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Horsham Police - News and appeals

Man arrested and charged with series of West Sussex armed robberies

Officers investigating a number of armed robberies across West Sussex have arrested and charged a man with nine offences.

Andrew Hall, 33, of Dickens Road, Crawley, has been charged with two counts of robbery at the Co-op store in Bolnore Village, Haywards Heath, on 9 April and at the Co-op store in Horsham Road, Cowfold, on 30 April and attempted robbery at the Premier Convenience store in North Road, Crawley, on 29 April.

He is also charged with three counts of having a firearm with intent to commit robbery at all three shops, possession of a firearm and possession of ammunition for a firearm without a certificate and possession of cannabis on 8 May at Dickens Road, Crawley.

Hall is due at Crawley Magistrates' Court on Tuesday (9 May).

A 29-year-old Crawley woman who was arrested on suspicion of two counts of robbery on 9 April and 30 April and attempted robbery on 29 April has been released for further investigation.

Anyone with information about these robberies is asked to contact police by emailing 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or ring 101 quoting Operation Bourbon or alternatively, you can call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or report [here](#)

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/man-arrested-and-charged-with-series-of-west-sussex-armed-robberies/>

Don't be taken in by text messages suggesting you are due a 'DVLA vehicle tax refund'

Police are warning residents in Sussex not to be taken in by cold callers or text messages suggesting they are due a DVLA vehicle tax refund.

One such unsuccessful attempt was made in Worthing late last month and police are aware that there have been some similar reports elsewhere in the county recently, although there are no reports of the attempts being successful.

The Worthing resident had a text message which claimed he was owed a DVLA vehicle tax refund. The bogus link site was tax-disc.gov.uk.dvla.mal.pw, which takes you to an equally bogus UK Gov looking site. This site asks for your bank details so they can refund your money direct in to that bank account.

The man is very capable and astute but even he only just managed to stop himself pressing Send with all his bank details.

A Sussex Police spokesperson said; "This is a recent variation on a well-established

type of fraud across the country in which the criminals phone or text using a variety of ruses to try to make you supply bank details or withdraw cash.

"Genuine organisations, including the DVLA, will never approach you in this way.

Never give personal information to unexpected callers.

"If you receive such a text, do not respond and report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or [here](#).

"But if you or someone you know has received such a text, and are at all vulnerable, please report it to us on 101."

For further advice on responding to fraud attempts of this type see our website [here](#).
<https://sussex.police.uk/news/dont-be-taken-in-by-text-messages-suggesting-you-are-due-a-dvla-vehicle-tax-refund/>

Crime summary

Burglary

Reference: 051 of 10-05-2017

Location: Shottermill Horsham

Date and time: Between 28-04-2017 and 10-05-2017

Details: Conservatory window forced open unknown what has been stolen

Other than Dwelling

Reference: 0847 of 10-05-2017

Location: Salisbury Road Horsham

Date and time: Between 0200-0230 hours on 08-05-2017

Details: Two sheds broken into unknown if anything has been stolen. Other sheds believed to have been targeted

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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

Your local teams

[Visit our Website](#) to contact your local team, view local news and follow our social media accounts. Simply type your post code in the '**Find a Local Area**' box located in the top right of the web page.

Links and attachments: Sussex Police will only ever link you to secure Websites we trust.