

**9th Aug 2019**

**News and appeals**

**Two males jailed for drug offences in Eastbourne**

Two Eastbourne men who used a seafront hotel room to deal drugs have each been jailed for three years and nine months. Samuel Alberto Perdomo, 26, a window cleaner, of Walsingham Close, Eastbourne, and Thomas Paul Fear, 24, unemployed, of Marine Parade, Eastbourne, were sentenced by His Honour Judge Stephen Mooney at Lewes Crown Court on Monday, 5 August.



Left: Samuel Perdomo Right: Thomas Fear

Perdomo pleaded guilty to being concerned in supplying Class A drugs, cocaine and MDMA (Ecstasy), and possessing class B cannabis with intent to supply. He denied possessing heroin, cocaine and MDMA with intent to supply and the judge ordered that these should lie on file.

Fear pleaded guilty to possessing heroin and MDMA with intent to supply, and being concerned in supplying cocaine. He denied possessing cocaine and cannabis with intent to supply and again these were ordered to lie on file.

Concurrent sentences totalling 45 months' imprisonment were imposed on both men, and each was ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £170. An order was made for the destruction of all drugs, mobile phones and drugs paraphernalia seized by police. And, Fear was ordered to forfeit £1249.50 cash found and confiscated by police.

No evidence was offered against a third defendant, Shannon Elisha Mann, 21, of Royal Crescent, Eastbourne. She denied possessing cocaine, heroin, MDMA and cannabis with intent to supply and was acquitted.

Following the case, Inspector Rachel Barrow, said: "This shows that those caught by police and convicted will find themselves facing significant custodial sentences, reflecting the bigger picture, threat, harm and risks involved when dealing Class A drugs. Perdomo and Fear set up a 'one stop' drug shop from a local hotel but have now been brought to justice following their arrests in April."

Insp Barrow hoped the case would reassure local businesses, residents, visitors and politicians that police were determined to pursue those dealing drugs in the town.

Information about reducing harm caused by drugs in the community can be found [here](#).

### **Man arrested after bragging about Eastbourne Co-Op robbery**

A man who bragged about robbing a shop in Eastbourne was caught, convicted and jailed for six years.



Police were called after a man entered the Co-Op in Beatty Road, Eastbourne, and demanded cash shortly before 11pm on Friday 19 April. The suspect made off from the scene having stolen a small quantity of cash, and forensics officers attended within an hour.

Whilst at the scene, a woman contacted police and reported being in nearby Pevensey Road when she was approached by an unknown man who claimed he had just committed a robbery.

Within hours, a witness appeal with CCTV images was circulated on social media, which led to a further call from a member of the public who identified Terry Harris as the suspect. This caller also claimed he had boasted about the incident.

A few days later, police received a further call from Crimestoppers, reporting that Harris was at the Premier Inn in John MacAdam Way, Hastings. Officers attended and Harris was found hiding under a bed in one of the rooms.

The 32-year-old painter, of no fixed address but known to frequent the Eastbourne area, was arrested and charged with robbery. He was remanded in custody and appeared before Lewes Crown Court on Friday 26 July, where he pleaded guilty to robbery.

He was sentenced to a total of six years' imprisonment and ordered to pay a £170 victim surcharge.

### **Police appeal for witnesses to Eastbourne assault**

Police are appealing for witnesses after a man was punched in the face by a teenager near Eastbourne Pier



The 20-year-old victim was on the lower promenade on the west side of the pier on Wednesday 24 July at about 6.40pm when he was approached by four youths aged between 14 and 17. They got into an altercation with him and one of them assaulted him cutting his lip. They then ran off.

The first suspect is described as about 5' 5", with tanned skin, black curly hair with a goatee board. He was wearing a red T-shirt, khaki coloured trousers and a Nike man bag. The second suspect had short brown hair and third one had short blond hair and was wearing a white T shirt.

PC Ian Williams said: "There was lots of people around at the time of the incident and we are sure someone may have seen this happen. Please get in touch if you witnessed this or have any information."

If you help with our investigation report [online](#) or ring 101 quoting serial 1395 of 24/07.

### **Warning over dangerous batch of drugs circulating in East Sussex**

People are asked to be aware that a dangerous batch of pills is currently circulating within East Sussex and has been linked to several suspected drugs overdoses.

The pills are being offered as Xanax, also known as Alprazolam and used medicinally to treat anxiety, but it is thought they may have been mixed with chemicals that could make them potentially lethal.

In Hastings already, emergency services have responded to at least three incidents involving "Zannies" in the past 24 hours (Wednesday 7/8/19), and officers are also investigating a drugs-related death that may be connected to these.

Inspector Aidan Cornwall said: "We would strongly advise anyone who has consumed such tablets to seek urgent medical attention and to safely dispose of any of these tablets they may have."

Anyone with information about who supplying the pills is asked to contact police [online](#) or phone 101, quoting serial 413 of 05/08.

Alternatively they can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously, telephone 0800 555 111.

### **Crime summary**

A business address on Terminus Road, Eastbourne reported a suspicious white Volkswagen van around their property in the day time of the 1st August. They later discovered used cooking oil drums had been taken from the rear of the business. (1219 of 02/08 relates)

In the small hours of the 2nd August, a residential property off Whitley Road, Eastbourne reported an attempted burglary, whereby suspects have kicked in the victim's front door causing glass to smash. (0153 of 02/08 relates)

A public house off Rangemore Drive, Eastbourne had an attempted burglary where suspects have smashed a window of the property in the small hours of the 3rd August. Fortunately no entry was made. (0308 of 03/08 relates)

Reports of a young male trying house doors and windows, also car doors was received from residents near Buckhurst Close, Eastbourne, in the small hours of the 4th August. (1222 of 04/08 relates)

A school off Lurkspur Drive, Eastbourne, reported groups of young teens trying doors and forcing entry into the property late over the 4th and 5th August. (0314 of 06/08 relates)

A residential property off Langney Road, Eastbourne reported having their purse stolen from inside their home whereby suspects have entered and insecure rear door. (0410 of 06/08 relates) Please visit our [crime prevention pages](#) on home security, for ways you can protect your homes and belongings.