



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Friday 2nd March 2018

News and appeals

Police release e-fit of Horsham robbery suspect

Police have released an e-fit image of a man wanted in connection with two knife-point incidents in Horsham.

At about 11.10am on Thursday 15 February, a man attempted to snatch a handbag from a woman in New Street, close to the parade of shops near Livingstone Road.

The suspect threatened the 40-year-old victim with a knife, however she bravely fought him off and he fled the scene empty handed.

At about 1am on Sunday 18 February, a 17-year-old boy was walking along Rushams Road when he was approached by a man at the junction with Victory Road.

The suspect demanded the victim's phone, which he handed over. Following this incident, the victim was treated for two stab wounds – one to the back and to his arm.

An 18-year-old man from Horsham, arrested on suspicion of robbery (18 February) and attempted robbery (15 February), has been released under investigation as enquiries continue.

However, police are still appealing for witnesses to either incident – or anyone who recognises the suspect pictured – to come forward.

Anyone with any information is asked to [report it online](#) or call 101 quoting serial 766 of 15/02 for the New Street incident, or serial 99 of 18/02 for the Rushams Road incident.

Alternatively, you can visit the [Crimestoppers](#) website or contact the independent charity anonymously on 0800 555 111.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/night-time-attack-on-17-year-old-boy-in-horsham-street/>

Could you be the voice of Sussex Police? Have you got what it takes?

Could you reassure people in a time of crisis or keep them talking to find out where they are?

Are you a quick thinker, with an enquiring mind and an excellent multitasker?

Then maybe the Contact Handler role with Sussex Police is the job for you.

Sussex Police is looking for people to become Contact Handlers in the busy contact centre. Contact Handlers deal with a huge variety of emergency 999 calls, non-emergency 101 calls, online and social media communications and are often the first point of public contact with the police.

This is the first Contact Handler recruitment for 2018 but there will be more roles advertised this year to ensure that the contact centre provides a consistent service to the people of Sussex.

Chief Superintendent Jane Derrick, who is in charge of the contact centre, said: "The situations you will be faced with are as diverse as the communities we serve and you will be engaging with people of all ages and backgrounds.

"Working in a fast-paced 24/7 environment, you must be able to work under pressure, communicate clearly at all times and make critical decisions. You will need to be able to think on your feet, ask the right questions, listen for vital details, and log information quickly and accurately.

"It is also vital that you can strike the right balance between showing empathy with every caller, while not becoming too emotionally involved when dealing with sometimes difficult situations. You could take a call from someone who is suicidal and need to keep them talking for as long as possible, and immediately after take a call from someone reporting a lost bike – both are important and both need different support from the Contact Handler."

The role is based at our Headquarters on the outskirts of Lewes. You will need to be able to work shifts, including nights, weekends and bank holidays.

In return we offer a great starting salary with enhancements to reflect the shift and weekend/holiday working. We also provide excellent ongoing training, skills development and progression opportunities.

Please note, where possible, we like to recruit local people, with local knowledge and whatever your background, ethnicity, gender, religion or sexual orientation, we welcome you and your application.

Recruitment is open from 23 February and the deadline for applications is 15 March.

For further information visit our [recruitment](#) page or email recruitment@sussex.pnn.police.uk

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Police issue timely reminder on the dangers of drug-driving

Police have issued a timely reminder to motorists around the devastating consequences of drug-driving.

On 2 March 2015, the Government announced it is illegal to drive while over the specified limit of 17 legal and illegal drugs.

Now, on the third anniversary of the new law, officers are warning offenders that they are now far more likely to be caught and convicted.

In the 12 months leading up to the new legislation (2 March 2014 – 1 March 2015), a total of 62 drug-driving arrests were made in Sussex.

This compares to 325 the next 12 months (2 March 2015 – 1 March 2016) and 558 the following year (2 March 2016 – 1 March 2017).

Between 2 March 2017 and 26 February 2018, a total of 464 drug-driving arrests were made in the county.

Chief Inspector Warren Franklin, of the Surrey and Sussex Roads Policing Unit, said: "Prior to the introduction of this drug-driving law, we had to rely on a roadside impairment test to prove a driver was under the influence of drugs. Now, with this new legislation and the DrugWipe kit – a tool which tests for a number of drugs at the roadside – we can prove it in a matter of minutes.

"This makes it a lot easier to catch and convict criminals, and this is reflected in the increased number of arrests made since the law was introduced.

"What hasn't changed is our stance on roads policing – we have a zero tolerance approach to drug-driving, and anyone caught committing this offence will be dealt with robustly."

- This motorist was found to be more than 16 times the drug-driving limit:

On 8 February 2017, police were called to a two-vehicle collision which occurred in Shopwyke Road, Chichester.

The driver of an Isuzu Rodeo was suspected to be under the influence of drugs, and a roadside DrugWipe test confirmed he had cocaine in his system.

