.

The men are known to each other.

A man aged in his 20s was arrested at the scene and taken to Ryde Police Station.

As inquiries continue, anyone with information, or who was in the vicinity, is urged to come forward.

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### **Mid Range PCA - Marsfield**

At 2.20am on Thursday 1 November 2018, a 21-year-old woman from Carlingford was driving west on Epping Road Marsfield when she was stopped for the purpose of a random breath test. She returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police station to undergo a breath analysis.

The driver returned a reading of 0.100 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA. Her licence was suspended, and she is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

### **Fail to quit – Macquarie Park**

About 2:20pm Thursday 1 November 2018, a 36-year-old man from Epping was inside a licenced premise at Macquarie Park. The man is known to the staff members as he was issued with a banning notice from the premise in October 2018.

The man was approached by staff and informed that was required to leave the premise as he was issued with a banning notice in October. The man became argumentative with the staff member and refused to leave.

As a result, police were contacted and arrived a short time later. Police located the man in the car park of the location where he became argumentative with police.

The man was issued with an infringement notice for Excluded person fail to leave a licence premise when required. The man was moved on from the premise.

### **Teen charged with drug supply – Epping**

About 14:45pm on Friday 2 November 2018, Police were in attendance at Epping Railway Station performing a Police operation targeting drug related crimes. A Police drug detection dog and his handler were also in attendance assisting with the operation. Police along with the Police dog were situated inside the entry gates to the platforms at this time.

At this time a 17-year-old teenager from Hornsby has entered into Epping railway station main entrance and proceeded to walk through the entry gates and towards the escalators which provides access to the platforms below. The Police dog has indicated that the teenager may be in possession of a prohibited substance and followed the teenager down the escalators onto platform one where he was stopped and spoken to by police.

The teenager was submitted to a search along with a black bag that he was in possession of. Police then searched the bag the young person was carrying. Police located 4 clear resealable bags totalling approximately 94 grams of what is believed to Cannabis along with a set of digital scales and a large quantity of cash.

The teenager was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Supply Prohibited Drug. He will appear in court at a later date.



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### **Ryde Police Area Command**

**Monday 12 November 2018**

#### **Driver charged following two-vehicle crash - Carlingford**

A man has been charged following a two-vehicle crash at Carlingford.

Emergency services were called to Pennant Hills Road about 10.15pm on Wednesday 7 November 2018, after a northbound Hyundai Tucson and a southbound Hyundai Getz crashed head on in the southbound lanes.

The driver and sole occupant of the Getz, a 24-year-old man, was trapped for a short time before being extricated from the vehicle. He was taken to Westmead Hospital with serious leg injuries.

The driver of the Tucson, a 58-year-old man, was taken to Westmead Hospital with minor injuries.

Officers from Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit attended and commenced an investigation into the incident.

Following those inquiries, the 58-year-old man was arrested after he was released from hospital.

The Epping man was taken to Parramatta Police Station where he was charged with dangerous driving occasioning grievous bodily harm and negligent driving occasioning grievous bodily harm.

He was given bail to appear at Parramatta Local Court on 5 December 2018.

#### **Man charged over multi-vehicle crash - Gladesville**

A man faced court after he was charged in relation to a multi-vehicle crash at Gladesville.

About 7.30pm on Sunday 4 November 2018, police and emergency services were called to Victoria Road, near Westminster Road, after four vehicles were involved in a crash.

It is believed that a BMW M4 was travelling west on Victoria Road while three other vehicles, a Ford Focus, Volkswagen Polo and Toyota Corolla were travelling eastbound.

The BMW appears to have failed to negotiate the sweeping left hand bend near the intersection with Westminster Road and collided with the three eastbound vehicles.

As a result of the collision five people were conveyed to a number of hospitals with a variety of injuries.

Officers from the Crash Investigation Unit attended and commenced their inquiries.

On Tuesday 6 November 2018, the 26-year-old man who was driving the BMW was released from RPA Hospital and was arrested by police.

The man was conveyed to Newtown Police Station where he was later charged with dangerous driving occasioning grievous bodily harm (x 2), furious driving occasioning injury through misconduct and negligent driving occasioning grievous bodily harm.

The man was refused bail to appear at Newtown Local Court on Wednesday 7 November 2018.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to the crash to contact police via Crime Stoppers.

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### **Motor vehicle accident/PCA - Ryde**

About 7.30pm on Thursday 8 November 2018, a 29-year-old man from Ryde was driving his vehicle north on Anzac Parade, Ryde. As the man has approached the T intersection of Blaxland Road, he has failed to give way to oncoming traffic. As a result motor vehicle that was travelling west on Blaxland Road has collided with the front of the man's vehicle.

Police arrived at the location a short time later. Police noted the man appeared to have difficulty standing and was swaying on the spot. Police spoke to the man who was slurring his words and smelt strongly of liquor.

Police have submitted the man to a road side breath test which returned a positive result. The man was placed under arrest for the purpose of a breath analysis and taken to Ryde Police Station.

The driver returned a reading of 0.187 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with High Range PCA. His licence was suspended by police and he is due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 7 January 2018.

### **Shoplifter – Macquarie Park**

About 10:50 am on Friday 9 November 2018, an 18-year-old woman from Denistone has entered a department store in Macquarie Park.

At 10:54am on the same date the woman was seen to be loitering in the women's clothing section of the store where she was observed for a period of time by the plain clothes Loss Prevention Officer.

