

STRIKE FORCE NEIL

Cronulla Riots - Chronology of Events



12/12/2005	10:57pm	Report of males on railway lines	Cronulla
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From an off duty officer, six (6) or more Middle Eastern males walking along the railway lines heading towards Cronulla Railway Station. Currently about 500 metres away from Station. ⁵⁹⁷

12/12/2005	10:58pm	Report of brawl outside Novotel	Brighton
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Community source advised 100 persons fighting outside the Novotel in Bay Street, Brighton-le-Sands. Persons bashing occupants of vehicles stopped at traffic lights. Police attended 11:05pm – No fights at Novotel. ⁵⁹⁸

12/12/2005	10:59pm	Convoy at The Grand Parade and Bay Street	Brighton
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Anonymous male advised convoy of 15 vehicles with ethnic males heading north on The Grand Parade yelling abuse ⁵⁹⁹

12/12/2005	10:59pm	Convoy gathering on Rocky Point Road	Sans Souci
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Community source advised 50 vehicles blocking traffic awaiting other vehicles to catch up. Vehicles heading north along Rocky Point Road, Sans Souci (x Fontainebleau Street). Occupants are carrying bats and sticks. ⁶⁰⁰

12/12/2005	11:00pm	Report of assault north of Railway Station	Cronulla
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Eight (8) males assault another male on Gymea Bay Road, Gymea (x Kingsway). ⁶⁰¹

12/12/2005	11:00pm	BP Service Station at Sans Souci	Sans Souci
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Community source advised of a silver Holden Commodore in the BP Service Station, San
Souci (x Russell Ave). There was a large group of Middle Eastern people standing on the road and yelling. ⁶⁰²

12/12/2005	11:00pm	Report of gathering in Bay Street	Brighton
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Numerous Middle Eastern persons congregating on Bay Street and heading towards the beach. ⁶⁰³

⁵⁹⁷ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 22:57 - District/Channel 'L'

⁵⁹⁸ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 22:58 - District/Channel 'L'

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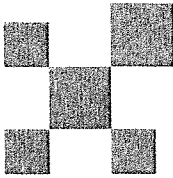
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12/12/2005	11:00pm	Attempt to run down police officer	Cronulla
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Police were patrolling the vicinity of Kurnell Road and The Kingsway when information was received concerning 30 Middle Eastern males in Kurnell Road. As police turned into Kurnell road a blue Ford Laser containing Middle Eastern male was observed. Police stopped to speak with the occupants of this vehicle. Police identified themselves and asked the driver what he was doing in Kurnell Road. The driver shrugged his shoulders and said, "What." Police exited the police vehicle to speak further with the occupants. The driver of this vehicle has then revved the accelerated towards the police officer. The police officer took evasive action and the vehicle speed off east along The Kingsway. Police reported the incident via the Police radio and the vehicle was stopped a short time later in Elouera Road by other police. The driver was arrested and taken back to Miranda Police Station and charged. ⁶⁰⁴

12/12/2005	11:05pm	Ambulance under attack	Brighton
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Ambulance officers under attack at the corner of The Grand Parade and Bay Street, Brighton. Urgent assistance required. ⁶⁰⁵

12/12/2005	11:08pm	POC redeploys OSG	Cronulla
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POC requested OSG be redeployed. ⁶⁰⁶

12/12/2005	11:08pm	Police road block	Maroubra
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ES36 establish road block at location. No incidents detected. ⁶⁰⁷

12/12/2005	11:09pm	Report of suspicious activity railway tracks Caringbah	Cronulla
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Community source can see two (2) males doing something suspicious with a meter box near the train tracks on Banksia Rd Caringbah. ⁶⁰⁸

12/12/2005	11:10pm	Point duty locations Maroubra	Maroubra
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HWP and Eastern Beach vehicles conduct point duty at various locations. The following intersections included;

- Marine Parade and Maroubra beach. ⁶⁰⁹
- Maroubra and Herwood Roads. ⁶¹⁰
- McKeon and Duncan roads. ⁶¹¹

⁶⁰⁴ Source: COPS E:25783971.

⁶⁰⁵ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 23:05 - District/Channel 'L'

⁶⁰⁶ Source: Superintendent Nolan Command Log 12/12/2005.

