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News and appeals

Witness appeal following armed street robbery in Horsham

Police are appealing for witnesses after a man was robbed by an armed youth in Horsham on Friday (23 September).

The 21-year-old victim had finished work and was walking home at around 1.15am when he was approached from behind by someone in an alleyway by the train station car park.

He was tripped up and fell to the floor before the suspect produced something shiny from his pocket which was believed to be either a knife or screwdriver. The victim was told to hand over his phone, which he did.

The suspect then ran off. He has been described as white, around 5'10" and of slim build. He looked young, around 15-years-old and was wearing a black hoody and black tracksuit bottoms.

Detective Constable James Gwynne said: "This was a frightening ordeal for the victim who has understandably been left shaken.

"We would like to speak with anyone who was in the area at the time and who saw something suspicious."

Witnesses can email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 101 quoting reference 58 of 23/09.

Witnesses sought to two car crash on the A23 near Handcross

Police are seeking witnesses to a two car collision on the A23 northbound between Handcross and Pease Pottage.

It occurred shortly before 9.30am on Friday (23 September) and involved a red Volkswagen Up and a blue Vauxhall Zafira, both travelling north.

The impact between the two vehicles led to the Vauxhall hitting the central barrier and coming to rest in lane three.

Two people travelling in the Vauxhall were taken by ambulance to the East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, for treatment to slight injuries.

The VW driver was unhurt.

Anyone who saw what happened is asked to email collision.appeal@sussex.pnn.police.uk or phone 101, quoting reference 392 of 23/09.

Man stabbed in Horsham street

Police are investigating an attack on a man in a Horsham street during which he received stab wounds.

At 7.40pm on Monday (19 September) officers were called to reports of a fight in Park Terrace East, Horsham, near the car park in adjacent Burnham Place. They found a 31-year old local man who had sustained several stab wounds to a leg and a buttock, as well as a head wound from a blunt instrument.

An air ambulance attended but he was taken by road ambulance to the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton where he was treated for his injuries and was discharged later the same evening.

No arrests have been made at present but enquiries are continuing to trace two men suspected of having been involved.

We believe that all three men are known to each other.

Anyone who saw what happened or has any information is asked to contact Sussex Police via 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 101, quoting serial 1400 of 19/09.

Appeal for witnesses to fatal head on collision at Billingshurst

Police are appealing for witnesses after a man sadly died following a head on collision on the A272 Petworth Road, Billingshurst.

A Ford Fiesta travelling south collided with a Volkswagen Golf travelling west at 2.15pm on Friday (16 September) at the junction with the B2133 Newpound Lane.

The passenger in the Ford Fiesta, a 74-year-old man from Worthing, suffered serious chest injuries and was taken to the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, where he sadly died on Sunday (18 September).

The driver, a 50-year-old woman from Worthing, suffered severe bruising and was taken to the Royal Sussex County Hospital. Another passenger, a 74-year-old woman from Worthing suffered serious injuries and remains at the Royal Sussex County Hospital.

The driver of the VW Golf, a 36-year-old man from Falmouth suffered whiplash, his passengers, a 35-year-old woman and a one-year-old girl also from Falmouth suffered seat belt injuries and were taken to Worthing Hospital to be checked over.

The road was closed while investigations were carried out. Anyone who saw the collision is asked to contact

police by emailing collision.appeal@sussex.pnn.police.uk or ring 101 quoting Operation Riverhill.

Crime summary

Burglary

Reference: 0628 16-09

Location: West Chiltington Lane, Billingshursts

Date and time: 16/09/16

Details: Young man asked female for nearest garage, had run out of fuel, and left. Whilst upstairs believed male has re-entered house and taken £150 from purse.

Reference: 18-09

Location: Fitzalan Road Horsham.

Date and time: 18/09/16

Details: House empty due to move, things still in garage. Neighbour saw two males force garage open. Confronted and told to go but have taken two low value ornaments

Reference: 0669 18-09

Location: Laughton Road, Horsham

Date and time: Over the weekend period 17/09/16-18/09/16

Details: Burglary dwelling over the weekend. Occupants on holiday, window smashed and untidy search. Unsure if anything taken.

