

Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

eNewsletter # 183 - 13 April 2015

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the Kuring-gai Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues. Click here to join our distribution list.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from an other Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!"). Have you seen anything we should share with the community? Click here to email Gordon NHW. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

13 April, from Crime Stoppers: SAFETY FOR SENIORS... (part 4 of 7)

If you have an elderly loved one, you can sometimes worry about their safety. Elderly people can be more trusting and come from a time when things were simpler. Share with them these tips to help keep them safe.



NUISANCE CALLS

• Never give callers personal information. This includes your bank account details, no matter where they say they are calling from.

• If a caller tries to upset you, hang up and report it to your phone company.

* If you feel the call may be a scam, you can report this to **SCAMWATCH on 1300 795 995** who will take a report of your incident.

13 April: The WESTSIDE VIBE Community event: Friday 17 April 2015

A special event, The Westside Vibe, will be held on Friday 17 April from 4pm to 9pm. It will take place in Dural Lane opposite Hornsby Station and a section of the William Street car park behind the Odeon Movie theatre. There will be food and market stalls, live entertainment, street performers, interactive laneway art, a circus tricks workshop and free activities for the whole family.

The following road closures will be implemented from 10am to 10pm:

 Road closure of Dural Lane between Peats Ferry Road and western end of William Street carpark.

- Part closure of William Street carpark between William Street and Dural Lane.
- Detours via Dural Street
- Additional parking for general public provided in a marshalled carpark off Ashley Street.



13 April: ANZAC Commemorative March: Sunday 19 April 2015 LOCATION: Hornsby

- * The March will include veterans as well as many local community organisations and schools.
- * Marchers will assemble opposite St. Peters Anglican Church, 207 Peats Ferry Road at 10.30am
- * The March will proceed south along Peats Ferry Road to the Hornsby Cenotaph where a service will be held at 11.00am. The service is expected to last for about 1 hour.

ROAD CLOSURES: The following roads will be closed from 10.15am to 12.30pm.

- Peats Ferry Road & Bridge Street
- Peats Ferry Road & Coronation Street
- Coronation Street & Station Street
- Peats Ferry Road & Dural Street
- Peats Ferry Road & William Street
- Peats Ferry Road High St & Ashley Lane
- Peats Ferry Road & George Street

13 April, from Live Traffic NSW: GALSTON GORGE TO CLOSE FROM 9AM DUE TO ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORK:

Motorists are advised to plan ahead as Galston Gorge (Galston Road) will be closed for essential maintenance work from 9am until 4pm each day this week, Monday 13 to Friday 17 April.

Galston Road will be closed in both directions between Montview Parade, Hornsby Heights and Calderwood Road in Galston.

Motorists are advised to use Old Northern Road, New Line Road, Boundary Road, Pennant Hills Road and the Pacific Highway instead.

Motorist should allow at lease an additional 20 minutes travel time.

Essential Works include: asphalt replacement, line marking, vegetation removal, sign replacement, guard rail repair and drainage improvement.

For further information regarding these works <u>click here</u>, or for other incidents on the NSW road network, click here or call the **Traffic Information Line on 132 701**.

12 April: Domestic Violence & Drug Arrests

6.30pm Saturday Kuring-Gai Police were advised of the occupant of a vehicle who was behaving suspiciously in the **Gordon** area. When the vehicle was located by patrolling Detectives from Hornsby it was stopped and searched. Officers located a quantity of Cannabis and Amphetamines in the vehicle and arrested the 44 yr old male occupant.

In separate incidents on Saturday a 50 yr old woman and a 34 yr old male were arrested as a result of Domestic Violence incidents.

At 7.30am that day Police responded to a call from the wife of the male offender reporting she had been pushed and punched by him during the incident in **Waitara**. Responding Police arrested the male and he was charged at Hornsby Police Station with a number of related offences.

At 5.30pm the daughter of a 50 yr old woman called Police for assistance reporting her 16 yr old brother was being assaulted by their intoxicated mother at their home in **Hornsby**. As a result the woman was arrested and also charged at Hornsby Police Station with Domestic Violence related assault.

11 April: Police have released a COMFIT image as they continue investigations into two indecent assaults in Parramatta and Green Valley.





Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

Click here for full Media Release.

11 April, from the Hornsby Advocate: Push to get pedestrians to avoid using mobile phones and headphones when crossing the road

An "epidemic of distraction― is hospitalising the people of Hornsby shire in the dozens each year as distracted pedestrians collide with road vehicles. Alarming road casualty figures have prompted a new road safety campaign across northern Sydney, including the Hornsby shire.