The woman was observed to remove items of clothing from the display racks and place the items of clothing into a black mesh bag slung over her shoulder over a period several minutes. The woman has then exited through the front of the store via the open exit without making any attempt to pay for the clothes.

The security tags, still attached to the clothing triggered the security system at the exit causing a warning signal to sound at the exit.

The Loss Prevention Officer then approached the woman and produced their security identification cards. The woman was escorted to the security office within the department store. The woman's black mesh bag was searched by the Loss prevention officer and a number of items of clothing were located.

Police were contacted and arrived a short time later. The woman was spoken to by police before being issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Shoplifting. She will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 17 December 2018.

### **Cannabis Caution – Ryde**

About 12:00am on Saturday 10 November 2018, Police responded to a complaint from a member of the public in relation to the smell of Cannabis coming from a unit on Lane Cove Road in Ryde.

Police attended the unit and spoke with a 21-year-old man. Police could smell Cannabis coming from inside the unit and after speaking with the man entered the unit.

Police located two small resealable plastic bags containing what is believed to be cannabis on a coffee table inside of the living room.

Police seized the drug and issued the man was a Cannabis Caution for being in possession of the prohibited drug.



## **Low Range PCA - Dural**

About 5:30 pm on Friday 9 November 2018, Police were conducting random breath testing on Old Northern Road, Dural. A 44 year old woman from Arcadia was stopped for the purpose of a random breath test.

She returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Castel Hill Police Station for a breath analysis.

The driver returned a reading of 0.065 and was issued with a Court Attendance notice for Drive with Low Range PCA. She will now appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.



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### **Ryde Police Area Command**

**Monday 19 November 2018**

## **Three people taken to hospital after five-car crash - North Ryde**

Three people have been taken to hospital following a crash involving five vehicles in Sydney's north-west.

Just before 6pm on Sunday 18 November 2018, emergency services were called to the intersection of Epping Road and Pittwater Road, North Ryde, after reports of a crash involving five vehicles, one of which had rolled as a result.

NSW Ambulance paramedics treated two patients at the scene.

A 48-year-old man was taken to Ryde Hospital with minor face injuries.

A 37-year-old man and a 22-year-old woman were taken to Royal North Shore Hospital with minor injuries and for further testing.

All three underwent mandatory blood tests while in hospital.

Officers attached to Ryde Police Area Command attended and established a crime scene.

Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the crash and are urging anyone with information, or dashcam footage of the incident, to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>

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### **Mid-Range PCA**

At 2.25am on Saturday 17 November 2018, a 22-year-old man from Epping was driving his vehicle in a northerly direction upon Ray Road, Epping.

Approaching the intersection of Edensor Street, Epping the driver started flashing his lights at police who were travelling in front of him. Police let the man past before activating their warning lights to pull the driver over for a random breath test.

The man was submitted to a breath test which returned a positive roadside test.

He was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he underwent a breath analysis. The man returned a reading of 0.090 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA. His licence was suspended, and he is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

### **Shoplifter – Ryde**

About 12:40pm on Thursday 15 November 2018, a 38-year-old woman from Ryde has entered a supermarket in Ryde. The woman was being observed by the stores Loss prevention officer.

The woman was seen to go to the self-serve checkout to pay for several items. After paying for some items, she has walked out of the store with other items that she had not paid for.

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

The woman was spoken to and searched by police. The woman also had items on her that had been stolen from another supermarket.

The woman was issued with an infringement notice for shoplifting.

## **Mid-Range PCA – Ryde**

About 12:00am on Wednesday 14 October 2018, Police were conducting Random Breath Testing at a stationary site on Victoria Road, Ryde.

Police stopped a 26-year-old man from Newport for the purpose of a random breath test. He returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station to undergo a breath analysis.

The driver returned a reading of 0.094 and was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA. His license was suspended and he is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 14 January 2019.

## **Lock and secure your vehicles**

Ryde Police are urging motorists to take precautions to ensure the safety of their cars and property inside them. Recently there has been an increase in relation to the theft of motor vehicles and steal from motor vehicles within the Ryde Local Area Command.

In the early hours of Wednesday 14 November, a number of unlocked vehicles were broken into in the Hunters Hill area. Vehicles parked in Farnell Street, Aston Street, Everard Street, Milling Street and Mary Street were entered via unlocked doors and small items were stolen from some of the vehicle. It was obvious that the alleged offenders had rummaged through other vehicles, however no items were stolen.

In the early hours of Monday 19 November, three vehicles were stolen from the same address in Hermoyne Street, West Ryde.

Anyone with information about these incidents is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence.

Senior Constable Lewis, Crime Prevention Officer, Ryde Local Area Command believes that by taking simple preventative measures, the chances of becoming a victim are greatly diminished.

“When you park and leave your car, ensure the surrounding area is well-lit at night, personal valuables are stored out of sight or taken from the vehicle and doors and windows are locked” she said.

Senior Constable Lewis advises car owners not to leave valuable items in their vehicles, especially those parked in driveways, open carports and on the roadway overnight.

“Thieves usually steal items like cash, sunglasses, mobile phones, laptops, GPS and other valuable items. People should take these items with them when possible, or at the very least store them out of sight in the vehicle,” she said.

“It may sound obvious, but always remember to lock your car, and ensure all the windows are fully closed. Never leave your keys in the ignition or leave them anyway inside the car.”