



# Neighbourhood Watch SA

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Neighbourhood Newsletter of City South East NHW Area 153/154

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## DIARY NOTES

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA 153/4

### NEXT MEETING:

6.00pm 7th March

#### WHERE:

The Box Factory Community Centre

**ALL WELCOME**

*Bringing local residents & police together for a safe & connected community*

### FUTURE MEETING

Thursday 6th June 2024

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## City South East NHW Area News

You may remember some time ago NHW organised a bike engraving event that proved extremely successful.

We have been planning for some time to hold another event for community members to give them the opportunity to have their bikes engraved with their driver's licence number.

This helps to easily identify and return them if they are recovered.

With excellent support from SAPOL we are now able to advise people that a bike engraving session will take place at **The Box Factory Community Centre on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> between 4:30 and 6:30**. All community members are encouraged to drop in and take advantage of this opportunity.

### Bike Passport

The Bike Passport ("A guide to keeping your bike safe") is available on the SAPOL website and is an excellent document to help keep your bike safe.

It provides a place to enter your bike details and suggests that the following crime prevention tips:

- Engrave or mark your bike frame (near the serial number) with an ultraviolet (UV) pen, microdot or by other permanent means with your driver's licence number prefixed by the letter 'S' for South Australia, e.g. S123456.
- Mark all accessories including helmet, lights, pump, saddle, etc.
- Take a photograph of your bike.
- Complete the Bike Passport and keep it in a safe place.
- Always park and secure your bike in well-lit and populated areas.
- When securing your bike, remove all equipment including helmet, lights & pump.
- Never leave your bike unattended and unlocked, even for a short period of time.
- Purchase and fit a good quality bike lock.
- Always lock the frame and both wheels to a secure object.
- Use a D-lock on the inside rear frame triangle and secure to a sturdy fixed structure (designated bike rack).

• Use a second lock (cable or heavy chain) to go around the down tube and front wheel and preferably the bike rack as well. There are a number of different types of locking devices available. Talk with your local bike retailer.

• When at home, secure your bike in a locked shed or inside your house.

If your bike is stolen, contact police immediately on 131 444.

### Report Suspicious Behaviour

Recently a community member reported some suspicious behaviour of a group of people in a vehicle that appeared to be taking video of the area around the Public Schools Club.

If you do notice behaviour of this type, or anything that raises concerns, please ensure you report it to SAPOL on 131 444 as it will enable them to be aware of the situation and follow up where necessary.

If you prefer you can contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Sometimes it may seem frustrating that there is no immediate outcome however it is important that the information is provided to SAPOL.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make contact with us by emailing [nhwadelaide@gmail.com](mailto:nhwadelaide@gmail.com)

*Regards,  
Tim Young – Coordinator*

## WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHSA?



NHW SA is a community crime prevention program delivered by the Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers Association of SA Inc. in partnership with SA Police. The vision of NHW SA is to create a safe and connected community.

Local Neighbourhood Watch Areas (like this one) work with local SA Police to help prevent crime. Together we can take action on local issues and help raise awareness of safety and security.

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*"I don't believe everything I'm told, do you?"*

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To learn how to **PROTECT YOURSELF** and **KNOW THE SCAM** visit [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

Report all scams to the police assistance line by calling 131 444.

## Jonathan's bank transactions show exactly where scammers used his details - it sent him down a spiral of confusion and stress for weeks

By Widia Jalal, *ABC News* 9 January 2024

Horticulturalist Jonathan Garner is always on the lookout for deliveries. A text message from an unknown number said Mr Garner's parcel delivery had been unsuccessful and prompted him to update his information to resume the delivery. Desperate to get a hold of his parcel, he clicked on the link in the message and was greeted with a page sporting a logo and brand colours identical to Australia Post.

The layout of the page, as well as the icons and symbols, all looked familiar to him so he skimmed to the end.

The page displayed his shipment details, along with a tracking number and a section for his card details.

It turns out the message had directed him to a fake Australia Post website, and he had unknowingly given scammers access to his bank account by filling out the six-digit authentication code.

### Multiple identical transactions to a local business

Later that same day, six transactions were made resulting in a loss of about \$2,700 across multiple identical transactions to a local tobacconist – all using his bank account details.

