



## **Media Information**

### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

#### **Positive RDT**

About 1.35am on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Police were conducting proactive patrols along Blaxland road, Eastwood when they stopped a vehicle for random testing. Police spoke with the driver and a breath test was conducted with a negative result. Police then conducted a drug test which returned a positive result. The driver was arrested and conveyed to Ryde Police station for secondary testing which returned a positive result for cocaine.

The POI was prohibited from driving for 24 hours and charged with 'Drive with prescribed illicit drug present in oral fluid and will appear before Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

#### **Assault police and break and enter and steal offences**

A 30 Year old male has been charged after breaking into multiple businesses in the Eastwood CBD.

About 01:15am on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022, a business owner in Eastwood was alerted by phone as his CCTV cameras had activated. A male was seen in the business rummaging through items. The owner immediately called police who attended a short time later.

Police located a 30 Year old male from Homebush in a business. The male attempted to flee the area, seriously assaulting a police officer in the process. The male was arrested and transported to Ryde Police Station.

The male was charged with 14 offences relating to multiple break and enter offences over Sydney, Stolen Motor vehicles and assaulting a police officers.

The male is currently bail refused until 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 where he will attend Hornsby Local Court.

#### **Disqualified driver and positive RDT.**

About 2.00pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022, police stopped a vehicle traveling along Church Street, Ryde for the purposes of random testing.

The driver was submitted to a breath test which returned a negative result, to which police then conducted a drug test which returned a positive result for THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol).

The driver was arrested for the purposes of secondary testing and taken to Ryde Police Station. Secondary testing conducted on the driver showed a positive result for THC. Positive sample was sent for further analysis. Whilst conducting checks on the drivers' licence, it showed the drivers licence as disqualified.

The driver was issued a Field Court Attendance Notice with the offence of "Drive motor vehicle on road during disqualification period- 2<sup>nd</sup>+ off, before being released from Ryde Police Station.

#### **Intimidation with a knife.**

About 9.00pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022, two males were waiting beside a vehicle in Ryde when they were approached by an unknown male. The male then removed a 30cm kitchen knife from his jacket pocket and began to chase the two male victims.

The offender chased the victims for a short amount of time before returning to vehicle where police located him a short time later.

Police apprehended the male, removing the knife and arresting him. The male was transported to Concord Hospital for medical treatment. The investigation is still ongoing with charges to be laid on the offender in the near future.



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#### **Man arrested in West Ryde for possession of a kitchen knife.**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 a 42-year-old male has entered the supermarket at West Ryde. He was observed to walk down an aisle where he has taken possession of a large kitchen knife, and walked to a nearby bathroom facility. He has placed the knife in his waistband and then walked out of the store. The male verbally abused nearby pedestrians and displayed the knife in his waistband by lifting his shirt. He walked to West Ryde railway station and caught a train to Epping. About 10.40am, police received complaints from local residents in relation to the male refusing to leave a community hall. Police attended and spoke to a male at the scene. He was searched and a large kitchen knife was located in his waistband. He was placed under arrest and conveyed to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with having custody of a knife in a public place. He appeared at Hornsby Local Court on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 where he was given a \$400 fine.

#### **36-year-old male arrested and charged for breaking into business at Marsfield.**

About 9.45pm, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022, a security guard was conducting patrols of a business in Marsfield, when he observed a male attempting to gain access to a building within the facility. The male was challenged by security who questioned him about his presence at the location. The male stated that he worked at the location, before entering a vehicle and driving out of the location. A short time later Ryde Police attended an address in Marsfield and arrested a 36-year-old male. He was conveyed to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Breaking and Entering. He was given conditional bail to attend Hornsby Local Court on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

#### **Armed Robbery at Epping Railway Station- Four (4) offenders involved.**

About 8.20pm, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 a 17-year-old male was in the vicinity of Epping Railway Station waiting for a train. He was approached by several male offenders, with one of the males grabbing him around the neck in a choke hold and demanding his bag. Another male has then produced a weapon and made threats. The males have attempted to remove a bag from the victim's possession and a physical struggle ensued. The victim fell to the ground where he was punched and kicked several times, before the males ran away. Train staff assisted the victim and police were called. A crime scene was established, and a number of exhibits were seized. Victim was treated at the scene for bruising and swelling to his face. Ryde Detectives were in attendance and enquiries are continuing. If anyone has information they are encouraged to contact Ryde Police on 9858 9299 or Crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

## **Man arrested and charged with numerous property offences and assaulting Police.**

About 1.30am, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 police responded to a Break and Enter in progress, at a shopping complex in the Eastwood CBD. Upon attending the location police located a stolen motorcycle with the engine running. An initial inspection by police identified that several businesses had been broken into. Ryde police with the assistance of a police dog unit have commenced searching the vicinity for any offenders. A short time later a male was observed exiting a shop within the complex. Police have directed the male to stop however he has attempted to evade police by running away. Police have confronted the male and have attempted to arrest him. He has violently resisted police and in the struggle an officer has received a substantial hand injury. He was brought under control and placed under arrest. A search of the male identified a large amount of cash and housebreaking implements in a backpack he was carrying. He was conveyed to Ryde Police station where he was charged with seven (7) counts of Breaking and Entering, possessing housebreaking implements, stealing a motor vehicle and Assaulting Police. He is currently bail refused til 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022, at Hornsby Local Court.

## **Lock it or lose it!**

There are a number of valuable items that are a common target for thieves to steal from vehicles because of their value and ability to be sold for quick cash. They are: Laptops, mobile phones, cameras, sporting goods, tools and cash/wallets.

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of theft, please consider the following security tips.

- Ensure all valuables are removed from your vehicle or conceal them in the boot of the vehicle before arriving at your destination.
- Lock your vehicles doors and close windows even if the vehicle is parked in your driveway, carport or garage.
- At night park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- Park your vehicle in a garage at night where possible.
- Avoid hiding a second set of keys in the vehicle - if the vehicle is broken into, they may find the keys and take the car as well as your valuables.
- Avoid placing bags and wallets on the passenger seat where they could be easily stolen. Thieves will look into vehicles to see what items can be easily stolen. Even a small amount of cash may be the catalyst for becoming a target. Ensure you conceal or remove all cash and valuable items from your vehicle.