



**Media Information
Ryde Local Area Command
Thursday 28 January 2021**

Man charged after COVID testing nurse assaulted - North Ryde

A man has been charged after a nurse, conducting COVID testing, was allegedly assaulted at North Ryde.

About 9.45am on Friday 15 January 2021, a nurse approached a vehicle that had pulled into a COVID-19 testing facility at Macquarie Hospital.

The passenger of the car was requested to extinguish a cigarette. The man refused and became verbally abusive towards staff before getting out and throwing a take-away coffee cup at the nurse.

She sought assistance from her colleagues and the car drove off. She suffered a minor laceration under her eye and red marks to her cheek.

The nurse attended Gosford Police Station yesterday on Monday 19 January 2021 and made a report of the incident.

Following inquiries, officers from Ryde Police Area Command attended a home at Steward Street, Dundas Valley about 5.15pm, and arrested a 43-year-old man.

He was taken to Ryde Police Station and charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

The man was refused bail and appeared in Burwood Local Court on Wednesday 20 January 2021. He was granted conditional bail and is now due to appear in Court on 5 February 2021.

Man charged with malicious damage - Ryde

About 10:45pm on Saturday 23 January 2021, a 44-year-old man returned home to his unit complex in Curzon Street Ryde to find that someone had parked their vehicle in his car allocated parking space. This has enraged the man who had consumed an unknown quantity of alcohol before he returned home. The man started yelling and screaming in the car park of the unit complex for the owner to come and move their car.

The man has then used his hands and pressed down heavily on the bonnet and the roof of the car multiple times, causing significant denting to the vehicle.

The man has then entered his residence, retrieving a large metal pot. The man has walked back down to the vehicle continuing to yell out for the owner of the vehicle to come and move the vehicle. The man has then used the pot to smash the rear window of the vehicle on the driver's side. As a result of smashing the window, the man suffered lacerations to his left forearm and wrist area, resulting in bleeding.

Residents of the unit complex contacted police who arrived a short time later.

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Malicious Damage.

The man was granted conditional bail and will now appear in Hornsby Local Court on 10 February 2021.

Woman charged with Drug Possession -Henley

About 2:30 am on Sunday 24 January 2021, Police were conducting stationary Random Breath Testing duties Eastbound upon Victoria Road at Henley when they stopped a 25-year-old woman from South Kempsey for a random breath test. The woman returned a negative breath test however after a conversation with the woman, police had cause to search the woman and her vehicle.

The woman pulled a white tissue out of the front left-hand side of her bra strap and handed it to police. Police observed inside the tissue a small clear resealable bag with a white crystal, substance inside it to which police would allege to be Crystal methamphetamine.

Police weighed a small saline tube with clear liquid substance to be which police would allege to be Gamma-hydroxybutyrate.

The woman was charged with two counts of Possess Prohibited Drug. She was granted conditional bail and will now appear in Hornsby Local Court on 17 February 2021.

Man charged with numerous offences – Hunters Hill

On the evening of the 23 January 2021, police stopped a 49-year-old man from Artarmon as he was driving his vehicle along Pittwater Road Hunters Hill for the purpose of a random breath test.

The man returned a negative roadside sample, however on speaking with the man, Police could smell a strong smell of Cannabis coming from within the vehicle.

Police had cause to search the man and his vehicle. Police located a small container which contained two small round balls of what Police to be Cannabis. Police also located several other small containers containing what believe to be cannabis, one medium size clear resealable bag containing cannabis, cash, three tasers within the vehicle and a reusable bag on the rear seat of the vehicle which contained a large clear resalable bag containing cannabis.

Police also located a large hard plastic container which contained 25 slices of what appeared to be homemade cake. The homemade cake contained "hash butter".

The man was arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station where he was charged with Knowingly deal with proceeds of crime, Possess or use a prohibited weapon without permit, Possess prohibited drug and Supply prohibited drug. He was bail refused and will now appear in Hornsby Local Court on 3 February 2021.



**Media Information
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Tuesday 2 February 2021**

Man charged over knife incident – Hunters Hill

About 5.30pm on Tuesday 4 February 2021, police were called to, Pittwater Road Hunters Hill, in relation to man carrying a knife. The 43-year-old man from Hunters Hill, was allegedly intimidating witnesses, whilst holding a knife. He was also seen to be stabbing a nearby telegraph pole.

Upon police arrival police approached man, where he was placed under arrest. He was subsequently handcuffed, where he resisted police, and was eventually brought under control.

He was conveyed to Ryde police station and while in custody the man repeatedly punched and kicked the cell door, whilst intimidating police. The man was charged with Affray, Wield knife in a public place, Resist and Intimidate police.

The man was bail refused and will now appear in Hornsby Court on 3 February 2021.

