



## **Media Information**

### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Wednesday 17 June 2020**

#### **Woman charged with drug offences during proactive patrols – Beecroft**

On Friday 12 June 2020, Police were conducting patrols of the Beecroft area, when they observed a 35-year-old woman waiting to turn right onto Beecroft Road at Beecroft.

Police followed the vehicle for a short distance before it made a sudden turn into a service station.

Police approached the driver's door of the vehicle. The woman opened the driver's door to which at this time police sighted a large screwdriver in the foot well and a set of pliers jammed in the window. The vehicle was full of various items such as handbags, suitcases and loose items which completely filled the back seat and boot of the vehicle.

Police spoke with the woman before she was submitted to a breath test which returned a negative reading. Police had cause to search the woman and the vehicle. Police located 3 small clear zip lock resealable bags containing a small rock of a brown colour which police believe to be Methamphetamine.

While searching the vehicle police located a jacket belonging to the woman. Inside the jacket were a number of gift cards in the name of another person.

After the locating the items, the woman became abusive and commenced swearing and using offensive language towards police.

The woman was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where she was charged with Possess Prohibited Drug, Goods in Custody and Offensive language.

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

#### **Man charged with possession of drugs and a knife during proactive patrols – Woolwich**

About 11:53pm on 13 June 2020, police were conducting proactive patrol of Clarke Points Reserve in Woolwich. Police observed a group of people and three vehicles stationed in the car park reserve area on Margaret Street.

As police approached the vehicles, police observed two men quickly move and reach into one of the vehicles. The two men have then fled on foot towards Clarkes Point Reserve. As police exited their vehicle, police smelt a strong smell of cannabis in the air.

Police spoke with a number of people who were still standing around the vehicles. Police had cause to search an 18-year-old man from South Granville. During the search police located a small clear resealable bag containing what is believed to be cannabis. Continuing the search police located a large knife concealed under the driver seat of the vehicle. The 30cm knife had two 10cm blades being able to flick out of each end.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Possess Prohibited Drug and Custody of a knife in a public place. The man will now appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

### **Man charged with breaching his bail conditions and drug possession – Ryde**

On 1 December 2019, a 35-year-old man from Ryde was charged with a domestic incident. At the time he was released on bail with bail conditions.

About 2.55am on Sunday 14 June 2020, Police were patrolling the vicinity of Quarry Road at Ryde when they observed the man exit a taxi. Police stopped and attempted to speak with the man before he ran off into his home nearby.

Police located the man hiding in the rear yard of his neighbours' property. He was arrested and searched. Upon searching the man, police located a small amount of what is believed to be methylamphetamine (ICE) in his pants pocket.

The man was taken to Ryde Police station where he was charged with Possess prohibited Drug and Breach Bail Conditions.

He will appear in Court at a later date.

### **Man charged with Drug offences – West Ryde**

About 2:30pm, police were patrolling in a fully marked police car on Victoria Road at West Ryde when a 47-year-old man from Rozelle has cut in front of police, causing police to break suddenly to avoid colliding with his vehicle.

Police have stopped the man and submitted him to a breath test which returned a negative result. After speaking with the man for a short time and conducting further checks, police had cause to search the man.

Police located what is believed to be a small quantity of Cannabis in a clear resealable bag and an Ice pipe in the passenger side footwell. A further search of the man's vehicle revealed a small quantity of Crystal Methamphetamine ("Ice") in a clear resealable bag located underneath the passenger side foot mat of the vehicle.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Possess Prohibited Drug. He is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 6 August 2020.

### **Man charged with Shoplifting – Carlingford**

About 3:00pm on Saturday 13 June 2020, a 34-year-old man from Telopea has entered a liquor store in Carlingford. It is alleged that the man has selected a bottle of spirits off the shelf and placed it down the front of his pants. The man has then left the store without paying for the item.

About 3:15pm on the same date the man has entered a tobacconist and requested an item from behind the counter. The employee placed them item on the counter and turned away from the man for a short time. It is alleged that the man grabbed the item and ran from the store without paying for the item.

The man was chased by a member of the public who caught up with the man as he tripped over. The member of the public took back the item and let the man go. The man then fled the area on foot.

A short time later Police have arrived and located the man at a bus stop on Carlingford Road. At this time the man was with a female friend who had 2 bags of groceries from a nearby supermarket. The man stated to Police that the property in the 2 grocery bags were his. The man could not produce a receipt for the groceries in his possession.

The man was placed under arrest and further enquiries revealed that the groceries were in fact from a nearby supermarket and the man did not purchase the items.

