

## News and Alerts Eastbourne

### Pair sought over theft and fraudulent use of credit card in Eastbourne

Police wish to speak to these two people in relation to the theft and fraudulent use of a credit card in Eastbourne.

The bank card was stolen from the victim at The Cavendish Hotel, Grand Parade, on Sunday 20 October.

The victim cancelled the card, but not before it had been used at two other premises in the town.

Police believe the man and woman pictured could help with their enquiries.

Anyone who recognises either of the people pictured, or who may have any other information relating to the incident, is asked to report [online](#) or call 101 quoting serial 1289 of 20/10.



### Arrests made following drug raid in Eastbourne

Seven men were arrested during a series of police raids targeting drug dealing in Eastbourne.

Sussex Police officers, accompanied by colleagues from South East Regional Immigration Enforcement team, executed warrants across the town on Wednesday 20 November and Thursday 21 November. Over the two days, officers arrested seven men, all but one of whom are Albanian nationals.

The officers recovered Class A drugs with a street value of approximately £10,000 and around £87,000 in cash.

Lindar Hoxhaj, 21, of no fixed address, was charged with possession with intent to supply Class A (cocaine) and Class B (cannabis) drugs; money laundering; concealing, disguising, converting, transferring or removing criminal property; driving a motor vehicle

without a licence; and using a motor vehicle without insurance. He has been remanded in custody.

Denis Kortoci, 21, of Willowfield Road, Eastbourne, was charged with possession with intent to supply Class A (cocaine) and Class B (cannabis) drugs; money laundering; concealing, disguising, converting, transferring or removing criminal property; and possession of false identity documents. He was remanded in custody.

Marjan Ndoci, 28, of Leslie Street, Eastbourne, was charged with possession of false identity documents. He was also remanded in custody.

All three men appeared before Brighton Magistrates' Court on Saturday (23 November), where they were remanded into custody to be sent for trial at Lewes Crown Court on 20 December.

Four other men arrested on suspicion of drugs-related offences have been released under investigation.

### **Eastbourne car park collision leaves woman badly injured**

Police are appealing for witnesses after a 45-year-old Eastbourne woman pedestrian suffered serious injuries when she and a Volkswagen camper van were in collision in the car park at Tesco's store in Lottbridge Drove, Eastbourne.

It happened at around 2.45pm on Thursday (21 November). The woman was taken by ambulance to the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. No one else was injured.

The vehicle was driven by a 58-year-old man from Eastbourne.

Anyone who saw what happened or who may have mobile phone or dash-cam images that could assist officers investigating the incident is asked to contact Sussex Police [online](#) or by phoning 101, quoting Operation Bilbrook.

### **Christmas is a time for giving...but sadly for taking, too!**

We're working hard over Christmas to keep you and your family safe, but here are a few simple steps you can take to protect your home, presents and loved ones this festive season.

#### **When you are out shopping please remember:**

- Keep valuables in inside coat pockets or internal zips in bags to prevent pickpockets
- Only carry the cash you need, do not carry large amounts with you
- Avoid going back to your car to drop off presents part way through your trip, if you do keep presents in the car ensure they are well out of sight and the car/boot is locked

#### **When you are out in the evening:**

- Never leave your valuables unattended in public area
- Avoid walking home alone in the dark, and never with someone that you do not know
- Drink responsibly, never drink and drive, arrange for a taxi or a designated driver for the evening

#### **When you are at home:**

- Don't leave presents under your Christmas tree if they are visible from windows or doors

- Never keep large amounts of cash at home
- Check you have adequate home insurance to cover high value items
- Make sure your home looks occupied, leave a light on or a timer light or radio playing

#### **After Christmas:**

- Avoid becoming an easy target for post-holiday burglars/robbers by not leaving boxes for new electronics and other items outside your wheelie bin; break down boxes, and remove labels before putting inside a wheelie bin
- Register your newly gifted items with your home insurance provider and with property registering websites such as [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) - if your valuables are stolen it will allow you to tell the police, your insurer and second-hand traders to assist in recovering your property and catch the thieves.

In the lead up to Christmas we are advising residents to be mindful of suspicious activities, and to report anything unusual, or suspicious to us either by calling 101, or using our easy to use online webforms [here](#).

