



# Neighbourhood Watch



**MELBA / SPENCE**

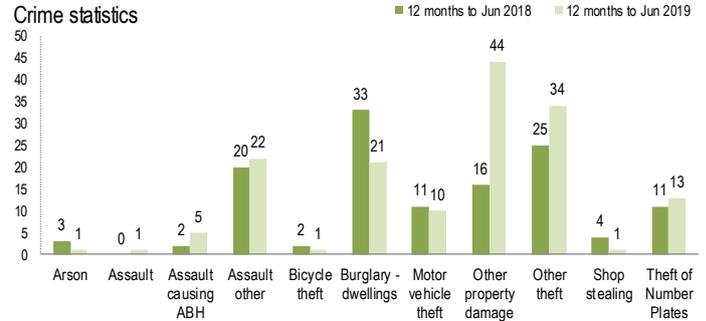
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## Criminal Activity Reported by Police: April to June 2019

Offence type	Suburb	Street Name	Start Date
Arson	SPENCE	OWEN DIXON	Mon, 24 Jun 19
Assault causing ABH	MELBA	VERBRUGGHEN	Mon, 1 Apr 19
	SPENCE	CROFTS	Mon, 1 Apr 19
Assault other	SPENCE	LEAVOLD	Sat, 25 May 19
	MELBA	CLUTSAM	Tue, 30 Apr 19
	SPENCE	BENNET	Mon, 27 May 19
Burglary - dwellings	MELBA	VERBRUGGHEN	Thu, 20 Jun 19
	SPENCE	BENNETT	Sat, 16 Mar 19
	SPENCE	HANCOCK	Thu, 4 Apr 19
	MELBA	LE GALLIENNE	Mon, 8 Apr 19
	MELBA	BUCKMAN	Fri, 26 Apr 19
	MELBA	SCARLETT	Wed, 1 May 19
	SPENCE	CLAREY	Wed, 1 May 19
	SPENCE	DALGLEISH	Wed, 1 May 19
	SPENCE	GARRARD	Wed, 1 May 19
	MELBA	KRUSE	Thu, 9 May 19
	MELBA	MIRANDA	Thu, 9 May 19
	SPENCE	CROFTS	Mon, 13 May 19
	MELBA	KINGSFORD SMITH	Mon, 20 May 19
	MELBA	CROSSLEY	Tue, 25 Jun 19
Motor vehicle theft	MELBA	BAINTON	Fri, 12 Apr 19
	SPENCE	KINGSFORD SMITH	Sat, 18 May 19
	SPENCE	MAGRATH	Sun, 26 May 19
Other property damage	MELBA	GOLDNER	Thu, 18 Apr 19
	MELBA	CHINNER	Fri, 19 Apr 19
	MELBA	GOLDNER	Fri, 19 Apr 19
	MELBA	VERBRUGGHEN	Sun, 21 Apr 19
	MELBA	CHINNER	Tue, 30 Apr 19
	MELBA	CONLEY	Tue, 30 Apr 19
	MELBA	BROWNLEE	Tue, 30 Apr 19
	MELBA	GOLDNER	Thu, 2 May 19
	MELBA	BAINTON	Thu, 2 May 19
	SPENCE	COPLAND	Sun, 5 May 19
	MELBA	KINGSFORD SMITH	Mon, 27 May 19
	SPENCE	DOUGLASS	Mon, 27 May 19
	MELBA	PALING	Sun, 16 Jun 19
	SPENCE	LEAVOLD	Tue, 25 Jun 19
SPENCE	CLAREY	Wed, 26 Jun 19	
Other theft	MELBA	SAVILLE	Sun, 30 Jun 19
	SPENCE	O'NEILL	Thu, 25 Jul 19
	MELBA	ALFRED HILL	Wed, 10 Apr 19
	MELBA	GOLDNER	Sat, 4 May 19
	MELBA	BOULT	Fri, 17 May 19
	SPENCE	CROFTS	Sat, 18 May 19
Theft of Number Plates	MELBA	CHINNER	Sun, 26 May 19
	SPENCE	MCGOWEN	Tue, 28 May 19
	MELBA	GOOSSENS	Tue, 25 Jun 19
	SPENCE	CLAREY	Wed, 26 Jun 19
	SPENCE	COPLAND	Thu, 4 Apr 19
	SPENCE	COPLAND	Mon, 8 Apr 19
	SPENCE	GLASSEY	Sat, 27 Apr 19
	MELBA	MIRANDA	Tue, 11 Jun 19
	SPENCE	GARLAND	Tue, 25 Jun 19



### Anti-social driving

Anti-social driving is a form of intimidating driving behaviour; it can include speeding, burnouts, tailgating, menacing driving and street racing. These illegal activities may result in the loss of licence, heavy fines, the seizing of vehicles and potentially imprisonment. ACT Policing will not tolerate anti-social behaviour or unsafe driving practices which could endanger the lives of the community.