Click here for full article.

11 April: Police have re-issued a plea for rock anglers to make safety their priority, particularly in current dangerous marine conditions. [edited]

We are urging rock anglers to follow these safety tips every time they venture out:

- * Always wear a life jacket
- * Make enquiries and check weather and marine conditions before you leave home
- * Observe first/fish later: watch your intended fishing spot to get an idea of the conditions over a full swell/wave cycle
- * Carry safety gear; head protection, as well as a float and line to help anyone else who might be washed into the water
- * Never fish by yourself and always stand within sight of each other
- * Make sure you let family and friends know where you are going and when you'II be back
- * Carry a mobile phone
- * Never fish in exposed areas during rough or large seas and be aware that conditions may change dramatically in a short period of time
- * Stay alert. Never turn your back on the sea
- * If waves, the weather or swell threaten your fishing spot, leave immediately
- * If in doubt, don't go out
- * In the event of an emergency, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

To check the weather and conditions before rock fishing, <u>click here</u>. Further safety information for *Fishing* and for *Beaches* can be found <u>click</u> here and click here.

Multilingual rock fishing safety brochures can be downloaded, click here.

In addition, â€~angel rings' or life buoys have been installed at black spots along the state's coast by the Australian National Sportfishing Association, with the support of the Department of Sport and Recreation and NSW Sporting Injuries Insurance. The flotation devices are located on rock platforms and easily accessible in case of an emergency.

Click here for full Media Release.

10 April, from Stay Smart Online: Do not be duped by callers claiming to conduct Australian Bankers' Association bank surveys: Alert Priority Moderate

Callers claiming to conduct surveys on behalf of the Australian Bankers' Association are trying to trick people into revealing their personal details in order to

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Click here for full Alert details.

10 April, from Smart Traveller: Heading overseas with the kids?

Make sure you read and subscribe to the travel advice for the countries you'II be visiting. We have all the latest safety and security information and other important things you should know. While you're on our website take a look at the travel insurance buying guide and make sure your insurance covers you and your cherished offspring for all your planned activities and any pre-existing medical conditions, from asthma to dodgy knees, <u>click here</u>.

09 April, from St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch group: St Ives Chase (Gordon Area 2) Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter for April 2015 (2 pages). Advertising the upcoming meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 28 April 2015, where the way forward for the group is to be discussed. Everyone welcome!



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Next Meeting - Tuesday, 28th April, 2015 - 8 p.m.

Annual General Meeting

St Ives North Public School, Memorial Avenue, St Ives

The very serious focus of this meeting is to decide the future of the St Ives Chase Area of Neighbourhood Watch. It was unanimously agreed to think very carefully about the effectiveness of our contact with the 1000 households in The Chase and to consider whether TO CONVERT TO A PURELY EMAIL GROUP OR TO DISBAND ALTOGETHER. The future is in your hands, as those who live in The Chase are those who determine policy. Your opinion is vital.

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Please email Gordon Neighbourhood Watch, <u>click here</u>, if you would like a copy sent to you.

09 April, from Leichhardt command: In light of some crimes that have been in the media where people have been attacked or approached by offenders whilst walking/jogging alone – here is a reminder to help keep you safe when out walking or running.

It could be your usual walk home from work or an exercise pattern that you follow regularly. With that regularity comes complacency. Try to always be alert and look after yourself

• Try to use well known and well used routes to run/walk. • Avoid secluded areas with areas of concealment. Avoid dark areas, stay in the light. • If you're walking in the evening wear bright coloured clothing to improve your visibility.

• Go with a friend or training partner, there's safety in numbers.

• As a rule you should run / walk facing the traffic.

• If followed, go to the nearest house and call the Police.

• If possible vary your route and pattern of running.

• Always be aware of your surroundings. Keep Alert!

• Avoid wearing headphones so that you can hear what is going on around you – if you wear headphones, don't have your music too loud so that you can't hear what's going on.

Some other precautions that may also be considered:

• If walking to your car or to your house, consider carrying your keys in your hand to avoid stopping and digging through a bag to find your keys as you approach your house/car, making you a stationary target.

• If you have long hair, consider tying it up – a ponytail is a handle for an attacker to grab a hold of.

Criminal predators will look for easier targets. Examples being: alone, distracted (looking for keys), unaware (headphones in/not paying attention to surroundings) people who are easy to take hold of (long/loose hair) – These factors are not exhaustive, however they may play a part in a person becoming a preferred/easier target. Stay safe out there!