Mr Garner spotted the transactions a few days later on his account and immediately contacted his bank to alert them and seek compensation.

He said the fraud team at Commonwealth Bank explained he had fallen for a phishing scam and said he was ineligible for compensation because he had authorised the transactions.

After several rounds of intense negotiation, he said he ended up recovering 75 per cent of his losses from the bank which told him to report the case to the police.

### Advice from Australia Post:

Australia Post is aware of such phishing scams circulating and has urged people to take these steps to protect themselves.

- Report any suspicious message – whether on text, email or social media – from senders posing as the courier to [scams@auspost.com.au](mailto:scams@auspost.com.au)

### How can you report phishing scams to authorities?

If you've fallen victim to a scam, here are the steps to take – depending on your circumstances.

- Contact your bank or financial institution immediately if you have lost money
- You can also report to police via [ReportCyber](#)
- Be aware of other scams which may occur after a loss of personal information
- Contact [IDCARE](#) on 1800 595 160 if you have provided scammers with your personal identifying information such as drivers licence or passport
- Report scams to [Scamwatch](#)

**ReportCyber** is a national policing initiative which ensures your report will be referred to the right law enforcement agencies.

You may also want to note the unique report reference number to provide to other organisations.

Run by National Anti-Scam Centre, Scamwatch collect reports about scams to help warn others and to take action to stop scams.

Visit your local police station or call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

If you are unable to report the scam to ReportCyber, you can lodge a report at your local police station as an alternative.

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# Russian man identified as Medibank hacker, hit with sanctions by Australian government

By Tom Crowley, ABC News 23 January 2024

The Australian government has announced sanctions against Russian man Aleksandr Ermakov over his role in the Medibank Private data breach.

It is the first time the government has used its cyber sanctions framework, which was legislated in 2021 to apply financial punishments to people involved in significant cyber attacks.

The personal information of 9.7 million Medibank customers, including names, dates of birth, Medicare numbers and sensitive private health information, was stolen in 2022. Much of it was published on the dark web.

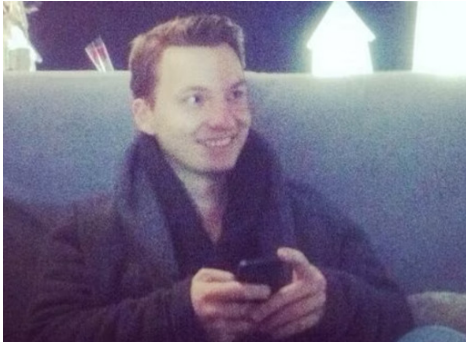
The government said the Australian Signals Directorate and the Australian Federal Police had identified Ermakov as responsible for the attack.

The sanctions make it a criminal offence to provide the man with any assets, including cryptocurrency and any money through ransom payments, punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

"This is a very important day for cybersecurity in our country," Home Affairs Minister Claire O'Neil said.

"Medibank, in my view, was the single most devastating cyber attack we have experienced as a nation.

"We all went through it. Literally millions of people having personal data about themselves, their family members, taken from them and cruelly placed online for others to see.



"These people are cowards and they're scumbags. They hide behind technology... The Australian government is saying that when we put our minds to it, we'll unveil who you are and we'll make sure you're accountable."

Authorities are pursuing additional leads in relation to the Medibank attack.

Ms O'Neil said authorities were focused on "a number of Russian cyber gangs" threatening Australia and working in coordination with cyber authorities in the US and UK.

A spokesperson from Medibank thanked the government for identifying Ermakov and putting sanctions in place.

Foreign Minister Penny Wong also announced the government had imposed counter-terrorism sanctions against 12 people and three entities linked to Hamas, Hezbollah, and Palestinian Islamic jihad.