The man was charged with two counts of shoplifting and Goods in Custody. He will appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

### **Ryde PAC urge the community to be wary of phone scams!!**

Over the last week there have been several reported scams using a variety of techniques within the Ryde Police Area Command.

Don' be tricked into giving away your identity by providing your personal information!

Some of the current scams that have raised their head again is the Chinese police scam. This is where victims are contacted by phone by someone posing to be from the police department in China. The victim first receives a dummy call from a person claiming to be from a courier company such as DHL. The person states there is a security issue with the victims suspected parcel delivery. Shortly after they receive another call from someone claiming to be from the Chinese police.

This person then raises concerns with the victims expected parcel delivery and requests the victim to send a copy of their passport and drivers' licence to the police. This personal information is then used to open future online bank accounts and/or to apply for credit cards etc.

The Chinese police are never going to ask you to send this information. Always remember never to send out any personal information to people over the phone.

There have also been other fake phone calls to victims, stating they are from the banks and requesting personal information such as PIN numbers.

The banks will never ask for your PIN number, ever! Therefore, do not give out your PIN to anyone!!



## **Media Information**

### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Tuesday 23 June 2020**

#### **Police charge a number of people after conducting a local proactive police operation**

On Friday 19 June 2020, Ryde Police Area Command conducted a proactive police operation in relation to stealing and anti-social behaviour within the Ryde command.

As part of the joint proactive crime team operation, five people were issued Criminal Infringement Notices for shoplifting with the operation targeting shoplifting offences throughout a number of major retail outlets.

On top of the five infringement notices issued, three young people will be given Juvenile Cautions in relation to shoplifting offences.

About 3:30pm as part of the operation two men and their vehicle were searched with police locating a quantity of cannabis, 300 Alprazolam tablets and 3 Xanax tablets. A 20-year-old from Mannering Park was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Possess prohibited Drug and Possess Restricted Substance and a 21-year-old from Summerland Point was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Possess Restricted Substance. Both men will appear in court at a later date.

With the recent pandemic and closure of small business we have seen how devastating shoplifting can be for small businesses, and we will continue to work alongside these businesses to target those people who choose to do the wrong thing.

The operation continued on into the night, with local parks and reserves patrolled by police.

About 7:15pm Police observed a group of youths congregating in a secluded area within the Meadowbank Skate park. Police spoke with the young people and a 16-year-old teenager was found to be in possession of a small quantity of what is believed to be Cannabis and a number of tablets of Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDMA).

He was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with 2 counts of Possess Prohibited Drug and 1 count of Supply Prohibited drug. He is now due to appear in Surry hills Children's Court on 20 July 2020.

Another 16-year-old teenager was found to be in possession of what is believed to be 2 MDMA tablets. He will be issued with a Juvenile Caution.

About 9pm police located three men in Anderson Park at Ryde smoking Cannabis. A 29-year-old man from Ryde was issued with a Cannabis Caution.

At 11:15pm, police located a group of people seated under a pergola within Glen Reserve drinking alcohol, talking loudly and playing loud music. Police approached the group and observed a 19-year-old man from Marsfield was weighing a substance believed to be methylenedioxymethamphetamine or MDMA on a set of scales. The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Possess prohibited drug.

Ryde Police are sending a clear message to the community that no matter how big or small the crime is, we will be out in force targeting illegal activities.

### **Two men charged with breaking into a supermarket - Beecroft**

About 1.15am on Sunday 21 June 2020, it is alleged that a 37-year-old man from North Parramatta and a 36-year-old man from Cherrybrook have forced entry into a supermarket in Beecroft.

Once inside the supermarket it is alleged that the men have forced entry into a number of cabinets containing cigarettes and tobacco products. The men placed various products into a bag they were carrying and exited the building. At the time both men were wearing balaclavas covering their faces and carrying with them crow bars.

Once outside the building, the men were arrested by police.

Both men were taken to Ryde Police Station where they were charged with Aggravated Break & Enter dwelling etc in company and steal and Face blackened/disguised with intent to commit indictable offence. Both were refused bail and will the 36-year-old man will appear in Parramatta Local Court on 23 June 2020. And the 37-year-old man will appear in Burwood Local Court on 16 July 2020.

### **Man issued Cannabis Caution during proactive patrols - Denistone**

About 7:30pm on Thursday 18 June 2020, police were conducting patrols of the Denistone area when they observed a 26-year-old man from Northmead smoking a brown coloured cigarette at Terry Road Lookout. Police observed the man go to his car briefly before returning to the look out and immediately light a white coloured cigarette.

Police stopped and spoke with the man before having cause to search him and his vehicle. Police located a small foil package containing what is believed to be Cannabis in a black bag on the front passenger seat.

