



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Tuesday 14th July 2020

Crime Summary

Burglary – there are no burglary dwellings to report this week.

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 0722 8th July

Location: Mouse Lane, Steyning

Date and time: Between 2000hrs 1st July and 2355hrs 3rd July

Details: Mountain bikes were stolen from an insecure outbuilding.

Reference: 0622 10th July

Location: Horsham Road, Rusper

Date and time: Between 2300hrs 9th July and 0700hrs 10th July

Details: 2 pedal cycles were stolen from a secure shed

Reference: 0903 12th July

Location: East Street, West Chiltington

Date and time: Between 11th and 12th July

Details: A barn lock was broken and items stolen.

Reference: 0257 13th July

Location: New Street, Horsham

Date and time: Between 2200hrs 12th July and 0745hrs 13th July

Details: 2 pedal cycles and some tools were stolen from a shed.

Other

Here is the fraud newsletter for July. The newsletter is published monthly to give you a short summary of the type of fraud that is being reported to us, the methods fraudsters use so you can be alert to them, and advice on how you can protect yourself and your friends and family.

This month we're raising awareness of the different types of telephone fraud and are also warning about social media messaging scams.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/sussex/advice/operations-initiatives-and-watch-schemes/operation-signature/latest-fraud-newsletter.pdf>

News and appeals

Police warn residents about bogus HMRC callers



Elderly and vulnerable people across Sussex are again being warned to be wary of phone calls from fraudsters pretending to be from HM Customs and Revenue (HMRC).

The bogus callers claim the targeted person is wanted for tax evasion and is arrestable on warrant unless they pay a cash sum - sometimes up to £4,000 - to clear their 'debt'.

Some even address victims by name, or use a number that is often displayed as the official number of the agency they claim to represent, to add credibility to their call. Police received reports of 18 such calls in Sussex during June, although thankfully only two succeeded in getting any money - a total of £4300.

And at the beginning of July three calls were received in the Bognor area, one of them on 2 July netting £900 by phone-arranged bank transfer. The other two were unsuccessful.

Of the 18 people who reported calls in June, 10 live alone and seven are aged over 75. Calls were received across East and West Sussex as well as Brighton & Hove

Genuine authorities stress that people will never be texted or telephoned by them out of the blue with requests to make payments, to log in to an online account or to disclose personal information, such as PIN numbers, passwords or bank details.

Anyone receiving such contact is advised to hang up and report the call -

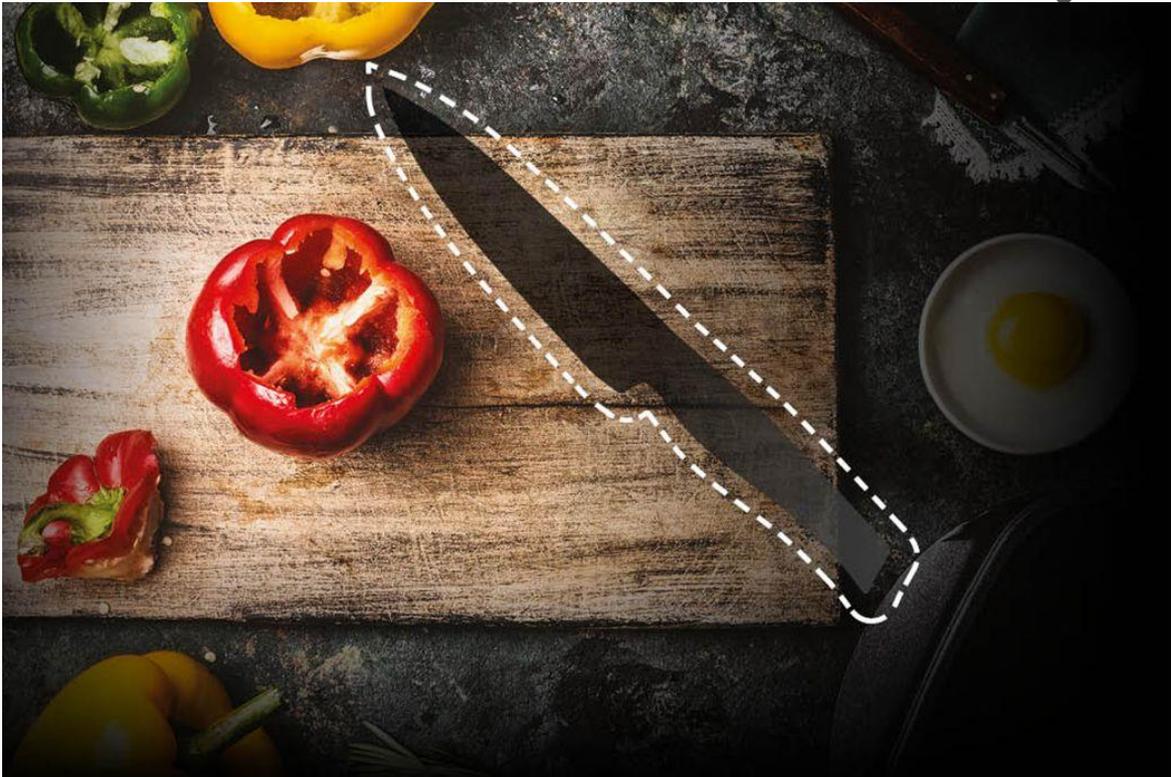
preferably using a separate mobile phone or landline in case the criminals have kept the line open - to police on 101 or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

