



Media Information

Ryde Police Area Command

Monday 13 August 2018

Man charged over series of alleged historical sexual and indecent assaults

A man has been charged as part of an ongoing investigation into a series of alleged historical sexual and indecent assaults on children and adults in Sydney's north-west.

In June, detectives from the Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Squad established Strike Force Petit to re-investigate a series of historic sexual assaults in the Ryde and Hornsby areas.

Following extensive inquiries, Strike Force Petit detectives, assisted by North West Metropolitan Region Operations Support Group, arrested a 51-year-old man at a home at Epping, just after 7am on Thursday 9 August 2018.

Shortly after the arrest, investigators executed three search warrants at properties at Epping and Berrilee.

During the warrants, investigators seized various items relevant to the investigation, including handcuffs.

The man was taken to Ryde Police Station and charged with five counts of commit act of indecency with person 16 years or over, four counts of aggravated sexual assault – inflict actual bodily harm on victim, three counts of sexual assault – indecent act with person under 16 years, two counts each of aggravated sexual assault – victim under the age of 16, sexual assault – inflict actual bodily harm with intent, and stalk/intimidate intend fear of physical/mental harm; commit act of indecency with person under 16, and possess or use a prohibited weapon without permit.

Police will allege in court that the man committed sexual-based offences on 14 occasions between 1989 and 2013, involving female victims, ranging in age between 14 and 40.

He was refused bail and will now appear in

Burwood Local Court on 3 October 2018.

Anyone with information that may assist Strike Force Petit detectives is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 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.

Mid-Range PCA - Epping

About 8:35pm on Thursday 2 August 2018, a 50-year-old man from Windsor Downs was driving his vehicle in a westerly direction along the M2 Motorway Epping. Police conducted an enquiry in relation to the registration of the vehicle via the Roads and Maritime Services

system and it revealed that the registration of the motor vehicle had expired on 11 June 2018. As a result the vehicle was stopped along the M2 Motorway.

Police spoke with the man and requested his driver's licence. The man produced an Irish International drivers licence in his name with an expiry date of 16 June 2018.

Whilst speaking with the man Police noticed the smell of alcohol coming from the breath and body of the man. His eyes were glazed and his speech was slightly slurred. Police formed the opinion that he was moderately affected by alcohol. Police conducted a roadside breath test which returned a positive result.

As a result the man was placed under arrest for the purpose of a Breath Analysis and conveyed to Ryde Police Station. The man submitted to a Breath Analysis which returned a reading of 0.100.

The man was issued a Court Attendance Notice for Drive with Middle Range PCA and Driver never licensed. He will appear in Burwood Local Court on 3 September 2018.

The owner of the vehicle who was a passenger in the vehicle at the time was issued with a number of infringement notices in relation to the unregistered vehicle.

Shoplifter - Ryde

About 4.40pm Saturday 11 August 2018, a 29-year-old man from Epping has entered a Supermarket in Ryde. The man has selected a number of items off the shelf and placed them into the trolley he was pushing.

The man was then seen by the stores Loss Prevention Officer to walk to the checkout area where he stood for a few minutes before exiting the store without attempting to pay for the items.

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

Police attended a short time later and spoke with the man who was issued with a Criminal Infringement Notice for shoplifting.

Fire – Denistone

At approximately 7.30pm on Saturday 11 August 2018, occupants of a home in Lund Ave Denistone were in the lounge room when they have smelt smoke. The owner has stood up and checked into the garage where he has seen the area well alight.

The owner of the home has then assisted in removing all the occupants from the location. The owner has then called emergency services who attended a short time later.

Upon arrival flames could be seen in the roof area above the garage. NSW Fire and Rescue then worked to extinguish the blaze. During this time the owners wife has stated she was having shortness of breath due to her asthma. As a result ambulance paramedics have attended and treated her at the scene.