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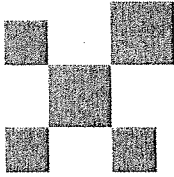
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⁶¹¹ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 23:11 - District/Channel - 'C'

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12/12/2005	11:11pm	Report of preparation of fire bombs	Cronulla
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Community source had received a call from a friend who had been chased into a house by a group of Lebanese. The friend advised they [Lebanese] were outside making some fire bombs to retaliate. The group was in Thomas Street, Woolwooware (x Howie Ave).⁶¹²

12/12/2005	11:14pm	Gathering at Punchbowl Park	Punchbowl
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Males of Middle Eastern appearance commence congregating in Punchbowl Park. At 11.36pm report of 100 males in park. At 11.43pm report of 300 – 400 males now in park. 23:44pm report of men carrying baseball bats, bars, poles and machetes and damaging parked vehicles. CIDS reports from community sources on numbers and activities of gathering in the park not entirely consistent with reports from an unmarked police vehicle parked nearby monitoring the situation at Punchbowl Park over entire period in question. Plainclothes police supplied regular updates by mobile phone to the Campsie Forward Command Post. A marked police car patrolling the area at 11.29pm estimated approximately 100 persons in the park at 11.30pm. No offences were observed by the plainclothes police officers at the scene. These officers reported that the persons congregating were 'just standing around talking with each other'. Police helicopter was also requested to monitor activity in park. All persons in park eventually dispersed without incident in different directions.⁶¹³

12/12/2005	11:14pm	Crowd reforming at Kings and Queens Roads	Brighton
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Troublemakers from Cronulla area are congregating at the intersection of Kings and Queens Roads. They are reforming and returning to the area.⁶¹⁴

12/12/2005	11:15pm	Superintendent Rogerson completed duty	Maroubra
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Superintendent Rogerson leaves Maroubra. Risk to area significantly lowered.⁶¹⁵

12/12/2005	11:20pm	Rampaging crowd in Bay Street	Cronulla
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Police responded to a crowd brawling and causing trouble in the vicinity of Grand Parade and Bay Street. Police were confronted by a crowd of 100 Middle Eastern people who were rampaging west in Bay Street. The crowd was pulling council bins from their mounts and throwing them and other objects at shop windows. The crowd also threw objects at police vehicle and as a result two police vehicles were damaged. The crowd dispersed up several streets. A large number of police, including the Dog Squad and OSG, attended the area. The area was patrolled but no offenders were arrested and no injuries reported.⁶¹⁶

⁶¹² Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 23:11 - District/Channel 'L'

⁶¹³ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 23:14 to 23:59 - District/Channel 'F', Ministerial response by Superintendent Richardson - RML 65383 – eagle.i S/F NEIL IN-37 and Chief Inspector Birch debrief - eagle.i S/F NEIL IN - 48

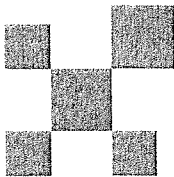
⁶¹⁴ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 23:14 - District/Channel 'L'

⁶¹⁵ Source: Superintendent Rogerson de-brief Strike Force Neil

⁶¹⁶ Source: COPS E:25468976.

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12/12/2005 11:27pm Vehicles damaged in Bruce Street Brighton

- About 10 persons sighted damaging vehicles in Bruce Street, Brighton (x Sellwood Street).⁶¹⁷
- About 30 people using baseball bats, fence palings, rocks and fire extinguishers to damage vehicles and apartments.⁶¹⁸
- Group of 6 persons smashing cars and phone boxes near the Shell Service Station.⁶¹⁹
- Large group of youth making noise and there is a gas bottle in the middle of the street.⁶²⁰
- (23:34) - Middle Eastern male being chased by Police is in garage underneath unit wearing army pants and brown shirt. Police came with dog but were on the other side of the fence. The Male is still in the garage.⁶²¹

12/12/2005 11.30pm [redacted] convoy Cronulla

Sometime in the afternoon Monday 12/12/2005 [redacted] went to pick up two friends in Chester Hill enroute to the Mosque as many people were meeting there. When they reached the Mosque they realised they were late and that everyone had left. They drove to the Kingsway and met up with a large convoy of vehicles that were driving along slowly with their hazard lights on. They stopped on The Kingsway to pick up two strangers as their vehicle had broken down. Whilst on The Kingsway in the Cronulla area they stopped the vehicle and two of the occupants [redacted] exited the vehicle and damaged parked vehicles with metal poles. The two occupants stopped a white utility travelling along The Kingsway and smashed that vehicle with metal poles. Both occupants returned to the vehicle and the convoy continued to Elouera Road.

