



# GOLD COAST DISTRICT CRIME BULLETIN



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## Reaching Out to the Community

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## Welcome to the Gold Coast District Crime Bulletin

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**



The Gold Coast District Crime Bulletin is a Neighbourhood Watch based electronic newsletter that is produced once a month by the District Crime Prevention Co-ordinator (DCPC). The Crime Bulletin has a focus on promoting community awareness of crime issues, community safety and crime prevention initiatives.

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**Do you have information that could help solve a crime?**

**You could be eligible to receive a financial reward.**

**You can anonymously provide information by phone or online.**



YOU CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS WHEN YOU CONTACT US

**Tell us what you know  
Not who you are**

**Contact Crime Stoppers**

**Ph: 1800 333 000**

**[www.qld.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.qld.crimestoppers.com.au)**

**Can you help Police solve these crimes?**

Police are seeking public assistance to help identify the persons depicted in the below photographs as they may have information that could assist Police with their investigation.

Anyone able to identify these persons should contact the relevant Police Station or the Crime Stoppers Unit.



**Gold Coast CIB - NIG  
Ph: (07) 55707841 or  
(07) 55714270**

On 28/12/2011 at approximately 10.30am two male persons have robbed the ANZ bank at the Benowa Gardens Shopping Centre. The male persons have threatened staff and customers with knives before stealing a large sum of money.

**Our Ref: QP1101167035**



**Robina Police Beat**

**Ph: (07) 55834377**

On 21/12/2011 at approximately 8.35pm two female persons have stolen a quantity of fragrances from MYER at the Robina Town Centre.

**Our Ref: QP1101150802**





**Top 5 Property Crime Suburb Hotspots for December 2011**

If you live in any of the following suburbs, remain vigilant and ensure your property is secured



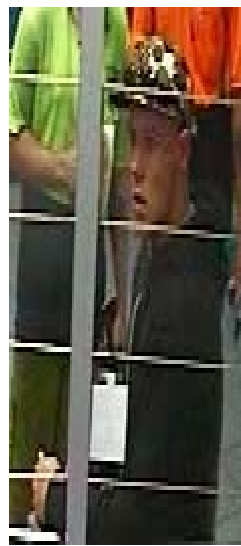
**Burglary Offences**

- Surfers Paradise
- Burleigh Heads
- Southport
- Labrador
- Ashmore



**Steal MV Offences**

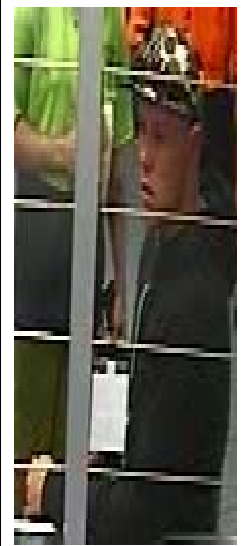
**Southport**



**Southport Police Station  
Ph: (07) 55714222**

On 09/12/11 at approximately 3.00am a break and enter/stealing offence was committed in Parkwood. On the same date at 4.00am a fraud offence was committed in Ashmore with property stolen from original offence.

**Our Ref: QP1101104900**



**Armed Robbery Awareness**



An armed robbery could occur at any business at any time and the impact can be quite significant. Business owners should make themselves aware of ways in which they can improve both security to their premises and safety of staff.

Here are a few ways to increase your knowledge:

*Business Security*

- Ensure the business is well lit, inside and out
- Have the business name/address displayed clearly
- Display 'no cash on premises' signs to deter intruders
- Position CCTV cameras at point of sale, entry/exit points
- Limit the amount of cash kept on premises
- Install quality locks to external doors



Surfers Paradise  
Varsity Lakes  
Labrador  
Biggera Waters

### Steal from MV Offences

Broadbeach Waters  
Southport  
Burleigh Heads  
Labrador  
Surfers Paradise

DISCLAIMER: These figures are not official service statistics. Official Police Service statistics are released only through the Information Resource Centre after available data is collected, classified and collated in accordance with nationally accepted rules.

### What is Policelink?



Policelink 131 444 is the new phone number in Queensland to report non-urgent incidents including:

- Wilful damage to property
- Stealing offences
- Break & enter offences
- Stolen vehicles
- Lost property

However, if a crime is happening right now, call triple 0 (000) immediately.

### Staff Security

- Ensure staff are aware of security/armed robbery procedures
- Have two staff present during opening/closing
- Be alert to suspicious behaviour and report it
- Ensure keys/passes are returned upon termination of employment
- Regular changes to cash handling and security procedures
- Provide counseling/support should an armed robbery occur

## CODE A

Calm – remain calm, stay away from personal space of offender

ObeY – obey instructions, avoid sudden or unexpected movements

Description – note features of offender/s and any weapons

Evidence – remember what is touched by the offender and do not touch yourself

Alarm – activate the alarm and call the Police (000) when safe



In the event you wish to have a security audit conducted at your business, please contact the Gold Coast District Crime Prevention Unit on (07) 55707939 or email [DCPC.GoldCoast@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:DCPC.GoldCoast@police.qld.gov.au)







Children need to remember to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN for traffic. THINK about approaching cars and WAIT until there is a safe break in traffic before crossing



The kids are back at school and this means that road users need to be vigilant in adhering to road safety in School Zones. The Queensland Department of Transport has commenced a new campaign called 'New Rules around Schools'

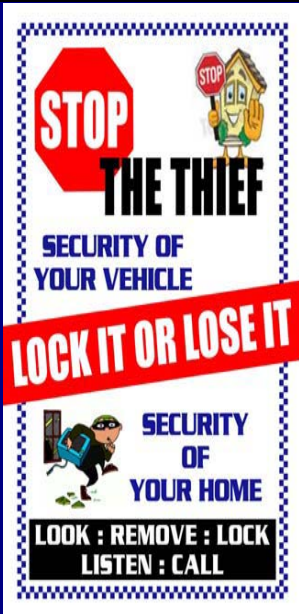
The aim of the campaign is to educate the community about 'looking for signs and checking the time'. The new times to SLOW DOWN to 40km/h in School Zones are between 7am and 9am and 2pm and 4pm.

Motorists can also improve children's safety by:

- Driving cautiously in and around school zones
- Not speeding and being ready to stop quickly
- Parking legally and safely during drop off and pick up
- Never dropping children off while in traffic, at traffic lights or at a crossing

[It only takes a child TWO SECONDS to run from the curb to the centre line of a road & the faster a vehicle is travelling, the longer it will take to stop!!](#)





## Securing Your Vehicle Tips

- Lock the boot, sunroof and close all windows
- Remove valuables/personal documents
- Park vehicle in well lit/visible area
- Use off street and secure parking
- Remove keys from ignition
- Don't hide spare keys on vehicle
- Take keys with you, even when vehicle is remaining at home
- Consider car alarm, immobiliser, ignition shield, steering wheel lock, window etching , microdots or GPS tracker



## ONE WAY SCREWS

“Turning the Screws on Crime”

FREE service offered by the Police to remove your number plates and reattach them with one-way screws. The screws can only be removed with a unique ‘un-do-it’ tool.



## Do you know this person?

Between the 25th & 26<sup>th</sup> of December 2011 a burglary offence occurred at Palm Beach, a large amount of cash, property and personal effects (including Visa Debit Card) were taken. On the 30<sup>th</sup> December the Visa Debit Card was used at an ATM at the Tugun Foodworks. (QP11001175912 refers)

*If you can identify this person please contact Detectives at the Gold Coast District Northern Criminal Investigation Branch on 55707841.*