PC Bernadette Lawrie, the force's Financial Abuse Safeguarding Officer said; "This underlines the importance of never giving out private information and reporting any suspicious activity without delay. "We'd also ask friends or relatives of potentially vulnerable people to ensure they are fully aware and alert to the risks."

For further advice, please visit the Sussex Police website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/police-warn-residents-about-bogus-hmrc-callers/>

Sussex Police tackles knife crime with additional Home Office funding



Sussex Police continues to tackle knife crime and serious violence after securing £871,555 funding from the Home Office for 2020/2021.

The funds will see the force build on the positive results seen last year through targeted activities such as hotspot patrols, weapon sweeps and test purchasing activities as well as educational outreach in schools and local communities.

Sussex sees a relatively low number of knife-related incidents, with possession and ADR* offences accounting for less than one per cent of all reported crime from April 2019 to March 2020. However, in line with the national picture, Sussex has seen a rise in knife crime and is focused on reducing the number of knife-related incidents.

Chief Inspector Dee Wells said: "Far too many lives have been affected by knife crime and our priority is to make Sussex a safer place to be. We are determined to get knives off our streets and reduce violent crime.

"Our combined approach of proactive and preventative policing saw fantastic results last year and our plan is to build on that success by continuing to engage with our local communities and carry out targeted operations across the region.

"Our key priority is sending the message that carrying a knife is dangerous and can have serious consequences. We are clear that carrying a knife does not make you safer, it puts you at more risk of becoming a victim and we would encourage anyone with concerns to reach out and seek help."

Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne said: "Sussex Police have been steadfast in their commitment to taking prolific offenders off our streets and tackling serious violence.

"This extra funding is welcome news and will help the force to continue the successful, proactive work they have already started across Sussex to prevent knife crime.

"Please remember that a knife is a weapon and just by carrying one you are putting yourself and others in grave danger. The message is clear – lose the knife not a life."

For an in-depth look at a local day of action targeting knife crime and violence see details on Wealden day of action.

Additionally, during a day of action on 23 June, officers arrested six people in Worthing for various offences including robbery, public order, nuisance behaviour, attempted criminal damage and possession of a weapon and drugs. In addition, the team carried out 14 stops, eight searches and submitted seven intelligence logs.

Last year Sussex Police's activities enabled by Home Office funding included 335 hotspot patrols, 448 arrests, visits to 76 schools and engagement with over 116,000 young people, 44 road shows, 251 weapons seized, 106 test purchases and 16,545 intelligence logs.

Throughout 2020/21 Sussex Police's approach will be to continue to build on this work by engaging with partners, young people, parents and carers and more widely with our local communities to reduce serious violence.

What to do if you're worried

If you are under 18, you feel threatened, unsafe or scared about becoming a victim of knife crime you should try to talk with your parent or carer, or alternatively talk to Childline for help on 0800 1111 or go online at [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk).

If you are a parent or carer and you are concerned someone you care for is in danger of becoming a victim of knife crime, try to talk with them in the first instance or seek advice from Family Lives on 0808 800 22 22.

Whether you are a parent or young person you can contact Sussex Police on 101 to speak with your local Prevention Team.

Who do I report knife crime to?

You can report knife crime online or by calling 101. In an emergency always call 999.

To report knife crime anonymously go to <https://www.fearless.org/en/give-info>
*ADR offences are serious violent offences which have been enabled with a knife.
<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/sussex-police-tackles-knife-crime-with-additional-home-office-funding/>

Help us keep Sussex safe

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.

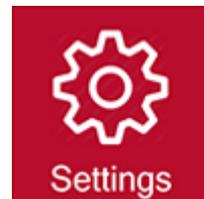
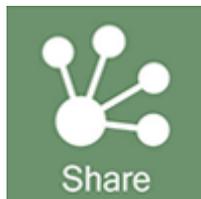
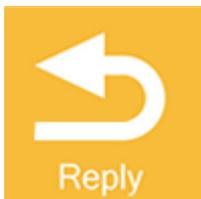
Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on **0800 555 111**, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Links and attachments: Sussex Police will only ever link you to secure Websites we trust. We will only send you attachments where we believe it is absolutely necessary.

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