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CCTV footage helps WA Police lay damage charges

Cockburn and Murdoch police have charged three people with damage offences after CCTV footage provided by the City of Cockburn was used in evidence.

A 24-year-old Coolbellup man and two teenagers from Kwinana and Hammond Park will appear in court in April and May after CCTV cameras filmed them allegedly causing more than \$25,000 damage to City of Cockburn property in separate incidents.

The first incident occurred after dark on 23 November, 2016 when human excrement was used to vandalise the Len Packham clubrooms in Coolbellup, causing \$250 damage.

It was discovered by a CoSafe community safety officer during a routine patrol of the Cordelia Avenue facility and a 24-year-old man was charged with damage, with reparation for cleaning costs requested. He is due to appear in Fremantle Magistrate's Court on 29 May.

The second incident involved two people caught on CCTV camera on 23 February this year allegedly smashing 10 bollard lights at Cockburn Integrated Health in Cockburn Central, causing \$22,265 damage.

The pair was captured on film nearby, allegedly setting fire to rubber playground matting at Cockburn Youth Services a few hours later on 24 February, causing \$550 damage.

A 14-year-old boy from Hammond Park and a 14-year-old Kwinana girl were each charged with criminal damage and damage and are due to appear at Perth Children's Court on 24 April and Fremantle Children's Court on 20 April, respectively.

Mayor Logan Howlett said the arrests were possible due to the cooperation of City employees, its community safety and security service CoSafe and WA Police.

He said CoSafe staff had reviewed CCTV footage to find the incidents before providing copies to investigating Cockburn and Murdoch police officers.



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“In 2011 the City only had eight CCTV cameras and now we have more than 300, strategically placed in several locations to deter anti-social behaviour, increase community and property safety,” Mayor Howlett said.

“CCTV is another potential weapon against the minority of people in society who are responsible for the majority of the concerns harboured by the community.

“In these cases, if those charged are found guilty council will seek restitution for damages.”

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