When they reach Elouera road the convoy stopped. The occupants from [redacted] vehicle exited and began smashing parked vehicles with the hundreds of other people. The group returned to the vehicle and drove to the BP Service Station at Taren Point. Their vehicle was refuelled and they then headed towards Brighton. They parked their vehicle for a while at Brighton.

About 11:25pm [redacted] and his occupants were driving along the Princess Highway. They observed a silver Mitsubishi Lancer and pulled along side of this vehicle. Youssef and El-Sheick then exited the vehicle and attacked the Mitsubishi Lancer and its occupants with the metal rods.⁶²²

12/12/2005 11:30pm Male assault leaving Novotel Cronulla

Male was assaulted whilst leaving his work at the Novotel Brighton. He was stopped and assault by a group of Middle Eastern Males.⁶²³

⁶¹⁷ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 23:27 - District/Channel 'L'

⁶¹⁸ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 23:28 - District/Channel 'L'

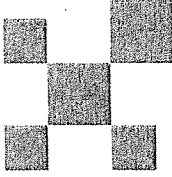
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⁶²¹ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 23:40 - District/Channel 'L'

⁶²² Source: COPS E:25588064

⁶²³ Source: CIDS created 13/12/2005 00:47 - District/Channel 'L'



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12/12/2005	11:30pm	Male attacked in vehicle	Sans Souci
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The victim was driving his silver Mitsubishi Lancer along the Princess Highway. Near the intersection of Park Road the victim stopped at traffic lights. Another vehicle, being driven by [redacted] stopped beside him containing Middle Eastern males [redacted]. The driver asked questions of the victim's nationality and whether they were at Cronulla. A passenger in the second vehicle held up a baton. The male passenger has exited the vehicle with the baton and walked to the driver's door and yelled for the victim to get out of the car. This person started bashing the driver's window and rear window. The victim drove off and reported the incident to police. ⁶²⁴

12/12/2005	11:30pm	Female attacked in vehicle	Cronulla
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The victim was driving east on the Kingsway towards Cronulla and stopped at the intersection of Gannons road for a red traffic light. A vehicle containing Middle Eastern males stopped beside he and said, "you dirty bitch." The males then started throwing a barrage of rubbish at her, including an object that struck the victim in the head. The victim drove off and reported the matter to police. No details of the offending vehicle were obtained. ⁶²⁵

12/12/2005	11:30pm	Gathering at 7/11 Convenience Store	Cronulla
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- 11:30pm** - A motorcycle assaulted earlier in the evening attended the 7/11 store. Upon arriving he observed 10 Middle Eastern males standing in the car park holding baseball bats. The victim then contacted '000'. ⁶²⁶
- 11:35pm** - Five (5) to 10 males chased one lady. Lady ran inside 7/11 store. Males are waiting outside. Lady is scared to leave. ⁶²⁷
- 11:41pm** - Caucasian male chased by Middle Eastern males armed with baseball bats and would not let him into the garage. ⁶²⁸
- 11:43pm** - 15-20 Middle Eastern males gathering outside location and threatening passerby's. ⁶²⁹

12/12/2005	11:30pm	Assault in Restwell Street, Bankstown	Bankstown
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The 50 year old female victim was walking from Bankstown Railway Station along Restwell street after completing work. The victim was approached by a Middle Eastern male and he took her handbag and hit her in the head with a solid object. This caused a laceration to the back of the victims head. The offender has then run off south along Restwell Street. The victim was conveyed to Bankstown Hospital with minor injuries. No offender has been identified. ⁶³⁰

12/12/2005	11:32pm	Report of males chased	Cronulla
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Community source advised her boyfriend and two (2) other males have been chased by Middle Eastern males in Thomas Street, Wooloware (x Kingsway). They are currently hiding inside. ⁶³¹