He was identified as Martin Roberts, 24, a builder, of Uphill Way, Hunston, Chichester. He was subsequently charged with driving with

more than 800mcg of benzoylecgonine (the main metabolite of cocaine) and 33mcg of cocaine per litre of blood in his system, and possession of a weapon designed for the discharge of a noxious liquid, namely CS gas.

The legal limits for these substances are 50mcg and 10mcg per litre of blood respectively.

At Worthing Magistrates' Court on 13 June 2017, he was disqualified from driving for 18 months and sentenced to a 12-month community order, which requires him to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work. He was also ordered to pay £85 costs and a £85 victim surcharge.

- This motorist was just 14 when he was arrested for drug-driving:

On 9 October 2017, a teenager was arrested following reports of youths riding a moped antisocially in Orchard Way, Bognor Regis.

The 15-year-old, from Bognor Regis, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was subsequently charged with driving with 3.7mcg of cannabis per litre of blood in his system, driving without insurance, driving without a licence and failing to stop when required to do so by a police officer.

At Worthing Youth Court on 8 February, he was disqualified from driving for 18 months and sentenced to a 12-month youth rehabilitation order. He was also ordered to pay a £20 victim surcharge.

If you are convicted of drug-driving, you could face a minimum 12-month ban, a criminal record, an unlimited fine, up to six months in prison, and an endorsement on your driving licence for 11 years.

Chief Insp Franklin added: "The consequences of drug-driving can be catastrophic, and it is well documented that driving under the influence of drink or drugs is one of the four most common causes of fatal and serious injury collisions in the UK.

"Drug-driving is stupid, it's irresponsible and it's downright dangerous. Anyone who does so risks killing themselves, their passengers or other innocent road users. They also risk losing their job and their licence, in addition to a criminal record, increased car insurance costs and trouble getting into countries including the USA."

The new legislation introduced in 2017 makes it against the law to drive while over the specified limit of 17 legal and illegal drugs. The limit set for each drug is extremely low, and limits have been set to account for circumstances such as accidental exposure to drugs.

Surrey and Sussex Police liaise closely with Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and DriveSmart in Surrey to provide education and enforcement around drug-driving.

To find out more, visit [THINK!'s](#) drug-driving page online.

People in Sussex can text officers on 65999 with the details of people they suspect of drink or drug-driving, or visit the [Operation Crackdown](#)

website.

You can also contact the independent charity [Crimestoppers](#) anonymously on 0800 555 111 or report it online.

If you know someone is driving while over the limit or after taking drugs, call 999.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/police-issue-timely-reminder-on-the-dangers-of-drug-driving/>

Identification sought after almost £20,000 worth of jewellery stolen from a Horsham property

Police would like to identify two men after a large quantity of jewellery with a value of nearly £20,000 was stolen from a Horsham property.

The break-in is believed to have occurred on Monday 19 February between 1.15pm and 6.40pm at a house in Lambs Green, Rusper.

The CCTV footage shows two men believed to be acting suspiciously at 4.45pm on the day in question. Photographs of the men can be found on Sussex Police website.

A total of 12 watches, three rings, three cameras and a PlayStation 4 were stolen from inside the property.

Detective Constable Becki Buckley said: "We are appealing to anyone who witnessed any suspicious behaviour or has CCTV footage of the area to come forward.

"In particular we are urging any dog walkers who were near the property at this time to cast their minds back to this day to see if they remembered anything out of the ordinary."

If you have any information please report [online](#) or call 101 quoting reference 791 of 19/02.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/identification-sought-after-almost-20-000-worth-of-jewellery-stolen-from-a-horsham-property/>

Crime summary

Burglary

Reference: 0252 24th February

Location: Rectory Lane, Pulborough

Date and time: Between midnight and 0730hrs 24th February

Details: Window was forced and entry gained. Money, cigarettes and a bag was stolen

Other than Dwelling

Reference: 0575 27th February

Location: Butlers Rd, Horsham

Date and time: Between 1400hrs 25th February – 0645hrs 26th February

Details: A pedal cycle was stolen from an insecure garage.

Reference: 0553 28th February
Location: Ash Road, Southwater
Date and time: Between December 2017 – 28th February 2018
Details: Secure garage broken into and motorbike stolen.

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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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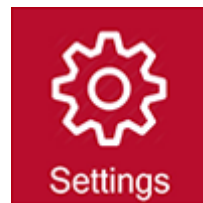
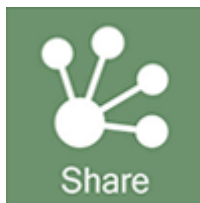
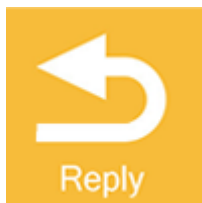
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