The man was issued with a Cannabis Caution for being in possession of the prohibited drug.

### **Woman charged with driving with Middle Range PCA - Eastwood**

About 12:50 am on Thursday 18 June 2020, a 22-year-old woman from Chatswood was driving her vehicle along Station Lane at Eastwood when she has collided with the front bumper of another vehicle.

Police attended and spoke with the woman before submitting her to a breath test. The woman returned a positive roadside test and was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station to undergo a breath analysis.

The woman returned a reading of 0.126. She was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA first offence. Her licence was suspended, and she is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court at a later date.

### **SCAM ALERT! Scammers pretending to be from [Telstra](#) tech support are at it again.**

The scammers are calling people and requesting remote access to their computer to fix a security issue. While the scammer accesses the computer to 'fix the issue', the call recipient is instructed to log in to their bank account.

Soon after these calls, victims report that funds from their accounts are withdrawn, and in some cases sent to offshore bank accounts.

If you receive a call asking for access to your computer and/or bank account details, please hang up. If you think you may have been a victim of this scam, please contact your bank immediately.



## **Media Information**

### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Tuesday 30 June 2020**

#### **Man threatens store manager with knife following baby formula theft - Ryde PAC**

An investigation is underway after a man stole tins of baby formula from a supermarket in Eastwood.

Shortly before 3pm on Tuesday 23 June 2020, a man entered the supermarket on Rowe Street, Eastwood, in company with another man.

One of the men walked to the baby formula aisle and removed several tins from the shelf. He placed them in his backpack and attempted to leave the store.

A 37-year-old employee of the store witnessed the incident and stopped the man outside the store and asked to see inside his bag.

The man stopped, handed him the bag, and the employee commenced the search. On discovering the formula, the man attempted to grab the bag and run. A scuffle ensued between the pair before the man produced a knife and threatened the employee. He then ran from the area with three tins of formula.

The employee was not injured during the incident.

Police were called and officers from Ryde Police Area Command attended and commenced inquiries.

The armed man has been described as being Middle Eastern / Mediterranean in appearance, aged in his 40s, about 175cm tall with a slim build, short dark hair and wearing a grey jumper, jeans, black Nike shoes with white soles and a black backpack.

The second man is described as being Middle Eastern / Mediterranean in appearance, aged in his twenties, about 180cm tall with a slim build, and wearing a black bucket hat, a dark t-shirt with black track pants, dark shoes, and carrying a black adidas backpack.

***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 charged with assault after road rage incident – Ryde**

About 2:35pm on Sunday 28 June 2020, a 35-year-old man from Carlingford was exiting a shopping centre car park at Ryde. As he was making his way towards the exit, the male victim was also driving towards the exit.

It is alleged that the 35-year-old man pulled in front of the victim's vehicle, merging from two lanes into one. The man did not leave sufficient space between the two vehicles to complete the merge safely, resulting in the victim having to brake heavily in order to avoid a collision.

When the vehicles came to a complete stop it is alleged that the 35-year-old man exited his vehicle. The victim thinking the man wanted to speak to him wound down his window to speak with him.

It is alleged that the 35-year-old man has punched the victim to the face causing a cut to the man's face. The force of the punch caused the man's glasses to break.

The man tried to use his phone to take a picture of the man, when it is alleged that the man punched the victim again before snatching the phone from the victim's hands and throwing it onto the ground causing it to smash.

About 6:00pm the same day police attended the man's address where they spoke to him. The man was placed under arrest and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Assault, Steal from person and two counts of malicious damage.

He was given strict bail conditions and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 10 August 2020.

### **Man charged with drug offences after proactive patrols – Ryde**

About 12:30am on Saturday 27 June 2020, Police were patrolling Pope Street in Ryde when they observed a vehicle pull quickly into a driveway and park the vehicle.

An 18-year-old man from Ryde exited the vehicle. Police stopped and spoke with the man and on speaking with him observed an amount of money in the centre console of the vehicle.

Police had cause to search the man and his vehicle. Police located an amount of cash in his pocket along with nine clear resealable bags containing a white powder believed to be cocaine in the front centre console.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Possess prohibited drug, Supply prohibited drug and Deal with property proceeds of crime.

The man was released on strict bail conditions and is now due to appear in Burwood Local Court on 17 August 2020.

### **Man charged with theft of bikes – Macquarie Park**

On Friday 26 June 2020 at approximately 2:30pm, a 42-year-old man from Eastwood was sighted by Police to be riding a mountain bike along Epping Road at North Ryde.