09 April, from Transport for NSW: Road rules: u-turns



Road rules: u-turns

Brush up on your road rule knowledge by viewing the top ten misunderstood road rules animations. The animations outline some of the rules the NSW community h...

YOUTUBE.COM

Click here for video.

09 April, from the Hornsby Advocate: POLICE inquires are continuing after a slide at Holman Park in Hornsby was set alight about 10pm last

Tuesday. Firefighters extinguished the flames but the slide was damaged beyond repair. A Hornsby Council spokesman said the council was still seeking quotes but expects the repair bill to be around \$3000-\$4000 "depending on whether the rubber under-surfacing needs work as well". "It may take a few weeks to repair as a new slide and decking will need to be ordered," the spokesman said. Holman





09 April, from California Highway Patrol: The Massachusetts Department of Transportation held a contest to come up with funny safety messages for electronic highway message boards across the state. We thought this was one of the best.



08 April, from the Hornsby Advocate: Cop trades the beat for the beaten track

A HORNSBY policewoman is among a group of emergency services personnel preparing to tackle the gruelling Kokoda Track. Sergeant Cheryl Day is among a group of 60 police, fire and ambulance officers as well as a small group of young adult Police Legatees who will set off on the 96km trek on Wednesday.



Click here for full article.

08 April, from our neighbouring The Hills command: DOING DRUGS WITH PAUL DILLON

What do you do if you find out your child is using drugs? Click here for full blog.



07 April, from Naked Security: Facebook publishes new security settings guide

Now that it's made its privacy settings drop-dead simple, Facebook's turned to the cobwebby murk of its security tools to do some spring cleaning. On Friday, it uncorked 11 new visual and interactive guides on the tools it offers for users to keep their information secure, the steps the company itself takes to keep users' info secure, and the ways users can recognize and fend off attempts to get at their data.



Click here for full article.

07 April, from NSW Ambulance: Tyres slashed. it is unbelievable that someone did this to our ambulance as we rendered emergency medical assistance to a patient at Warriewood. Hurting us hurts those in need, removing paramedics and resources from service. We are here to help. Don't abuse, assault, attack or damage us or our vital life saving tools. Call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 if you can help NSW Police catch those responsible. <u>Click here</u> for Media Release.



07 April: Male arrested in Mt.Kuring-Gai vehicle stop

Following information from Police operations conducted in the North Region of the state crews from the Traffic and Highway Patrol on the Central Coast observed a

vehicle Police had been warned to keep a look out for, travelling south along the M1 Freeway from Calga. Police had been warned an occupant may be armed with a firearm and was wanted for breach of parole in relation to a homicide in Queensland.

Highway patrol officers maintained observations of the vehicle until support arrived in the form of crews from Kuring-Gai Local Area Command. The vehicle was then stopped by Police on the Pacific Highway at Mt. Kuring-Gai and the 30 yr old male wanted by Queensland authorities was located in the vehicle and arrested without incident. He was charged at Hornsby Police Station with the outstanding warrant revoking his parole and will be returned to Queensland to serve out his sentence.

07 April, from the Hornsby Advocate: It appears the message not to drink-drive is sinking in with local motorists. Over the Easter break police conducted 2702 random breath-tests in the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai district, with just three returning a positive result. Eighty-nine motorists were pulled up for speeding, 16 for seatbelt infringements and 283 for other traffic infringements.



Some more Questions & Answers from the **Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting**, where our Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) was taking Q&As.

What happens if my burglar alarm goes off accidentally? If it's a false alarm, the first visit by the Police is free. The second time, there is a fine.

What happens if the burglar alarm up the road goes off all the time? Talk to the householder. If it continues to happen, the Police can put an order in place to get the alarm checked. Then if it goes off again, there is a fine.

What should I do if my neighbour's alarm goes off? If it's not normal and you know they are out, call **000**. There are possibly persons on the premises. Do not go to the house. Take your mobile phone and give the Triple Zero operator details of any cars nearby. Leave it all to the cops.

Thank you to our CPO Paul for his good advice and for answering some interesting questions. Note, you can view previous week's eNewsletters by clicking on the 'View this email in your browser' in the top right corner of this email, then select 'Archives'.

Apologies for the missing link in last week's eNewsletter article on the use of headlights.

Here's the link to the video on the use of headlights: <u>click here</u>. And here's the Top 10 Misunderstood road rules: click here.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 14 April: SES Membership Info night. 7:30pm, HQ, Golden Jubilee Fields Complex.