Two teenagers charged after police stopped a stolen vehicle in Sydney's North-West.

About 2pm on Monday 1 February 2021, officers from Ryde Police Area Command were conducting proactive patrols in a car park at McArdle Street, Ermington, when they observed a BMW X30D enter the carpark with three teenaged boys on board.

Checks revealed the vehicle was stolen from a home at Killara between Wednesday 27 January 2021 and Thursday 28 January 2021.

Police stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver and one passenger, both aged 17; the third male fled the scene.

They were taken to Ryde Police Station where the alleged driver was charged with drive conveyance taken without consent of owner, never licensed person drive vehicle on road, and goods in personal custody suspected being stolen.

The 17-year-old passenger was charged with five counts of drive conveyance taken without consent of owner, three counts of be carried in conveyance taken without consent of owner and enter vehicle or boat without consent of owner.

They were refused bail to appear at a children's court in late February 2021.

Investigations are continuing with the third male.

Man charged with Drug Possession -Pennant Hills

About 12:00 am on Wednesday 3 February 2021, Police where proactively patrolling Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills were there they stopped a vehicle, for a random breath test. The man returned a negative breath test however after a conversation with the man, police had cause to search the man and his vehicle.

Police located within the centre console a small clear resealable bag containing a white powder which, police believe to be Cocaine. Police also located several sport bags in the boot, containing what is believed to be magic mushrooms. Also located within the vehicle was a large amount of cash, as well as two knives.

The 26-year-old man from Cherrybrook, was arrested and taken back to Ryde police station. He was charged with several offences, including Knowingly deal with proceeds of crime, Possess prohibited drug, Carry cutting implements and Supply prohibited drug commercial quantity. He was bail refused and will now appear in Hornsby Local Court on 31 March 2021.

New scam threatens family members

Police are warning members of the community of a re-emerging scam that occurred in 2018 and 2019. The scam involves a caller claiming to be an official who threatens to arrest the victim based in Australia, or their family members, unless a sum of money is transferred electronically to an offshore bank account.

Police are reminding the community members to be vigilant. Please contact your local police station via 131 444 if you receive demands for money via phone, social media or your email account. If you are concerned for your safety, call Triple Zero (000).

For further information please also access Scamwatch website for more information:
<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/types-of-scams>



**Media Information
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Wednesday 10 February 2021**

Employee charged with fraud totalling over \$10 000 involving two aged-care residents at Marsfield

A man will face court after he was charged with allegedly committing over 350 fraudulent transactions amounting to over \$10 000 involving two aged-care residents in Marsfield last year.

In December 2020 Ryde Police Area Command received information that a number of fraudulent transactions had occurred in relation to a resident of the facility, and an investigation commenced.

Following inquiries, Ryde detectives attended a house in Blaxland Parade, Eastwood and executed a search warrant and arrested a 35-year-old man about 7.40am on Thursday 4 February 2021.

The man was taken to Ryde Police Station and charged with two counts of dishonestly obtain property by deception.

Police will allege in court the man took credit cards belonging to an 87-year-old woman and an 88-year-old man and committed 376 fraudulent transactions totalling over \$10 000.

He was granted strict conditional bail and is due to appear at Hornsby Local Court on Wednesday 17 February 2021.

Child hit by car - Hunters Hill

A young boy has been taken to hospital after being hit by a car at Hunters Hill this morning.

Just after 8am on Wednesday 3 February 2021, emergency services were called to Blaxland Street, after reports a child had been hit by a Suzuki Jimny.

The eight-year-old boy was treated at the scene before being taken to the Children's Hospital at Westmead, where he was treated for grazes and bruises to his face, head, knee and hands.

The Suzuki driver, a 20-year-old woman, was uninjured. She was breath tested at the scene and returned a negative result.

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

An investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash is underway.

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 information via NSW Police social media pages.

Man charged with Goods in Custody-Ryde

About 2.30am on Saturday 6 February 2021, officers from Ryde Police Area Command were conducting proactive patrols in Tucker Street, Ryde, when they observed a man on the footpath with a motorised scooter. The man appeared to be under the influence of drugs.

Police stopped and spoke with him. Police conducted checks and questioned the man in relation to the scooter and believed that he may be in unlawful possession of the scooter

Police seized the scooter and the 32-year-old man from Wentworth Point was issued with a Field Court Attendance Notice for Goods in Custody.

He will appear in Hornsby Local Court on 3 March 2021.

Man charged over assault – Hunters Hill

About 11.30pm on Friday 5 February 2021, police were called to, Joubert St, Hunters Hill, in relation to an assault.

A 48-year-old man from Hunters Hill, after he allegedly grabbed a nearby neighbour around the throat, after the female victim approached him over a noise disturbance.