NSW Fire and Rescue have indicated that the source of the fire could be tracked to the attic area in the garage where a candle had been lit earlier in the evening as the area had been converted to a prayer room.

NSW Fire and Rescue made an assessment of the damage to the location stating that two thirds of the roof cavity to the house had serious flame and smoke damage. A large portion of the house also had water damage as a result of extinguishing the fire.

The cause of the fire is believed to be accidental due to a candle being left unattended.

Man charged with Goods in Custody/Possess Prohibited drug

About 10:56pm on Friday 10 August 2018, police were called to George Street, Hunters Hill in relation to a man allegedly squatting on someone's property.

Police located a 55-year-old man matching the description of the man on the corner of George and Pitt Street, Hunters Hill walking around with a blue torch light on his head. The man was wearing a pair of brand pair of new jeans with a shopping tag connected to the rear pocket.

Police spoke with the man before searching him and locating a number of clothing items a tent and a number of camping items. It is alleged that the man stole these items from Chatswood earlier that day.

Police also located a small clear resealable bag containing crystalline powder located in the rear right pocket of the man's jeans. Police believe this substance to be the drug 'Ice'.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Goods in Custody and Possess Prohibited Drug.

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



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Monday 20 August 2018

Two teens charged over assault of shop owner - Eastwood

Two teens have been charged over the alleged assault of a shop owner in Sydney's North West earlier this month.

About 12.45pm on Monday 6 August 2018, a group of teenagers entered a shop on Rowe Street, Eastwood and allegedly attempted to steal sunglasses.

The 57-year-old male store owner asked the group to leave and as he escorted the last girl out of the store, she allegedly punched him in the face.

He walked outside the store and was approached by two of the boys from the group who allegedly assaulted him further. The group then fled the scene.

The man was taken to Ryde Hospital and treated for facial injuries.

Officers from Ryde Police Area Command attended and established a crime scene, which was examined by specialist forensic officers.

An investigation was commenced by local detectives.

About 7.45am on Friday 17 August 2018, Ryde detectives arrested a 15-year-old girl at a home at Eastwood.

She was taken to Ryde Police Station and charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm in company and affray.

Following further inquiries, a 15-year-old boy was arrested by investigators at North Rocks about 11.15am yesterday.

He was taken to Ryde Police Station and was charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm in company of others and affray.

They were both granted conditional bail and are due to appear in a children's court on Monday 10 September 2018. Investigations are continuing.

CCTV released following aggravated break and enter - North Epping

Police have released CCTV vision and are appealing for public assistance following an aggravated break and enter in North Epping.

Just after 2.30am on Tuesday 14 August 2018, an unknown man attempted to gain entry to a home on Walker Street, through the back door.

The resident, a 44-year-old man, was asleep at the time before being woken by a noise. When he went downstairs, the man was gone.

CCTV has now been released. Police believe that the man depicted in the footage may be able to assist with inquiries into the incident and wish to speak to him.

The man in the vision is aged in his 30s or 40s, with a solid build.

He is shown wearing a dark hooded-jumper, light-coloured pants, beanie and gloves.

Investigations are continuing.

To view the footage please see the Ryde Police Area Command Facebook page.

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.

Police urge the community to contact them and not convey suspicious items - Eastwood

Police have urged the community to contact officers regarding suspicious items and not convey them to police stations following several incidents in the Eastwood area recently.

Around 5.45pm on Tuesday 14 August 2018, officers at Eastwood Police Station became concerned about the contents of a letter a member of the public brought to the station.

The letter and several others were presented to Police from Ryde Police Area Command and assessed by specialist HAZMAT personnel.

The matter has now been resolved without incident and the contents of the letters were taken for examination and found to be inert.

Police believe these were targeted incidences and an investigation is being conducted by Ryde Police Area Command Detectives.

Members of the public need not have any specific concerns, but are reminded to contact police if they receive or come into contact with any suspicious items.

They are urged not to handle these items but leave them in place and contact Police