Reference: 0664 19-09

Location: West Chiltington Pulborough

Date and time: Afternoon 18/09/16

Details: Victim was in rear garden with back door open. Victim's purse stolen of kitchen table.

Reference: 1117 21-09

Location: Dorking Road, Horsham

Date and time: Between 0900 - 1700 21/09/16

Details: Whilst house was unoccupied suspect has gained access and stolen electrical items.

Reference: 0029 22/09/16

Location: Lambs Farm Road, Horsham

Date and time: Over a 5 day period

Details: Whilst occupants on holiday entry forced through back door and untidy search conducted. Nothing taken, games console damaged.

Reference: 1295 27-09

Location: Barrington Road, Horsham.

Date and time: Between 1000-1800 27/09/16

Details: Door damaged and something stuck in lock, no entry gained.

OTD

Reference: 1157 20/09/16

Location: Coolham Road, West Chiltington

Date and time: Overnight between 17/09/16 – 18/09/16

Details: Damage caused to lock on shed door. No entry gained, nothing taken.

Reference: 0234

Location: Rivermead, Pulborough

Date and time: Overnight between 20/09/16 – 21/09/16
Details: Entry forced to shed by breaking lock. Tools and bike stolen.

Reference: 1164 22-09

Location: Lower Beeding, Horsham.

Date and time: 20/09/16-22/09/16

Details: Over the last few days entry forced to storage shed in front garden. Tools stolen.

Reference: 0131 23-09

Location: East Street, Horsham

Date and time: Overnight between 20/09/16 - 21/09/16

Details: Entry forced to outhouse, games console taken.

Courier Fraud

Usually the elderly are targeted. Fraudsters will telephone a potential victim purporting to be from their bank, from the police or other law enforcement authority. They then dupe the person into revealing their PIN and handing over their debit or credit card.

What you should know

We have had a report of courier fraud in the Horsham area fortunately a family member become aware of what was going on however others are not so lucky.

An example is a fraudster rings you, claiming to be from your bank or the police, saying a fraudulent payment has been spotted on your card and this needs resolving, or that someone has been arrested using your details and cards.

You may be asked to ring back using the phone number on the back of your card. This further convinces you that the call is genuine. However, the caller keeps the line open at their end so, when you make the call, you are unknowingly connected straight back to them or their friends.

They will ask you for your PIN number or sometimes ask you to key it into your phone's handset.

You should never give your PIN to anyone in any way.

The scammer then sends a courier or taxi to pick up your card from your home. It is possible the driver does not know they are being used as part of the scam.

Once they have your card and PIN the scammer can then spend your money.

There are now many variations to this fraud:

- One of these is where you are contacted and told there is a corrupt member of staff within your bank, a Post Office or bureau de change and the police need your help to identify them.
- You may be asked to withdraw a large sum of your money with the purpose of the money being marked by the police or bank to be placed back into the banking system. They say this will help them identify the corrupt person. On handing the cash over it is taken by the fraudsters.
- Another variation is being asked to purchase an expensive watch, or other high value item, to try and identify counterfeit goods. You will then be told to hand this item to a taxi driver for transfer to the police. The item is then passed to the fraudster.
- The latest variation is where you are informed your bank account has been taken over and you need to transfer all the funds in to a 'safe account' set up by the caller. This account is operated by the fraudsters who then steal the funds.

Protect yourself against courier fraud

- Your bank will never send a courier to your home.
- Your bank and the police will never collect your bank card.
- Your bank and the police will never ask for your PIN.
- If you receive one of these calls end it immediately.

Victim advice

- Report this to Action Fraud or, if elderly or vulnerable, to Sussex Police by calling 101.
- If you have handed over any details to the fraudster, call your bank and cancel your cards immediately.
- If you want to call your bank, then do it from another telephone or wait at least ten minutes before using your phone again.

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

Your local teams

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