Police stopped and spoke to the man before conducting further checks on the man and the bike. Police believed that the bike may have been stolen from a Macquarie Park address in April this year.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where further enquiries were made.

The man was charged with Break & Enter house and steal, Receive/dispose stolen property, Found with intent to commit indictable offence and Goods in personal custody suspected of being stolen.

The man was given strict bail conditions and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 27 July 2020.

### **Teens charged with numerous offences after police were called to party - Gladesville**

Around 10.00pm on Saturday 27 June 2020 Police attended the intersection of Western Crescent and Morrison Road, Gladesville after receiving a call for an out of control party.

Upon arrival police observed around 20 teenagers in and around a residence in Morrison Road, Gladesville. Police observed all persons to be highly intoxicated, loudly swearing at police and acting in a disorderly manner, with broken bottles of alcohol all over the road and surrounding properties.

Police observed another large number of teenagers within the residence acting unruly and immediately started to act hostile towards police. Police noticed a large amount of broken glass bottles, empty cans and holes in the walls of the residence.

Police conducted enquiries into who the owner of the property was and were informed that the residence had been hired over "Air BnB" with the owners of the property not currently home.

When Police informed the teenagers that they were to immediately leave the premise, they became aggressive towards police, swearing and threatening police with violence.

Two teens aged 15 and 16 were issued with Move on directions to leave the area. The two became aggressive towards police, continually swearing and disobeying the direction to leave.

The 15-year-old then pushed a male Constable in the chest. The teen was placed under arrest.

While arresting the 15 year old, the 16 year old teen began swearing and abusing police and trying to free the 15 year old from police custody. He was also placed under arrest and on effecting the arrest both teens resisted police.

Both teens were taken to Ryde Police Station where they were charged with Refuse/fail to comply with direction, Use offensive language in/near public place, resist arrest, Intimidate police officer in execution of duty and assault police.

They were refused bail by police to appear in Parramatta Children's Court on 28 June, where they were released on bail and will now appear in Surry Hills Children's Court on 6 July 2020.



### **Media Information**

#### **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Wednesday 8 July 2020**

#### **Two armed men rob pharmacy - Cherrybrook**

Police are appealing for information after two armed men clad in balaclavas robbed a Cherrybrook pharmacy.

About 7.30pm on Tuesday 30 June 2020, two men - one armed with a knife - entered the business and threatened two female employees before demanding they open the safe.

The men removed items from the safe, and an employee's handbag.

Prior to leaving the men tied the women's hands and were last seen running towards Kanangra Crescent Park.

Police attended and a crime scene was established.

The women were not injured.

Ryde Police Area Command have commenced an investigation and are searching for two men wearing hooded jumpers and dark clothing, with their faces covered with balaclavas.

Anyone who may have witnessed the event is urged to contact Eastwood Police on: 02 9858 9299 or Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000.

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### **Man charged with Assault - Ryde**

Approximately 2:53am on Sunday 5 July 2020, a 27-year-old man caught a taxi from Pitt Street, Sydney to Church Street, Ryde.

When he arrived at his destination in Ryde, the taxi driver has woken him from his sleep and asked the man to pay for his taxi fare.

The man stated to the taxi driver that he did not want to pay for the fare. The man lent forward and through the gap between the two front seats has punched the Victim to the face.

The driver quickly exited his driver's seat and observed the man to also exit the vehicle.

The driver has contacted triple zero. Without warning, the man began to run towards the taxi driver. The Victim immediately turned and commenced running away from the man. As he ran away, a police vehicle drove by and the driver flagged down the police.

Police stopped and spoke with the man, before police arrested the 27-year-old.

As they were placing him in the police vehicle then man began to resist police attempts to place him in the vehicle.

He was finally placed in the vehicle and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Assault, Stalk/intimidate intend fear physical harm, Hirer fail to pay any unpaid amount of the fare and resist police.

He is now due to appear inn Burwood Local Court on 3 August 2020.

### **Man charged with Goods in Custody – Marsfield**

About 7:40am on Thursday 2 July 2020, police received information about a male inside a vehicle in Dora Street at Marsfield. A short time later police located the vehicle with the man laying down inside the vehicle.

Police spoke to the 50-year-old man from Bellingen. After having a conversation with the man police had cause to search the man and his vehicle.

Police located a number of uncapped syringes as well as a bank card in the name of another person. Police believe the card to be stolen of unlawfully obtained.

Police also located a small 22 long rifle ammunition in the centre console of the vehicle.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Goods In Custody. Further enquiries will be made in relation to the ammunition that was located within the vehicle.

The man was bail refused and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 16 July 2020.