Remember in an emergency, or if something is happening there and then, always dial 999.

#### **White Ribbon Day 2019**

This international day for the elimination of violence against women and girls, saw team from across the district share messages on the ground, and on social media to help promote its awareness.

Officers and staff also took the pledge never to commit, excuse, or remain silent about male violence against women, you can find out more about this pledge [here](#).

Domestic abuse affects people from all walks of life and in many different ways. Find out what's considered as domestic abuse, how to report it and how, under [Clare's Law](#), you can find out if a partner has a history of domestic violence or abuse. We'll also show you how to delete your visit here from your web history, if you need to.

If you are a victim or know someone that is, you are not alone, we can help you alongside others.

For advice and support [click here](#).

If you or someone you know is being abused you can tell us about this, either by calling 101 or [online](#). If you're deaf or hard of hearing, use our textphone service on 18001 101.

If there's an immediate risk to someone's safety, please call 999. If you're deaf or hard of hearing, use our textphone service 18000 or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with [RelayUK](#)

#### **Volunteering doesn't come more rewarding than this – Special Constable recruitment now open!**

We are now recruiting Special Constables. If this is the volunteering opportunity you've been looking for, [click here now](#).

You already have a career you love – now you want a different challenge in your spare time.

As a special constable officer you'll have the same uniform and powers as regular officers.

From being first on the scene and taking knives off the streets to educating young people, you'll be working alongside regular police officers and PCSOs to make Sussex safer.

Our 'Specials', as the special constables are known, come from all walks of life. Specials are men and women of all races and faiths. They're teachers, taxi drivers, chefs, accountants and secretaries and they all volunteer a minimum of 16 hours a month. When you join Sussex Police, you become part of our policing family – we are with you each step of the way.

Are you an honest, respectful and selfless person who wants to do something important in your spare time? Could you be there in a stranger's time of need? Are you prepared to protect others on or off duty? And are you prepared for how time-consuming this volunteer role will be? If so, we want to hear from you.

What does your spare time look like? Do something Special.

### **Crime Summary**

Overnight on the 21-22 November, a business address on Crown Street, Eastbourne had their premises broken into when unknown suspect(s) have smashed glass doors to gain entry, personal items and stock was targeted. (0277 of 22/11 relates)

An attempted garage break was reported on the 25th November by garage owners off Biddenden Close, Eastbourne. Suspect(s) have not gained entry but caused damage to garage doors. (0724 of 25/11 relates)

A public house off Pevensey Road, Eastbourne, was broken into this week whereby suspect(s) have gained access by smashing windows to the property. Metal items were targeted. (0984 of 26/11 relates)

Overnight on the 26th November a school off Ringwood Road, Eastbourne had tools stolen from storage garages where suspect(s) have forced open doors on the garage to gain entry. (191 of 26/11 relates)

Please visit our crime prevention pages on home security [here](#).

### **Action Fraud scam watch**

Did you know scams cost the UK economy £5-£10 Billion a year, with over 50% of people over 65 having already been targeted by scams; and only 5% of all scams reported?

### **This week's scam and fraud warnings from Action Fraud:**

#### **Do you really know who is calling?**

Mobile phone fraud involves a variety of scams such as missed call scams, record message scams, text scams and phone insurance scams.

[More details here.](#)

#### **Black Friday**

On average, Brits plan to spend £220 each this Black Friday. With the biggest shopping event of the year is just around the corner, we've got some simple tips to help you and your family enjoy a secure online shopping experience.

Check out these simple tips on how to avoid falling for any dodgy deals [here](#).

#### **Help us keep Sussex safe**

If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please contact us [online](#), or call 101, quoting the reference number provided.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

You can also visit our website at [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) where you can find our easy to use online forms to report all non-emergencies to us.

You can also find police advice to keep you safe and help you understand the law, and also browse our crime prevention pages for first-hand knowledge, industry best practices and practical crime prevention advice from officers and specialist teams all across the police.

Have you ever had a policing question that doesn't actually require direct police involvement to answer?

Ask the Police is a great online source of information for the most frequently asked policing questions, visit [www.askthe.police.uk/](http://www.askthe.police.uk/) for more information.