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Volunteers Wanted

Chifley Neighbourhood Watch needs some volunteers to deliver newsletters to Chifley letterboxes. This only takes about 30 minutes once a month.

Please contact Nick and Carol Nowak for more information.

Driver to face court after 39 traffic offences

Friday, 14 August 2009

A 19-year-old Chifley man will appear in the ACT Magistrates Court on Monday (August 17) to face charges in relation to 39 traffic offences.

Police will allege the man was identified speeding by fixed speed cameras at various locations across Canberra on 38 different occasions between April 21 and August 10 this year, including travelling 56km/h over the posted speed limit on the Monaro Highway in Hume.

The man's Mitsubishi Magna was not fitted with registration plates at the time of the offences however police were able to identify the driver using other available resources.

He will face 38 charges of exceeding the speed limit, as well as using an unregistered vehicle and possessing a prohibited substance.

Superintendent of ACT Policing Traffic Operations Mark Colbran says this should highlight to motorists that deliberate attempts to

evade being identified by fixed speed cameras in the ACT will not be successful.

"Police have a range of tools and resources available to them to investigate these sorts of offences, and such a blatant disregard for traffic laws will be prosecuted to the fullest extent," Supt Colbran said.

Media enquiries:

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Source:

http://afp.gov.au/media_releases/act/2009/driver_to_face_court_after_39_traffic_offences

Chifley Neighbourhood Watch Meetings

Chifley NHW will be meeting in the YMCA meeting room in the former Melrose Primary School, Eggleston Crescent, Chifley, on **Thursday** nights

15th October

17th December at

7:30 pm

Please note that the October meeting will be our Annual General Meeting.

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Crime Statistics:

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Rise in robberies, fall in assaults across capital

Latest statistics show crime in the capital has increased by about 5 per cent on the same time last year, with property damage, burglary and robberies all up. But there has been a dramatic drop in reported sexual assaults and smaller falls in weapons offences and assaults.

Overall, nearly 10,500 offences were reported to police in the three months to July, an increase of more than 5 per cent over the corresponding quarter in 2008.

The figures for the financial year show a marginal overall rise compared with the 2007-08 period.

The number of robberies for the three months was 76, double the number of the same period last year.

ACT Police Minister Simon Corbell said while any increase was of concern, he believed the figures could be a result of police action.

"Any increase is a concern, but it's balanced by the fact we've got more police on the streets so more of these offences are being detected and followed up by police," he said.

Mr Corbell said recent action taken by police as part of Operation Tondo had led to a number of charges being laid.

He said generally the figures indicated crime in the ACT was at relatively low levels.

Other statistics tabled in the Assembly yesterday showed:

- The highest level of clearances on sexual offenders in at least five years;
- The highest level of clearances on abductions in at least five years;
- The lowest levels of the most serious assaults in two years;
- The highest level of car theft in three years;
- The highest level of burglary in three years.

Figures also showed the highest rate of car accidents causing injury in four years. Police were alerted to nearly two accidents a day.

The result follows continued high levels of drink-driving resulting in record numbers of Canberrans being caught in the past financial year.

Mr Corbell said police would continue to target drivers with education campaigns and increased presence on the roads.

"Canberrans need to understand that there is a real problem in our community, there are too many deaths and too many injuries and police will continue to crack down on this issue significantly."

Source: Canberra Times 19 August 2009

Witnesses sought after assault in Phillip carport

Wednesday, 12 August 2009

ACT Policing is seeking to identify two males who attempted to steal a vehicle from a residence in Phillip, were disturbed by the owner, and then assaulted the owner before fleeing the location.

Around 3am today at a home in Phillip, a 30-year-old male disturbed two males whom he suspected had been attempted to break into his vehicle.

The two intruders fled to the roadway where three vehicles – a white Hyundai Excel, a VN Holden Commodore and a silver Subaru Liberty, were waiting with their engines running.

The residence chased one intruder to the driver's side of the Hyundai and kicked the car door shut. He then grappled with the intruder. Males then left the two other vehicles and began punching the resident. The victim suffered a cut lip, bruises and a minor laceration to his lower back.

The offenders returned to their cars and drove off in the direction of Hindmarsh Drive. Around 30 minutes later, the Hyundai was involved in a single vehicle collision on Inkster Street, in Kambah, and abandoned. Around 4am, the Subaru was also involved in a single vehicle collision on Gaunson Cres, in Wanniasa, and abandoned. Both vehicles had been stolen from Kambah the preceding day.

Police are appealing for any witnesses who may have seen these suspicious persons or vehicles in the Phillip area early today, or anyone suspicious activity around the location of the collisions to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or via the Crime Stoppers website on www.act.crimestoppers.com.au.

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**For police attendance use: 131 444.
But, for all life-threatening emergencies use: "0 0 0"**