### **Man issued infringement notice for offensive behaviour - Gladesville**

Approximately 12:00pm on Thursday 2 July 2020, a 25-year-old man from Mount Annan has attended a fast food restaurant at Gladesville with a number of work colleagues and proceeded to order his food.

Due to an error made in his meal the man became disgruntled and unhappy with the quality of his food and as a result expressed how he felt vocally to a work colleague resulting in the man being asked to leave the restaurant.

The man went outside and ate his food. On finishing his food he discarded the wrappers on the ground.

A member of the public gestured to the man in relation to picking up his rubbish. The 25-year-old then swore at the member of the public and spat towards his vehicle.

The member of the public followed the man a short distance to the man's workplace and contacted the police.

Police located the man and spoke with him in regard to his behaviour.

The man was issued with an infringement notice for Offensive behaviour.

### **ATO Phone scam - threatening arrest and requesting personal details**

We are receiving reports of scammers sending members of the public automated phone calls pretending to be from the ATO, as well as other government agencies including Services Australia and the Department of Legal Services. These automated calls claim their TFN has been suspended and that there is a legal case against their name. The call tells people they must contact the caller by pressing '1' or they will be referred to the court and arrested.

If the person presses '1' and makes contact with the scammer they are typically told that their TFN had been suspended due to money laundering or other suspicious or fraudulent activity and that there are several allegations against them. They're then asked to provide the last four digits of their TFN, address, date of birth, name of their bank account, and the approximate amount of money in the account/s. Sometimes the scammer will 'transfer' the victim to the 'police' where they're told a case has been filed against them and they will be arrested unless they pay. Sometimes they advise the victim will receive mail to their home or that their bank accounts will be closed.

If you receive this call hang up and do not provide the information requested. The ATO will never send unsolicited pre-recorded messages to your phone or threaten you with immediate arrest.

If you aren't sure whether an ATO call is legitimate, hang up and phone the ATO on 1800 008 540 to check.

Scammers are constantly developing new ways to steal from the community and will often try to take advantage of people when they are most vulnerable.

You can help stop scammers in their tracks by warning your friends and family to stay alert.



### **Media Information**

## **RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND**

**Tuesday 14 July 2020**

### **Male arrested for Armed Robbery at Eastwood Woolworths.**

On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020, a male was arrested by Ryde Detectives in connection with an armed robbery that occurred at the "Woolworths" Supermarket in Rowe St Eastwood on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020. The 39 year old male attempted to steal baby formula from the location by placing it in a backpack. When challenged by staff who attempted to search the bag, the male has snatched the bag and short struggle has ensued. The male has produced a 20cm knife, before running out of the store with the baby formula.

The male has been bail refused to appear before Burwood Local Court on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

### **Armed Robbery at "McDonalds" West Ryde.**

About 1.20am, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020, a male offender has entered "McDonalds" at Victoria Road West Ryde, with his face concealed by an orange mask. He has ordered a meal at the counter, and

then proceeded to the manager's office nearby, where has grabbed the manager by the neck and produced a 15cm blade demanding cash. He grabbed approximately \$200 in cash from the office before running out of the premises towards Marsden Road.

Police attended soon after and a crime scene was established. The male was described as approximately 25-30 years old, average build, olive skin, 160-170cm tall, wearing a grey hoodie jumper, and orange face mask. Ryde Detectives are currently investigating.

*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.*

### **Female defrauded by male claiming to be from Telstra.**

About 5.30pm, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020, a female resident from Marsfield was contacted by persons claiming to be from Telstra, to advise her that her bank accounts had been compromised, and they would assist her in resolving the issue.

The victim believing it was a legitimate call, has provided the male access to her phone and iPad. She was guided through a series of screens, which appeared to be consistent with a "Telstra" Mobile App. Several transactions totalling approximately \$9900 were transferred from several of her accounts.

Soon after she contacted her bank and was advised that it was in fact a scam, before placing a block on her accounts. Bank and police are investigating.

People are reminded to be vigilant regarding potential scam callers attempting to gain access to computers and accounts. People are advised to hang up and contact the relevant authorities to confirm such enquiries.

### **Young Persons arrested for possessing house breaking implements.**

About 4.10am, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020, police were patrolling the vicinity of Gladesville Road and Joubert Street Hunters Hill, where they observed two males wearing dark clothing, with hoods on and backpacks. One of the males was wearing latex gloves.

The young persons, aged 15 and 16 years old, were subjected to a search where a number of implements such as screwdrivers, wire cutters, knife, latex gloves, two-way radios and face mask were located.

When questioned the young persons indicated that they were for breaking into abandoned buildings. Enquiries are continuing and young persons to be dealt with under the young offenders act.