**What are the penalties** - Police have the power to seize vehicles for offences of street racing, speed trials, burnouts and menacing driving. If you are caught engaging in unsafe driving practices, police can seize your vehicle for up to 90 days for a first offence, and if you are caught again, your vehicle may be seized and forfeited to the Territory if ordered by the Courts.

**Burnouts** - For a first offence you can incur a Traffic

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Infringement Notice for \$660, three demerit points or your vehicle can be seizure for 90 days and you can be summonsed to court. Repeat offences can result in the forfeiture of the car, court fines plus court costs and licence disqualifications.

**High level speeding** - If you drive more than 45km/h over speed limit you will be fined \$1,841 and six demerit points taken from your licence. If you are sent to court and found guilty, you can incur court fines and court costs. High level speeding can also result in licence disqualifications.

**Street racing** - Street racing is a trial of the maximum speed or acceleration of a vehicle on a road or road related area. For a first offence, you can incur a fine of \$442 and three demerit points or your vehicle can be seized for a 90 days period and you can be summonsed to court. A repeat offence can see the forfeiture of the vehicle and a court fines and costs and licence disqualification.

**Dangerous driving** - If police catch you for furious, reckless or dangerous driving, you can be summonsed to court. Court fines can amount up to \$15,000 and/or imprisonment for 12 months. In the case of an aggravated offence, the penalties rise to up to \$45,000 and/or imprisonment for 24 months.

**Menacing driving** - If police catch you engaging in menacing driving you can be summonsed to court. Court fines can amount up to \$15,000 and imprisonment for 12 months.

**Tailgating** - A traffic infringement notice of \$367 and one demerit point may be applicable if you are stopped by police for tailgating. If the incident is referred to court, you can incur fines of up to \$3,000 plus court costs.

**Targeting anti-social driving-** ACT Policing proactively target burnout and anti-social driving 'blackspots' using an intelligence-led policing approach. ACT Police urge members of the public to come forward with information about anti-social driving activities so patrols can target areas appropriately. Call 131 444 if you see it occurring or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 if you have information about anti-social driving.

You can also report information via the Crime Stoppers by selecting "Traffic Offence".

The information you provide will be recorded and assist police in targeting offending vehicle/s, associated persons and traffic hot spots. Police need accurate descriptions of the location and time of the offence and details of the cars involved including colour, make, model and registration details.

**Driveway car thefts on Canberra mornings as drivers defrost windscreens:**

Police have warned car

owners not to leave their vehicles with their engines running and unattended after three vehicles were stolen from driveways around the Canberra region within a one-hour period. In Fadden, a resident started the engine on the family's Golf in the driveway, turned the windscreen heater fan on full blast, and then walked back inside. The theft happened in less than one minute. It was a pretty slick operation; they [the thieves] must have been driving around just watching and waiting for that opportunity. A Golf was the second car in Tuggeranong to be stolen the same way around the same time. A Honda was stolen while sitting idling and defrosting in a Wanniasa driveway. Meanwhile, across the border in Jerrabomberra, another car was stolen the same day in the same way. A Mini Cooper was stolen from the driveway of the Jerrabomberra home just after 7.15am, with the owner returning after five minutes to find it gone.

Acting station sergeant Jayde Evans, from police traffic operations, had some simple advice for people who leave their cars to warm up on frosty Canberra mornings: don't do it. "Like many instances of theft, car theft is often a crime of opportunity". "Even a car left unattended for a minute or two, whether it is to warm up in a garage or to defrost in a driveway, can be a target for thieves. While it is important to defrost a vehicle windows and mirrors before heading off, you should never leave a running vehicle unattended."

Police tips on how to keep windscreen frost at bay

- Place an old sheet or blanket over the windscreen to limit icing.
- Allow extra time for a vehicle to properly defrost
- Pour lukewarm (never hot) water over your windscreen to aid defrosting
- If possible, park under a tree or awning

273 cars were taken in the first three months of this year compared with last year, 1,074 reported stolen. Compared with the rest of Australia, measured by theft rate per 1,000 registered vehicles, the ACT is second only to the Northern Territory. Insurance usually won't be paid out because in the view of the insurer, the vehicle was left unsecured and unattended. From a police perspective, if you drive a vehicle "without a clear view" such as with frost obscuring your windscreen, this could incur a \$200 fine. But conversely, if you leave a vehicle with the engine running and unattended, the potential penalty is a \$200 fine.

Important numbers: Police attendance: 131 444 | SES: 13 22 81 | Domestic Animal Services: 6207 2424 | RSPCA: 6287 8100 | Emergencies: 000 | Domestic Violence Crisis Service: 6280 0900 | Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800 | Lifeline: 131 114 | National Security concerns 1800 123 400.

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