The man was arrested and conveyed to Ryde police station. He was charged with Common assault and will now appear in Hornsby Court on 2 March 2021.

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.



**Media Information
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Wednesday 24 February 2021**

Drug possession – Hunters Hill

About 1:00pm on Tuesday 16 February 2021, Police were conducting patrols of Hunters Hill where they located a teenager sitting on a couch near the water at Saint Malo Reserve.

Police approached the teen who appeared to be sleeping with, what appeared to be a smoking bong sitting beside him. Upon being woken the teenager attempted to grab the bottle when he realised it was the police.

Police also located a small amount of what they believe to be cannabis in a container. The 15-year-old man was dealt with under the Young Offenders Act and given a Youth Caution for being in Possession of the Prohibited Drug.

Drug Possession – Ryde

About 2pm on Tuesday 19 February 2021, police were conducting proactive patrols of a Shopping Centre at Ryde.

Whilst conducting these patrols police located two teenagers inside the stair well. After a conversation with the teens, police had cause to search a backpack where they located a small amount of what police believe to be cannabis.

A 15-year-old man from Putney was arrested and dealt with under the Young Offenders Act. He will be given a Youth Caution by the Ryde Youth Officer.

Search warrant – Ryde

About 6:55am on Wednesday 17 February 2021, police executed a search warrant at a home in Ryde. On entry to the premises police found 6 occupants located inside living in a shared housing arrangement. In one of the rooms a large quantity of what police believe to be cannabis was located divided up into individual bags. Police also located what police to be LSD tablets and a large amount of cash.

In a separate room Police located a small amount of what they believe to be cannabis and a set of nun chucks.

A 22 years old man, currently in Australia on a student visa, was arrested and charged with one count of Possess Prohibited Drug, Supply Prohibited Drug and One count of deal in proceeds of crime. He was refused bail.

A 39-year-old man was arrested and charged with Possess Prohibited Drug and Possess Prohibited Weapon.

Drug Possession and Affray – Ryde

About 6:15pm on Monday 22 February 2021, two men engaged in a verbal argument near the intersection of Boyce Street and Quarry Road in Ryde. The verbal argument escalated, and the two men became involved in a physical altercation which was broken up by two off duty police officers who witnessed the incident.

Police attended the location and after speaking with the two men they conducted a search of two vehicles located nearby belonging to the men. During the search police located a small quantity of what they believe to be cannabis in each vehicle.

A 30-year-old man from Putney and a 32-year-old man were each issued with a court attendance notice for Possess Prohibited Drug.

Two juveniles charged over alleged robberies, assaults

Two youths have been charged after allegedly carrying out robberies and assaults this month.

Just before 4pm Sunday 7 February 2021, a 37-year-old woman parked her Mitsubishi Lancer at a carpark on Rowe Street, Eastwood, when she was allegedly approached by three youths - aged nine, 11, and 12. The group threatened her with a knife and forcibly took the woman's car keys before leaving the scene. The woman sustained minor injuries.

About 7:45pm that day, a 20-year-old female attendant at a fast food outlet on Rowe Street, Eastwood, was allegedly assaulted by the three youths.

These incidents were reported to Ryde Detectives who commenced an investigation.

Just before 11:45am Saturday 20 February 2021, the 11-year-old entered a retail outlet on West Parade, Eastwood, and allegedly took an item without paying.

About 3:30pm Sunday 21 February 2021, the 11-year-old and nine-year-old boys entered a shopping centre on Herring Rd, North Ryde where the older boy allegedly became involved in an altercation and assaulted a man by punching him to the face and kicking his legs.

About 12pm on Monday 22 February 2021, a 64-year-old woman was allegedly approached by the 12-year-old at a bus stop at Carlingford Road, Carlingford, when he grabbed the woman's backpack and took a purse that contained a mobile phone and a small amount of cash. The boy then left the scene. The woman was not injured.

About 2pm, a 66-year-old woman was sitting in a parked Ford Focus on Dunmore Avenue, Carlingford, when she was allegedly approached by the three youths, when the 12-year-old boy allegedly took the key from the ignition through the open driver side window. The group then left the scene.

A short time later, police from Ryde Police Area Command were conducting routine patrols on Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford, where they located the three teenagers who were arrested and taken to Ryde Police Station.

The nine-year-old was released a short time later into the care of a relative.

The 11-year-old was charged with robbery in company, common assault, shoplifting, affray, steal from the person value <=\$2000. He was granted strict conditional bail to appear at a children's court on Monday 1 March 2021.

The 12-year-old was charged with two counts of steal from the person value <=\$2000. He was refused bail to appear at a children's court on Tuesday 23 February 2021 where he was given conditional bail to appear in Parramatta Children's Court on 26 February 2021.