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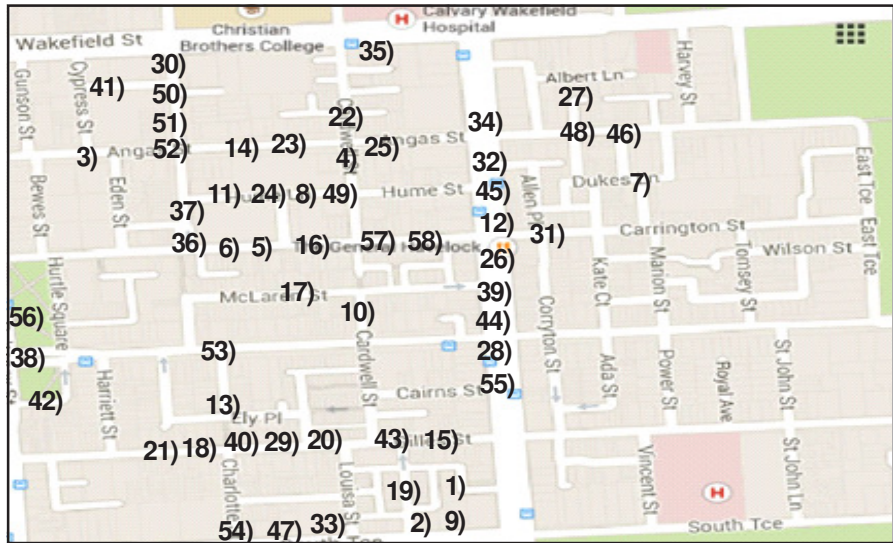
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Date	Location	Details	Date	Location	Details
<b>PROPERTY DAMAGE</b>					
1. 12/10/23	Davaar PI		30. 27/11/23	Frome St	Theft of Motor Vehicle
2. 12/10/23	South Tce		31. 01/12/23	Carrington St	Theft of Vehicle
3. 23/11/23	Angas St		32. 11/12/23	Hutt St	
4. 12/12/23	Cardwell St		33. 12/12/23	South Tce	Theft of Motor Vehicle
5. 29/12/23	Carrington St		34. 16/12/23	Hutt St	
6. 31/12/23	Carrington St		35. 04/01/24	Wakefield St	
7. 01/01/24	Dukes Lane		36. 14/01/24	Regent St	
8. 16/01/24	Hume Lane		37. 16/01/24	Regent St	
9. 16/01/24	South Tce		38. 24/01/24	Pulteney St	
10. 29/01/24	Cardwell St		39. 01/02/24	Hutt St	
11. 05/02/24	Hume Lane		<b>TRESPASS/BREAK-IN</b>		
<b>THEFT FROM VEHICLE</b>					
12. 13/10/23	Hutt St		40. 27/10/23	Gilles St	Break-In
13. 18/10/23	Ely PI		41. 27/10/23	Old Treasury Lane	Break-In
14. 22/11/23	Angas St		42. 21/11/23	Pope Ct	Trespass
15. 23/11/23	Gilles St		43. 28/11/23	Gilles St	Break-In
16. 29/11/23	Carrington St		44. 30/11/23	Hutt St	Break-In
17. 17/12/23	Mclaren St		45. 13/12/23	Hutt St	Trespass
18. 19/12/23	Gilles St		46. 19/01/24	Hume Lane	Break-In
19. 19/12/23	Blackburn St		47. 02/01/24	Angas St	Trespass
20. 20/12/23	Gilles St		48. 08/01/24	Carrington St	Break-In
21. 27/12/23	Gilles St		49. 21/01/24	Hume Lane	Break-In
22. 28/12/23	Cardwell St		50. 24/01/24	Frome St	Break-In
23. 14/01/24	Angas St		51. 24/01/24	Frome St	Break-In
24. 20/01/24	Hume Lane		52. 28/01/24	Frome St	Trespass
25. 27/01/24	Angas St		53. 29/01/24	Halifax St	Trespass
26. 01/02/24	Hutt St		<b>FRAUD/DECEPTION/DISHONESTY</b>		
<b>THEFT</b>					
27. 05/10/23	Angas Ct		54. 06/11/23	South Tce	
28. 06/10/23	Hutt St	Theft of Vehicle	55. 26/02/23	Hutt St	
29. 18/10/23	Gilles St		<b>HARASSMENT AND THREATS</b>		
			56. 19/10/23	Pulteney St	
			57. 27/10/23	Carrington St	
			58. 02/01/24	Carrington St	

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