Wednesday 15 April: Volunteers Expo. 11:30 - 2pm at Hornsby Mall.

Friday 17 April: Westside Vibe Community event. 4-9pm. Dural Lane, Hornsby. **Wednesday 22 April:** East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 7:30pm at East

Killara Uniting Church corner Wentworth and Fairbairn Avenues

Tuesday 28 April: St Ives Chase NHW meeting. 8pm, St Ives North Public

School, Memorial Avenue, St Ives

Sunday 04 May: 10-3pm St Ives Festival on the Green. NHW will have a Crime Prevention stall there!

Wednesday 03 June: 5:30 for 6pm, Hornsby Police station. Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee meeting.

Monday 22 June: FREE Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon. **Bookings essential**: ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or email

Monday 13 July: 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 6pm Hornsby Police Station. All welcome!

Monday 28 September 2015: Turramurra Neighbourhood Watch meeting. **Monday 21 September: FREE** Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers Seminar, 6 for 6:30-8:30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers,

Gordon. Bookings essential: ph: Carroll 0405 558 660 or email

Wednesday 21 October: East Killara Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Please always refer to the local police facebook page as your primary source of information: https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC

NB: THIS FACEBOOK PAGE CAN BE ACCESSED WITHOUT BEING SIGNED INTO FACEBOOK. Scroll down to see more information going back in time.





From Hornsby Council: HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE SCORES ON DOORS PROGRAM

Hornsby residents and diners may soon see how well local food businesses are complying with food hygiene and safety requirements. Hornsby Shire Council is the latest council to consider joining the state-wide Scores on Doors program, which aims to improve food safety standards and to reduce the instance of foodborne illness in the retail food industry.

We are seeking submissions from residents and would like to hear your thoughts on the Scores on Doors program and whether it should be implemented. To learn more about the program, and to provide a submission, please <u>click</u> <u>here</u>. Submissions close on Sunday 3 May.

From NSW Fair Trading: If the oven breaks down, when should it be repaired?

Whose responsibility is it to take care of pest control? Our latest edition of The Letterbox answers all these questions and more on getting repairs done in a

rented property, whether you're a tenant, landlord or agent. You can view the latest edition and subscribe on our website, click here.

From Elgas: ACCC Recalls Portable Butane Cookers



ACCC Recalls Portable Butane Stove Cookers | Lunchbox Cookers

Following the ban on the sale of portable butane cookers, the ACCC has announced a national Product Safety Recall for all the affected units. Learn more...

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From NSW Food Authority: NAME & SHAME

Weekly list of NSW on-the-spot fines for food safety breaches updated: 22 premises added, 18 removed. Gordon and Hornsby get a mention ...

TOKYO RAMEN SHOP 1042, WESTFIELD HORNSBY 236 PACIFIC HIGHWAY HORNSBY 2077

BAKERS DELIGHT 19/802-808 PACIFIC HIGHWAY GORDON 2072

Click here for this week's list.

From the Hornsby Advocate, 09 April:

THE RIGHT NUMBER IS KEY TO HELPING YOU

How can you contact your police? There are many ways you can call us. If you are in urgent need of help, or are witnessing a crime or emergency, please call 000. This will ensure rapid attention to your call and the dispatch of proper resources. If you need to report a crime, require police attendance or are seeing something strange or suspicious, call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444. If you have information about a crime or suspicious activity, please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, where you can remain anonymous if you wish. If you want to speak to your Ku-ring-gai officers directly, call us on 9476 9799. Detective Inspector Jon Gross Ku-ring-gai local area command

DURAL A white gold pendant worth about \$700 was stolen from a home in Vineys

Rd between 2.30pm and 8.20pm on Saturday. Police said the thief gained access by forcing open a lock on a ground floor rear window. Another home in Vineys Rd was broken into between Friday and Sunday. A safe and its contents were stolen. The thief jemmied open a ground floor side window.

COWAN Two semi-trailers were involved in an accident on the M1 motorway about 11.35pm on Tuesday. Police said one of the trucks, driven by a 33year-old man, was coming around a bend when it ran up the back of the other truck. Both semis had to be towed from the scene. A car was also damaged after it swerved to avoid the accident. The 33year-old man was issued with a ticket for negligent driving.

MT KURING-GAI A car parked in the front yard of a property in Church St had its window smashed about 11.45pm on Monday. Four metal poles found nearby will be examined for fingerprints.

