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POLICE OFFICER TELLS PEOPLE TO GET OFF FACEBOOK, REACH OUT TO ELDERLY AFTER ISOLATED COUPLE FOUND DEAD



A police officer has penned a poignant online plea, telling people to spend more time with senior citizens after an elderly couple with no close relatives in Sydney were found dead in their northern beaches home.

Superintendent Dave Darcy told people to reach out to the elderly in the community. "I reckon [they] should get off their Facebook for 20 minutes and spend a bit of time with some older people and get to understand what they're about," he said.

"Life is a team game and you need a few other people around you to make sure you're successful, sometimes. "Our elderly, particularly in that 70s to 80s group, are completely left behind in terms of social media and a friend to them isn't a click of a button. "A friend to them is someone who exchanges eye contact and genuinely cares about them."

Officers found the bodies of Geoffrey and Anne Iddon in their Palm Beach home in July 2017 but it is unknown how long they had been deceased.

Superintendent Darcy said the husband was the carer for his wife, who was blind and had a number of disabilities. "It's our view that he has probably passed away naturally," he said. "Unfortunately his wife is very dependent on his care, as such she has become vulnerable and unfortunately passed away.

Superintendent Darcy said the couple's closest relatives lived overseas and it was a neighbour who initially raised the alarm with police. "It's just a tragic circumstance and a reminder to us all that we need to look after our elderly," he said.

(ABC Police reporter Jessica Kidd; edited and abridged for NHW newsletter)

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CHARNWOOD CRIME STATISTICS: MAY TO AUGUST 2017

01/05/17	Bettington	Assault ABH	04/07/17	Charnwood	Assault other
25/05/17	Squire	Assault ABH	07/07/17	Charnwood	Assault other
29/05/17	Berghofer	Burglary	09/07/17	Rumker	Assault other
01/05/17	Charnwood	Shop stealing	14/07/17	Dangar	Assault other
13/05/17	Charnwood	Other theft	11/07/17	Dangar	Burglary dwellings
03/05/17	Waterfield	Other property damage	16/07/17	Sadleir	Burglary dwellings
18/05/17	Charnwood	Other property damage	16/07/17	McDougall	Burglary dwellings
24/05/17	Tomsitt	Other property damage	24/07/17	Small	Burglary dwellings
01/06/17	Noakes	Burglary dwelling	27/07/17	Dangar	Motor vehicle theft
01/06/17	Forsyth	Burglary dwelling	03/07/17	Charnwood	Shop stealing
18/06/17	Warland	Burglary dwelling	01/07/17	Moulder	Other property damage
09/06/17	Charnwood	Shop stealing	02/07/17	Noakes	Other property damage
01/06/17	Kerrigan	Other theft	04/07/17	Forsyth	Other property damage
31/05/17	Squire	Other theft	20/07/17	Verge	Other property damage
09/06/17	Lhotsky	Other theft	02/08/17	Berghofer	Assault other
11/06/19	Noakes	Other theft	19/08/17	Lhotsky	Assault other
09/06/17	Lhotsky	Other theft	23/08/17	McDougall	Assault other
31/05/17	Leycester	Other property damage	03/08/17	Noakes	Burglary dwellings
11/06/17	Tomsitt	Other property damage	21/08/17	Dangar	Burglary dwellings
16/06/17	Schaffer	Other property damage	24/08/17	Lhotsky	Other theft
23/06/17	Lhotsky	Other property damage	30/08/17	Charnwood	Other theft
25/06/17	Napper	Other property damage	22/08/17	Charnwood	Arson

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