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Police seek to identify witnesses to 2023 Woden Westfield assault

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ACT Policing is seeking to identify two witnesses to an alleged assault at Westfield Woden in September 2023.

About 7.15pm on Sunday, 17 September 2023, police allege two boys assaulted another boy in the shopping centre. This assault was allegedly filmed on a mobile phone by a girl.

Three youths have been charged in relation to this incident.

Police would like to speak to two other girls who were present around the time of the assault who may be able to identify the alleged offenders.

One girl is described as Caucasian in appearance, with a medium build, and blonde and purple hair. She was wearing a black top, blue jeans, white sneakers, and a black cap at the time of the alleged assault. It is understood she provided first aid to the victim following the alleged assault.

The other girl is described as Caucasian in appearance, with a medium build, and dark hair. She was wearing a black top, grey zip-through jumper, black pants, and black and white shoes at the time of the incident.

Police are urging both of these girls to make contact as they may have information that could assist the investigation. We would like to stress that neither of these girls are in any trouble in relation to the alleged assault.

There were also a number of people – adults and juveniles – present at the location following the alleged assault.

Any of these people who have not yet spoken to police are also urged to come forward.

Anyone with information that could assist police should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or via the **Crime Stoppers ACT website**. Please quote reference 7540606. Information can be provided anonymously.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES - POLICE MEDIA — (02) 5126 9070, act-police-media@afp.gov.au



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or ambulance



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For police assistance



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Terrorism

Terrorism is an ongoing major security challenge for Australia. We play a lead role in keeping Australians safe from terrorism.

About this crime

The threat from terrorism in Australia is enduring, increasingly complex and diversified. Individuals who get involved with extremists come from a range of social backgrounds. This means every potential terrorist is influenced differently. Investigating terrorism is complex, as no 2 situations are the same.

8Regardless of their ideology, terrorists' methods are constantly changing and evolving. This means we must be alert, aware and adaptable to changes in the global security environment.

Terrorism can happen anywhere in Australia. Violent extremism and radicalism are on the rise. This includes both religious and ideologically motivated violent extremist ideologies.

We continue to investigate and disrupt both homegrown terrorism and terrorism overseas that impacts Australians.

Our terrorism investigations also include:

- High-Risk Terrorist Offenders (HRTTO)
- financing terrorism
- suspected terrorism-related kidnap for ransom.

Terrorism overseas

Conflicts in places like Syria, Iraq, the Middle East and Ukraine impact Australia and its citizens. Some Australians have travelled to these locations to engage in armed conflict. This means there could be Australians who may have committed terrorism offences.

It is a crime to:

- engage in fighting with a terrorist organisation or military group that isn't a foreign country's military
- fund, train or recruit someone to fight overseas
- supply weapons to or fund a terrorist organisation.

When Australians come home from fighting overseas, they may bring dangerous new skills and networks. These pose a threat to our national security.

We work to:

- prevent Australians from joining overseas conflicts to engage in hostile activities
- manage the threat of foreign fighters returning to Australia
- strengthen relationships with domestic and international partners and communities to counter extremism
- identify and disrupt radicalisation
- monitor trends and adapt to the fluid and dynamic nature of terrorism
- mitigate the risk that convicted terrorist offenders pose to the Australian community.

Financing terrorism

Under Division 103 of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth), it's illegal to finance terrorism.

A person finances terrorism when they:

- intentionally collect or provide money
- are reckless about whether the money will be used to facilitate or engage in a terrorist act.

Terrorism financing generally falls into 2 broad categories:

- direct costs required to fund terrorist attacks
- funding required to maintain a terrorist network, organisation or cell that includes foreign terrorist fighters.

Direct costs of terrorist attacks include travel, explosive materials, weapons and vehicles. The amount of money required for a terrorist attack can be quite small. Many attacks have been conducted with just a few hundred dollars.

Ongoing funding is generally used to recruit members, provide training, promote ideology, fund general infrastructure and living costs, and support the families of terrorists.

Terrorism funding may come from legitimate sources, criminal activities or both. Legitimate sources may include donations or gifts of cash or other assets to organisations, such as charities, which are used to support terrorist activities.

Terrorism funding uses similar techniques to money laundering to avoid detection.

ACT Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS)

24/7 Crisis Intervention

What we do

We provide 24/7 crisis intervention services to anyone who is experiencing, or has experienced, domestic and family violence. Our crisis services are provided 365 days a year and include:

- telephone support
- attendance with police at domestic and family violence incidents
- access to safe emergency accommodation
- safety planning
- referrals to support services.