HORNSBY A man has been charged after he attended Hornsby police station at 9.15pm last Wednesday to report on bail. Police checks revealed the man had three outstanding warrants and he was taken into custody. The 26-year-old was searched and police allegedly recovered more than \$3000 in cash, three mobile phones, two memory cards and a small set of scales. He was charged with three outstanding warrants and goods in custody.

BROOKLYN A german shepherd was bitten on the nose by a pit bull about 1.20pm on Sunday. Police said the pit bull was on a leash, but got away from its owner and attacked the german shepherd in George St. Police referred the incident to Hornsby Council for further investigation.

BEROWRA A motorist has been charged with midrange drink-driving after he was stopped for a random breath test on the Pacific Highway about 10.05am on Sunday. After returning a positive test, the motorist was taken to Hornsby Police Station where he allegedly returned a breath analysis reading of 0.109.

ASQUITH The rear door of a house in Jersey St North was kicked in between 3pm on Friday and 11am on Saturday. The owners were in the process of moving and most of the belongings were already out of the house.

BROOKLYN M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) - 400m south of Hawkesbury River

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Sun 19 Apr 2015 - Sat 30 May 2015 Date:

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (9pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Allow extra travel time

Advice: Check signage

Other Work to stabilise the rock face south of the Hawkesbury River will take

place every night except Saturday. Info:

DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Tue 31 Mar 2015 - Mon 15 Jun 2015 Date:

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

> Mon to Sat (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected Mon to Sun (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Reduce speed Advice: Exercise caution

Other Safety improvement works. There will be no day work on Sundays and no

Info: night work on Saturdays.

GALSTON Galston Rd between Montview Pde and Calderwood Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Mon 13 Apr 2015 - Fri 17 Apr 2015

Impact: Scheduled road closures for this week

Mon to Fri (9am to 4pm) Both directions closed

Alternative routes include Old Northern Road, New Line Road, Boundary

Diversions: Road, Pennant Hills Road, Pacific Highway and George Street. Allow an

extra 20 minutes travel time.

Check signage Advice:

Use alternative route

Replacing asphalt surface, road maintenance and line marking.

Other Info: The road will be closed to all vehicles expect one lane will remain open for

emergency vehicles at all times.

PENNANT HILLS Pennant Hills Rd between Trebor Rd and Copeland Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sun 22 Mar 2015 - Sun 19 Apr 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Wed (10pm to 5am) Both directions affected

Reduce speed

Advice: Exercise caution

Slab replacement.

Other There will be no work between April 2 and April 7, the Easter long

Info: weekend.

PENNANT HILLS Pennant Hills Rd between George St and Yarrara Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Wed 15 Apr 2015 - Wed 22 Apr 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Wed to Wed (8pm to 5am) affected

Reduced speed limit Advice:

Expect delays

Other Info: Will not not take place on Saturday.

PENNANT HILLS Pennant Hills Rd approaching City View Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Wed 22 Apr 2015 - Wed 29 Apr 2015 Date:

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) Southbound affected

Check signage

Advice: Reduce speed

Work will take place on one night, exclduing Saturday.

Other The southbound bus stop clostest to City View Road may be obstructed

Info: during work. Traffic controllers will assist commuters during work times.

WAHROONGA Pennant Hills Rd

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Date: Sun 12 Apr 2015 - Thu 30 Apr 2015

Impact: Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (9pm to 5am) affected

Advice: Check signage

Allow extra travel time

Click here for Live Traffic NSW website.

From the North Shore Times, 10 April:

YOUR CHOICE PROGRAM STOPS ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Young people who drink alcohol place themselves and others at risk. North Shore Police is committed to reducing underage drinking. If your child is found with or consuming alcohol in a public place, police will give your child the chance to

participate in the Your Choice program, which challenges perceptions about excessive drinking to educate young people about the health, legal and social consequences of alcohol use.

Senior Constable Craig Tonks, North Shore LAC

GORDON A 38-year-old man was fined twice in ten minutes for allegedly using a mobile phone on the M4 motorway at Wentworthville about 1pm on Friday. The man, from Gordon, was stopped and given a fine for using his phone while driving at 1pm. Five minutes later the same man was stopped by the same police officer for allegedly using his mobile phone while driving again.

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799 Hornsby Police Station 292 Peats Ridge Road (ex- Pac Hwy), Hornsby 2077

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 Report crime anonymously Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer 9476 9723

Local Police facebook page Kuring Gai LAC

Non-emergency two-way communication

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

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