Sussex Police Horsham - News and appeals

Police e-fit of male wanted for Horsham sexual assault

Officers have released an e-fit in a bid to trace a man for a sexual assault in Horsham. Please click on the link below to view the e-fit.

A 23-year-old woman was walking along Brighton Road in Horsham at around half midnight on Saturday, April 14, when she was grabbed by a man near to the junction with Gorings Mead. He grabbed her around the neck and pulled at her clothing.

She kicked him and ran home and called the police.

The woman was able to describe him well enough for an e-fit to be put together. He is described as tall with blonde hair, blue eyes, stubble, medium build, black shoes with laces, tight blue jeans with a brown belt and a blue polo top with a yellow symbol on the left of the chest. He had a grey Nike jacket on and was late 20s to early 30s. She described him as smelling of Malibu, cigarettes and Calvin Klein. He had a scar on the right side of his stomach and possibly had a pierced tongue.

Detective constable Kai Murray said: "The victim was extremely shaken by the incident and has been able to help us with this clear description."
"Were you driving through Horsham and see anything which may be able to help us? Or do you recognise this man? Please contact us."

Information can be reported online quoting serial 86 of 14/04. https://sussex.police.uk/news/police-release-efit-of-wanted-for-horsham-sexual-assault/

Police appealing for witnesses to Horsham attempted robbery
Police are appealing for witnesses to an attempted robbery in Horsham.

Around 10.30pm on Wednesday (25 April), a woman was walking in North Parade, close to the junction with Rushams Road, when she was approached by an unknown man holding a knife, who demanded her belongings.

The victim, a 33-year-old woman from Horsham, screamed and ran away from the suspect. He is described as tanned, of stocky build, with short dark hair and unshaven, wearing a grey hooded top, dark grey tracksuit bottoms and dark shoes.

Officers attended, and located and arrested a man matching the description provided. No knife was found. The 32-year-old man from Horsham, arrested on suspicion of attempted robbery, has been released under investigation.
Anyone who saw what happened is asked to report it online or call 101 quoting serial 1369 of 25/04.

Alternatively, you can visit the Crimestoppers website or contact the independent charity anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Police warning to West Sussex residents about thefts by bogus 'water board' callers

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Police are reminding local residents across West Sussex to be wary of unannounced callers following two distraction burglaries in the area and an attempted third, on one day.

On Tuesday 25 April three such offences, against elderly residents, were reported on the one day, in Pagham, Arundel and Cowfold.

At 2pm a woman resident answered her door in Mill Park Road, Pagham, to callers who entered and stole £250.
Just before 3pm a similar incident happened in Canada Road, Arundel, where the callers entered and stole approximately £350.

Then at about 8pm two men called at an address in Fairfield Cottages, Cowfold, but the woman resident shut the door on them and they left empty-handed.

Tom Carpenter of the West Sussex Community Investigation Team said; “In each case two men called at the victims' homes, saying they were dealing with a water leak at a neighbouring property. In two of the cases they were able to come in and whilst the victims were distracted in the kitchen, cash was stolen from their homes. "These type of incidents are thankfully rare but are nevertheless an unpleasant and often traumatic experience."

Tom Carpenter said; "We are investigating, and meanwhile advice which has previously been given about this type of crime is worth repeating;

· If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it. Check the identity of the caller by calling the company they are purporting to be from i.e. gas, electricity, water or police.

- Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider Do not use any telephone numbers provided by the caller they may be bogus.
· Telephone a neighbour or friend nearby to come along and check out the caller before you open the door to them. Some areas have nominated neighbour schemes you can sign up to. Check with your local police to find out if there is one in your area.

· Many service providers provide password schemes, sign up to these. When unannounced callers knock at your door they should know the password if they are genuine.

· The "Waterboard" no longer exists, it is an obsolete phrase used only by bogus callers.

· Don’t keep large quantities of cash at home; put it in the bank where it is safe.

· Keep doors locked and windows secure at all times.

· Ensure that if you do let somebody in to your home, that you close the door behind them - distraction burglars often work in teams, where one will distract you whilst others sneak in through the insecure door.

· If somebody asks for your help - needs to make a telephone call, lost a ball in your garden, needs a drink or pen and paper for example, refer them to another neighbour or assist them through a closed door. Alternatively, call a friend or neighbour to come and assist.

· Not sure? Don't open the door!
"On the same day a group of men were seen calling at addresses in the vicinity of the Pagham offence, offering gardening services. Police are keen to trace these men as they may have information of importance to the investigation.

"If you know their identity, or have been visited by similar people in the last few days, or have any other information, please contact us online or by calling 101, quoting serial 634 of 25/04.


Crime summary

Burglary – apart from a break to a garage, there are no burglaries to report this week.

Other than Dwelling

Reference: 0435 28th April
Location: Riverside, Storrington
Date and time: Between 2300hrs 27th April & 1100hrs 28th April
Details: Lock on garage door was broken and 2 mountain bikes were stolen.
Other
It is reported that this weekend will be nice weather. Don’t forget to close all windows when going out - don’t give burglars easy access to your property.

Ensure that gates or access to the rear of the house are locked and secure – further advice can be found by clicking on the link.

https://sussex.police.uk/advice/protect-your-home-and-belongings/burglary/

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

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