



Media Information

RYDE POLICE AREA COMMAND

Wednesday 26 August 2020

Man charged with assault -West Ryde

About 9:25pm on Saturday 22 August 2020, the Duty Manager at a supermarket in West Ryde, was outside of the supermarket when he heard a loud thud against the window of the supermarket. He turned around and saw a 32-year-old man from Telopea, charging at the window from the outside. The man was using the left side of his body and charged at the window twice.

The manager yelled out to the man who approached the manager and became very intimidating standing over him and yelling at him. The man has then grabbed the manager and placed him into a head lock. The man has then clenched his fist and punched the manager twice to the face.

The man then released the manager and left the area. The manager contacted police.

Police located the man a short time later in West Ryde and he was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Assault.

He was granted conditional bail and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 14 September 2020.

Woman charged with drug supply – North Ryde

On the evening of Saturday 22 August 2020, police stopped a 29-year-old woman from Tempe while driving along Pittwater Road, North Ryde.

On speaking with the woman and her passenger police observed a mobile phone to be tucked by the driver's seat and centre console. Police also observed a number of \$50 notes in the drivers footwell.

Police had cause to search the woman and the vehicle. Police located a plastic bag containing multiple smaller clear plastic resealable bags containing white powder, alleged to be cocaine, from her bra. Police also located a sum of cash found in various locations within the vehicle and on the woman.

The woman was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where she was charged with Supply Prohibited Drug and Deal with Proceeds of Crime.

She was granted conditional bail and will now appear in Burwood Local Court on 14 September 2020.

Man in court over peep and pry offences - Ryde and Denistone

A man has been charged following an investigation into alleged peep and pry offences in Sydney's north west.

Earlier this year, officers from Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command commenced investigations after discovering a mobile phone containing a number of intimate videos allegedly taken without consent.

Following inquiries, investigators attended a home in Virginia Street, Rosehill, and arrested a 32-year-old man about 10.50am on Wednesday 19 August 2020.

The man was taken to Granville Police Station and charged with 19 offences including ten counts of peep or pry and nine counts of film person's private parts without consent.

Police will allege in court that the man – a ride share driver – filmed a number of passengers without their knowledge between November 2018 and June 2020 in the Ryde and Denistone East areas.

He was refused bail and appeared before Parramatta Local Court on Thursday 20 August 2020, where he was formally refused bail.

Shoplifter – Ryde

About 3 pm on Wednesday 19 August 2020, a 48-year-old man from Putney has entered a supermarket in Ryde. The man has selected a number of items off the shelf and placed them into a bag he was carrying with him. These actions were witnessed by the stores' Loss Prevention Officer.

The man exited the store without paying for the items he had in his bag. At this stage the Loss Prevention officer has identified himself and escorted the man back to the store to await the arrival of police.

Police arrived a short time later and spoke with the man before issuing him with a Criminal Infringement Notice for shoplifting. He was also issued a banning notice from the Supermarket.

ATO – Scams

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If you receive an SMS or email from the ATO that you think is fraudulent, report it by sending an email to reportemailfraud@ato.gov.au.

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Wednesday 2 September 2020

Man charged after threatening driver with box cutter - North Ryde

A man has been charged following an assault at a service station in North Ryde.

About 10am on Friday 28 August 2020, emergency services were called to Epping and Wicks Roads, following reports of an argument that turned physical between two men.

Police were told that a white Ford Ranger and a white Hino truck pulled into the service station before the driver of the Hino approached the Ford and allegedly began assaulting the driver – a 34-year-old man.

After allegedly pulling his shirt and punching him a number of times, he then threatened the 34-year-old with a box cutter.

After a brief struggle, the man released the box cutter, entered the Hino and drove from the scene.

NSW Ambulance attended and treated the 34-year-old for minor injuries.

Officers attached to Ryde Police Area Command established a crime scene and seized the box cutter, which will be forensically examined.

Following inquiries, a 41-year-old man was arrested at Auburn Police Station about 7pm on the same day.

He was charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm and armed with intent to commit indictable offence.

The Auburn man was refused bail.

Teen hit by car - West Ryde

A teenage boy was taken to hospital in a stable condition after being hit by a car in Sydney's north-west.

About 5pm on Tuesday 25 August 2020, emergency services were called to Victoria Road, West Ryde, after reports a pedestrian had been hit by a car.

Police were told the 14-year-old was hit by a grey Mazda sedan as he attempted to cross the road.

The teenager was taken to The Children's Hospital at Westmead with serious head injuries. He is now in a stable condition following surgery.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident.

The driver, a 40-year-old man, returned a negative breath test at the scene and was taken to Ryde Hospital for further mandatory testing.

Inquiries continue.

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 Trespassing – Huntleys Point

About 6.50 pm on Thursday 27 August 2020, Ryde Police attended a dilapidated house in Huntley's Point Road, Huntley's Point in relation to a 57-year-old man possibly breaching his bail conditions.

Police located the man within the underground room under the garage. Police observed the man to be seated on an old chair with small sachets beside him and a plastic bong on the table in front of him.

Police placed the man under arrest and searched the man locating a small quantity of what is believed to be Cannabis in his pants pocket.

The man was taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Trespassing and Possess Prohibited Drug.

He was bail refused and appeared in Burwood Local Court on 28 August. The man was found guilty and was sentenced to a 12-month Community Corrections Order

Man charged with Mid-Range PCA

At about 6:20pm on Sunday 30 August 2020, police were called to an address in Marlow Avenue, Denistone, after it alleged that a 23-year-old man from Glenhaven crashed his vehicle into a retaining wall.

Police spoke with the man who was slurring his words and appeared to be under the influence of alcohol.

Police submitted the man to a breath test which returned a positive roadside test.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station to undergo a breath analysis.

The man returned a reading of 0.139 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 on 12 October 2020.

Beware of Puppy Scams

Australians have lost nearly \$300,000 to puppy scams this year, and scammers have been particularly targeting those seeking a furry companion during social isolation.

Scamwatch has seen a recent spike in puppy scams and in April reports were almost five times higher than the average, with losses on track to exceed the 2019 total of \$360,000.

Scammers set up fake websites or ads on online classifieds and social media pretending to sell sought-after dog breeds and will take advantage of the fact that you can't travel to meet the puppy in person.

The scammer will usually ask for up-front payments via money transfer to pay for the pet and transport it to you.

Once you have paid the initial deposit, the scammer will find new ways to ask for more money, and scammers are now using the COVID-19 pandemic to claim higher transportation costs to get across closed interstate borders or additional fees for 'coronavirus'.

Unfortunately, once you make the payments, the seller will cease all contact.

The most common breeds reported were Cavoodles and French Bulldogs and most people contacted the scammers via an email address they found online.

The safest option is to only buy or adopt a pet you can meet in person.

Scam websites can look quite convincing, so try not to fall for the adorable puppy pictures they post, and remember, if the price looks too good to be true, it probably is.

Research the seller by running an internet search using the exact wording in the ad and do a reverse image search for pictures of the specific puppy, as you're likely to be dealing with a scammer if you find matching images or text on multiple websites.

If you are in doubt, seek advice from a reputable breeder's association, vet or local pet shop.

If you think you have been scammed, contact your bank or financial institution as soon as possible.

More information on coronavirus scams is available on the Scamwatch website.