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From the Area Coordinator:

With the summer heat now getting settled in, we once again prepare for the fire season. Many of us have memories of 18 January 2003, an experience that none of us want to repeat. On that day, many homes with backyards abutting open space suffered damage to the backyards even though the homes were not destroyed. These properties remain the most vulnerable to damage from fires originating or passing through the grassed paddocks or other open space.

Residents of Curtin properties that back onto reserves forming the boundary of the suburb should be especially aware that their properties are categorised as being in the Ember Attack Zone which means a much more aggressive ember presence than a few burning leaves or twigs falling onto their blocks. In the 2003 fires, the embers 'sleeted in' and fireballs travelled through the air over houses and started fires ahead of the main fire front.

Since the fires of 2003, residents have re-established and re-developed their backyards with new items including trees and shrubs. Before the dry heat becomes the daily norm, residents with re-developed yards would be wise to assess the susceptibility of their new developments, particularly dry garden mulch plus trees and shrubs with flammable foliage, to a future fire.

More details can be obtained from *The Strategic Bushfire Management Plan for the ACT* Chapter 5 of which includes the definition of the Ember Zone and maps.

Witnesses sought to weekend robbery, Phillip

Monday, 09 November 2009

Detectives from ACT Policing's Territory Investigations Group are seeking witnesses to an aggravated robbery that occurred at the Pizza Hut store in Phillip on Saturday night.

Police were called to the Botany Street business about 10.30pm after two males entered the store, one armed with a knife, and removed cash from the register. No employees were injured during the incident.

Both offenders have been described as Caucasian men aged in their early twenties, about 175cm (5'9") in height and wearing bandanas underneath baseball caps. One was wearing a polo shirt whilst the other wore a light coloured jumper, baggy track pants and Nike running shoes.

Police are following a number of lines of inquiry and a forensic examination will be conducted. Anyone with any information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via the website at www.act.crimestoppers.com.au.

Media enquiries: ACT Policing Media and Public Relations Ph: 02 6256 7460

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Provisional drivers continue to ignore warnings

Monday, 26 October 2009

A 19-year-old provisional driver will be charged with speeding and drink driving offences after ACT Policing officers observed his vehicle travelling at excessive speed in Curtin early Sunday morning (October 25).

Officers conducted a traffic stop about 3.55am after observing the speeding driver on Yarra Glen. He was subjected to a breath test and found to have a blood alcohol level of 0.107, more than five times over his legal limit.

The alleged offender will be summonsed to appear in the ACT Magistrates Court at a later date.

In a separate incident, a 20-year-old female driver was stopped by police on Woolley Street in Dickson about 11.30pm on Friday night (October 23) after officers received information from a member of the public about her erratic driving manner.

The female, a provisional licence holder, recorded a blood alcohol reading of 0.241, over 12 times higher than her legal limit. She will appear in the ACT Magistrates Court on October 30.

Superintendent in charge of Traffic Operations Mark Colbran says the 0.02 limit for provisional drivers is set for a reason, and the general community should be appalled by those who show a blatant disregard for the law.

“The majority of our provisional drivers are young and inexperienced, still learning the skills required to both drive safely on our roads and handle a large and powerful piece of machinery – this is why they are subject to a 0.02 alcohol limit,” Supt Colbran said.

“As a community we have a part to play to make sure these drivers are upholding their responsibilities as licensed drivers – a privilege that is all too commonly taken as a given,” he said.

“As was the case on Friday night, a member of the public had the forethought to call police regarding the erratic driving behaviour of a fellow motorist, and this coupled with a swift police response removed a severely impaired driver from the road before a tragedy could occur.”

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Witnesses sought to overnight robberies

Friday, 13 November 2009

ACT Policing is seeking witnesses to two aggravated robberies which occurred in Curtin and Braddon overnight (November 12).

About 8.00pm yesterday a man armed with a knife entered the Blockbuster video store at Curtin shops and demanded staff hand over money from the till. The man departed the location with a sum of cash in a late 80s silver V8 Commodore which was waiting outside.

The offender is described as being of Caucasian appearance, around 30 years old, approximately 170cm (5'7) tall, with a slim build and brown facial stubble. The man was wearing sunglasses, a long-sleeved black jacket with a black hooded jumper underneath, blue tracksuit pants with a white stripe down each leg and white shoes with black soles.

The second incident, which appears to be unrelated to the first, occurred around 9.55pm yesterday when a man entered the Coles Express service station in Braddon and produced a firearm from a grey backpack and demanded money from the till. The man left the location with a sum of cash and cigarettes and was last seen heading in the direction of Haig Park.

The man is described as being of Caucasian appearance, around 35-40 years old, with blue eyes, light-coloured hair and was unshaven. He was wearing a grey hooded jumper with a zip down the front.

Police are appealing for any witnesses who may have seen suspicious activity around Curtin Place, Curtin, or Mort Street, Braddon, or anyone who may know the identity of the offenders 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”**