When you call us you will speak to someone specially trained in crisis intervention and support who understands domestic and family violence—someone who will listen and believe you. We understand that everyone's situation is different, and there is no 'one size fits all' approach. We understand that relationships are very complex. We do not pressure people to leave. We do not pressure them to call police or involve the courts.

Concerned family, friends, colleagues, neighbours and medical and allied health professionals are also very welcome to call our 24/7 telephone crisis line for information and guidance on how to [support someone](#).

What does it cost

These services are provided free of charge.

Contact us

To access our crisis intervention services call our 24/7 crisis telephone line [02 6280 0900](tel:0262800900). If it isn't urgent another contact option is to email crisis@dvcs.org.au; this email is only monitored during business hours. You are welcome to call us reverse charges. If you live outside the ACT please call [1800RESPECT](tel:1800RESPECT).

Lost and found pets and injured wildlife

Losing a domestic pet can be a devastating and upsetting experience. As such, it is essential the owner register the loss as soon as possible for the best chance of recovery. Equally finding a roaming or injured pet/wildlife can be upsetting. Nevertheless, swift action is required to help reunite the pet with their owner, or to get the necessary veterinary treatment if the animal has suffered an injury.

Lost pets may be reported to and/or registered on:

- The Canberra Lost Pet Database [on Facebook](#)
- Gordon Neighbourhood Watch [on Facebook](#)
- RSPCA ACT - 12 Kirkpatrick Street, Weston ACT 2611 - Telephone 6287 8100
- Domestic Animal Services (DAS) - Mugga Lane, Symonston ACT 2609 - Telephone 6207 2959

If possible, on finding a lost pet, please take the animal to a Vet, RSPCA or DAS, to have her/him checked for a microchip. If microchipped, the pet will often be allowed to stay at the practise until reunited with their owner.

**Injured wildlife should be reported to ACT Wildlife on 0432 300 033 or
to Access Canberra on 132 281.**

Thank you! The Committee wishes to acknowledge and express its sincere appreciation to the following for their continued invaluable support.

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For generously sponsoring the printing of the Gordon NHW Newsletter.

Newsletter Deliverers

Without your significant voluntary contributions we simply would not be able to deliver the Newsletter to the post boxes of the more than the 3,000 residents of Gordon.

It is important to note that Neighbourhood Watch Newsletters are classified by the ACT Government as 'Community Information' and therefore are able to be delivered to all letter boxes regardless of notices to the contrary on any particular letterbox. However, should a resident expressly ask a Deliverer not to deliver the Newsletter then we will abide by the complainant's request. In order to facilitate this, the complainants address will be required.

AN EXCERPT OF CRIME STATISTICS

A = assault. **AO** = assault other. **AR** = arson. **B** = burglary. **BT** = Bicycle theft. **CD** = criminal damage. **GBH** = grievous bodily harm. **MVT** = motor vehicle theft. **N** = number plate theft. **OT** = other theft. **PD** = property damage. **ST** = shop stealing.

KNOKE	MVT	27/02/23
WOODFULL	N	01/02/23
MOON	N	08/02/23
CARSLAKE	N	09/02/23
CHEVALLEY	OT	13/02/23
ATTWOOD	OT	11/02/23
POINT HUT	OT	28/02/23

POPPLEWELL	GBH	09/03/24
BEAUFORT	GBH	23/03/24
KNOKE	AO	14/03/24
OXENHAM	AO	25/03/24
JIM PIKE	MVT	04/03/24
WOODCOCK	MVT	13/03/24
BEAUFORT	N	14/03/24
POINT HUT	OT	16/03/24
CLEEVE	PD	19/03/24
FAVELL	PD	24/03/24
HICKENBOTHAM	PD	29/03/24

KNOKE	AO	09/04/24
DOLAN	B	03/04/24
MACKNEY	B	07/04/24
OXENHAM	B	14/04/24
CHIPPERFIELD	MVT	17/04/24
SLAVIN	PD	13/04/24
STRUTT	PD	15/04/24
BENSTEAD	PD	12/04/24
MIDGE	PD	16/04/24

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If not, please think about joining today - IT'S FREE!
 Go to <http://www.nhwact.com.au/> and download a membership form.

Newsletter Deliverers always welcome!

Approximately one hour of your time every 2 to 3 months is all it takes to contribute positively to your local community. For further information, contact us at: gordon@nhwact.com.au

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The aims of Neighbourhood Watch: To help people to protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the risk of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the ACT Policing and Crime Stoppers and by fostering a friendly community spirit.