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Road fatalities as at 7.00 am: YTD this year 76; YTD last year 75

Serious road injuries to midnight: http://www.police.sa.gov.au/sapol/road_safety/road_statistics.jsp

Two men arrested in stolen car – Christies Beach

Christies Beach Police have arrested two teenage boys after they were located in an alleged stolen vehicle at Christies Beach overnight. At about 2.30am, police stopped a Holden Commodore in relation to other matters when the driver abandoned the car and fled. The passenger stayed in the car and was arrested at the scene. Police chased the driver and located him at a near by oval on Bice Avenue. Further investigation revealed the Holden Commodore was allegedly stolen from an address in Martin Place, Christies Beach a few hours earlier. The driver, a 17 year old boy from Noarlunga Downs was charged with illegal use of a motor vehicle, driving unlicensed and hindering police and the passenger, a 16 year old boy from Morphett Vale, was charged with Illegal use of a motor vehicle. Both were released on police bail and are expected to appear in the Christies Beach Magistrates Court on 9 September.

Third man arrested over murder of Karen Hodgson

Major Crime Detectives yesterday arrested a 25 year old Blair Athol man for the murder of Ms Karen Hodgson. The arrested man will appear in the Adelaide Magistrates Court today. Inquiries are still continuing into Ms Hodgson's death and anyone with information that may assist police in their investigation is urged to contact BankSA Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at www.sa.crimestoppers.com.au

Two men arrested for sexual assault

South Coast CIB Detectives have arrested and charged two men over the alleged sexual assault of two women. Police will allege the men sexually assaulted the two women, who are known to them, at a Morphett Vale address on Monday night. A 22 year old Morphett Vale man was arrested in the early hours of Tuesday morning and charged

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with two counts of rape, assault and property damage. He appeared in the Christies Beach Magistrates Court yesterday and was remanded in custody. A 21 year old Craigmore man was arrested yesterday and charged with two counts of rape and one count of unlawful detention. He was refused police bail and will appear in the Christies Beach Magistrates Court today.

Man arrested for breaking into car – Mile End

A quick response by Sturt Police yesterday resulted in the arrest of a man after he allegedly broke into a car at Mile End. A woman rang police just before 10am to report observing a man breaking into her neighbour's car. She provided police with a detailed description of the suspect. A patrol arrived within minutes and quickly located a man matching that description. The 42 year old Adelaide man was arrested and charged with illegal interference and breaching his bail conditions. He was bailed to appear in the Adelaide Magistrates Court on 26 August. Police encourage anyone who witnesses suspicious behaviour to report it to the police assistance line on 131444.

Launch of Kids, Cops and Karts

The official launch of a crime prevention initiative, Kids, Cops and Karts, will be held at 11am today at the Mount Young Raceway, Whyalla. Kids, Cops and Karts is a go-karting programme aimed at reducing the incidence of youth offending and fostering positive relationships between youths and police. The need for the programme was identified after a number of youths were arrested or reported by police following a spate of motor vehicle thefts in Whyalla in 2009. 23 youths with varied offending history have participated in the programme so far, with only three of the youths re-offending within three months of completing the programme.

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