



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Friday 20th July 2018

News and appeals

West Sussex residents reminded - stay alert for bogus phone callers

Police are reminding West Sussex residents, especially the elderly, to stay on the alert for bogus phone calls and visitors after five cases of fraud or attempted fraud in four days.

In each case residents have received phone calls from someone purporting to be from their bank or some unknown source, saying that there were problems with their credit or debit card accounts, and that they needed to supply their PIN and other card details over the phone, and hand the card or cards to a courier who would arrive at the door.

- On 5 July an 85-year-old woman in [Lancing](#) handed over information over the phone and gave her card to a courier, but became suspicious the cards was cancelled before any money was taken.
- On the following day an 87-year-old [Crawley](#) woman was phoned and her cards were collected, but she was suspicious and managed to cancel them before any cash was taken.
- Just a day later, on Saturday 7 July, another Crawley resident, a woman aged 85, was still on the phone to the bogus caller when the would-be courier knocked on door, but she became suspicious and told the visitor to go away. No information or cards were handed over.
- On the same day an 83-year-old woman in [Copthorne](#) was phoned and then handed over four cards which were used in Crawley to withdraw £1850 before her family realised what had happened and the cards were cancelled.
- Then on Monday 9 July, an 80-year-old man living in [Worthing](#) handed over cards. £100 was withdrawn from one account, and an attempt was made to withdraw £300 from another one.

Police attended on each occasion and have been providing support, including advice and assistance on prevention measures. PC Bernadette Lawrie, the Sussex Police Financial Abuse Safeguarding Officer said; "Remember - your bank will never ask for your PIN or bank card – do not give them to anybody!"

For further advice and information on preventing this type of fraud, see the [Sussex Police website](#).

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/west-sussex-residents-reminded-stay-alert-for-bogus-phone-callers/>

<https://sussex.police.uk/advice/protect-yourself-and-others/fraud/banking-and-card-fraud/>

Two sentenced for the killing of Anthony Williams

Two men have been sentenced for the killing of Horsham father Anthony Williams.

Following a three-week trial at Hove Crown Court, a jury found Nicholas Bridge (pictured left), 18, from Brixton, London, guilty of murder and Daniel Onofeghare (pictured right), 20, of no fixed address, guilty of manslaughter following the death last September.

To read the full story please click on the link or see our website for photographs.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/breaking-two-sentenced-for-the-killing-of-anthony-williams/>

Police release video to highlight dangers of drink and drug-driving

This video demonstrates how alcohol can impair your ability to carry out even the simplest of tasks.

The footage has been issued by Sussex Police to highlight the dangers of drink and drug-driving.

It comes following the conclusion of Surrey and Sussex Police's dedicated summer crackdown on drink and drug-drivers, which ran from Thursday 14 June to Sunday 15 July.

We have chosen not to disclose details of the woman involved for operational reasons, however we can confirm she has been disqualified from driving.

Arresting officer, Police Constable Tom Bezants of the Worthing Divisional Response Team, said: "It was quite clear from the manner of her driving that the woman had consumed a number of drinks. This was also evident in her demeanour at the roadside, where she initially failed to follow simple instructions.

"By driving while heavily under the influence of alcohol, she risked her own life, the life of her son in the front passenger seat and also the lives of other innocent road users.

"Drink-driving is a serious offence and it won't be tolerated on our roads in Sussex.

"While this was a dedicated month-long operation, we will continue to respond to reports of drink and drug-drivers 365 days a year."

More than 100 arrests were made in Sussex during the campaign, of which 20 have so far been convicted in court; the remaining have either been charged, released under investigation or released without charge.

For details of some of those arrested and the results of the court hearing can be found by clicking or see our website.

If you're prepared to drive under the influence of drink or drugs, prepare to face the consequences. These could include the following:

- A minimum 12 month ban;
- An unlimited fine;
- A possible prison sentence;
- A criminal record, which could affect your current and future employment;
- An increase in your car insurance;
- Trouble travelling to countries such as the USA.

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-release-video-to-highlight-dangers-of-drink-and-drug-driving/>

Burglary

Reference: 1219 19/07

Location: MacLeod Road, Horsham

Date and time: Between 1115hrs and 1900hrs 19th July

Details: Front door was forced and entry gained, unknown what was taken.

Reference: 1127 18th July

Location: Naldrett Close, Horsham

Date and time: Between 0830hrs and 1645hrs 18th July

Details: Damage caused to front door and entry gained. Jewellery stolen.

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