



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Tuesday 2nd July 2019

News and appeals

Police investigate series of linked distraction burglaries

Sussex Police are investigating a series of seven distraction burglaries across West Sussex.

Officers received a report regarding a break-in of a caravan in Havenwood caravan park, Arundel on May 29. Two men were seen acting suspiciously in the area before they left in a black vehicle.

A further four reports of burglaries were received by police on the same day. The first was at a property in Brookview South in Coldwaltham near Pulborough where a safe with identification documents inside was stolen. The second and third in Meadway, Slindon and St James Road, Chichester, both reported men entering their properties pretending to be from a water board company. Nothing was reported as stolen from either property. The fourth was a break-in at a property in Ferring Lane, Worthing between 11.45am and 1pm. Items of jewellery and personal documents were reported as stolen.

On May 30, police received a call from a woman in Manor Way, Henfield to report three men entering her house while she was in the garden. Costume jewellery was reported as stolen.

Soon after this report another call was received regarding four men acting suspiciously in the Fairfield Court area in Cowfold and a safe being stolen from a property.

Investigating Officer Detective Constable Jon Berisford said: "We believe all seven of these incidents are linked due to the similarities in circumstances. "Each of the victims have been left shaken by this experience and support and advice is being provided.

"We are interesting in searching for the owners of a black vehicle with registration X504 UFC which we believe to be linked to each of the incidents.

"If you have information on any of these burglaries or the car in question then we would like to speak with you.

"For our advice on burglary prevention please [click here](#)."

Please report information online or call 101 quoting Operation Tranquil.
<https://news.sussex.police.uk/news/police-investigate-series-of-linked-distraction-burglaries-374089>

30-year-old Timothy Wirtz wanted on recall to prison

Police are searching for Timothy Wirtz, who is wanted on recall to prison. The 30-year-old, of no fixed address, was sentenced in August 2017 to 30 months' imprisonment for handling stolen goods. He was later released with licence conditions, which he has since breached.

Specifically, Wirtz has failed to attend appointments with his supervising officer, displayed poor behaviour and allegedly committed a further offence.

Wirtz is known to frequent the Horsham and Crawley areas.

Please see our website for a photo of Timothy.

Anyone who sees him is asked to dial 999 immediately. Or, if you have any information about his whereabouts, you can report it online or call 101, quoting serial 1565 of 31/05.

You can also contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or report it online.

<https://news.sussex.police.uk/news/30-year-old-timothy-wirtz-wanted-on-recall-to-prison-374456>

Partridge Green engineer for trial on charges of assaulting women

An engineer from Partridge Green is facing trial on nine charges of attacking a woman and a girl.

Neil Scott-O'Connor, 23, a household appliance engineer, appeared at Lewes Crown Court on Thursday 27 June, and pleaded not guilty to nine offences;

- six offences against a 29-year old woman at an address in Brighton on dates between September 2018 and January 2019; one offence of threats to kill, one of attempted strangulation with intent to commit a sexual offence, three offences of causing actual bodily harm, and one of harassment with intent to cause fear;

- three offences against a 17-year-old girl at his address in Partridge Green in December 2018; one offence of attempted strangulation with intent to commit a sexual offence and two of causing actual bodily harm.

He was remanded in custody for a trial on 11 November.

The prosecution, authorised by the Crown Prosecution Service, follows an investigation by detectives from both the Brighton Safeguarding Investigation Unit and the West Sussex Investigations team.

<https://news.sussex.police.uk/news/partridge-green-engineer-for-trial-on-charge-of-assaulting-women-374415>

Alerts/Press Releases sent out this week click the link to see full details.

Crime summary

Burglary

Reference: 0964 27th June

Location: Norman Way, Steyning

Date and time: Between 1100hrs and 1345hrs 27th June

Details: A property was entered and jewellery stolen.

Reference: 1058 30th June

Location: Hurst Court, Horsham

Date and time: Date and time unknown

Details: Access was gained to a property through an insecure window Cash, cigarettes and a phone charger were stolen.

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 0954 26th June

Location: Thelton Avenue, Broadbridge Heath

Date and time: Between 25th and 26th June

Details: An attempt was made to enter a garage. The attempt failed and nothing was stolen.

Reference: 0544 27th June

Location: Broomers Hill Lane, Pulborough

Date and time: Between midnight and 1100hrs 21st June

Details: 5 pedal cycles were stolen from an insecure garage.

Reference: 0254 28th June

Location: Harbolets Road, West Chiltington

Date and time: Between 2300hrs 27th June and 0700hrs 28th June

Details: A garage lock was forced and 4 pedal cycles were stolen.

Reference: 1857 1st July

Location: Arun Vale Coldwaltham

Date and time: Between 27th and 28th June

Details: Alcohol was stolen from an outside building

Other

To ensure the Neighbourhood Alert gets to as many people as possible would NHW Street Co-ordinators please forward any relevant messages to their members – Thankyou.

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If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please [contact us online](#), email us at 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or

call **101**, quoting the reference number provided.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on **0800 555 111**, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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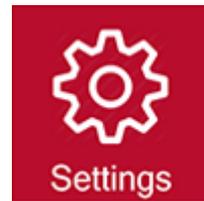
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