⁶²⁴ Source: COPS E:25588084

⁶²⁵ Source: COPS E:25409924

⁶²⁶ Source: COPS E:26905363

⁶²⁷ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 23:35 - District/Channel 'L'

⁶²⁸ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 23:41 - District/Channel 'L'

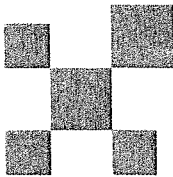
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⁶³⁰ Source: COPS E:25909749

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12/12/2005	11:40pm	Report of convoy gathering on Bestic Street,	Kyeemagh
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Community Source advised 7 or 8 vehicles stopped on side of Bestic Street, Kyeemagh (x General Holmes Drive). Whilst on the phone the source advised the vehicles were on the move towards Rockdale.⁶³²

12/12/2005	11:46pm	Gathering at Cronulla Leagues Club.	Cronulla
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Numerous vehicles gathering at the Cronulla Leagues Club.⁶³³

12/12/2005	11:50pm	Replacement of police on the bridges	Cronulla
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POC contacted by Inspector Sheridan for 12 additional general duty police to be used to relieve the Highway Patrol on the bridges.⁶³⁴

12/12/2005	11:51pm	Report of gathering in Gordon Street	Brighton
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Outside Brighton-le-Sands (x Moate Ave). Persons are stopping in vehicles and talking on mobile phones. Information states vehicles are coming and going since 10:00pm.⁶³⁵

⁶³² Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 23:40 - District/Channel 'L'

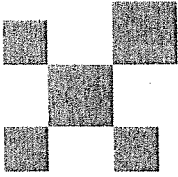
⁶³³ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 23:46 - District/Channel 'L'

⁶³⁴ Source: Superintendent Nolan Command Log 12/12/2005

⁶³⁵ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 23:51 - District/Channel 'L'

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TUESDAY, 13th DECEMBER 2005

13/12/2005	12:01am Fire at Auburn RSL Tennis Club	Auburn
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Security advised alarms had been triggered at the club at 12:00am. The Fire Brigade received a call for the club on fire at 12:13am. They attended 12:19am and observed the side door to the club was alight. The Fire Brigade extinguished the blaze by 12:45am. A subsequent investigation showed a five (5) litre petrol tin was empty on the ground against the wall leading down the side of the club.⁶³⁶

13/12/2005	12:10am	Insufficient police deployed to bridges	Cronulla
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Sergeant Bradbury (HWP) supervisor advised Superintendent Nolan only enough police to deploy to Tom Ugly's and Captain Cook bridges.⁶³⁷

13/12/2005	12:12am	Report of gathering in Bankstown	Bankstown
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Community source advise 20 Middle Eastern males gathering in Gordon Street, Bankstown.⁶³⁸

13/12/2005	12:20am	Convoy travelling through Bankstown	Bankstown
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A convoy of vehicles heading south through Bankstown gathered in Gordon Street, Bankstown. A vehicle was stopped and searched. During the search one occupant from this vehicle stated they were heading to Cronulla.⁶³⁹

13/12/2005	12:25am	Campsie Command Post closed	Lakemba
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Command Post officially closed by Superintendent Richardson after consultation with Superintendent Benson (POC MIRT Commander).⁶⁴⁰

13/12/2005	12:52am	Staff abused at Bankstown RSL	Bankstown
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Five (5) Middle Eastern persons in three (3) vehicles are yelling abuse at staff and are threatening to assault them. The victim, a serving Military Officer, was with several friends at the Bankstown RSL. Whilst leaving he was approached by the group of Middle Eastern youths and was taunted, with the group saying, "Come on out you Aussie dogs." The victim remained near the entrance of the club. The vehicles had driven past his location and parked about 50 metres away from the club's entrance. The victim contacted police as he believed a trap had been set for himself and other Caucasian people leaving the premise. Police attended but did not locate any vehicles.⁶⁴¹

⁶³⁶ Source: COPS E:25390335.

⁶³⁷ Source: Superintendent Nolan Command Log 12/12/2005

⁶³⁸ Source: CIDS created 13/12/2005 00:12 - District/Channel 'G'

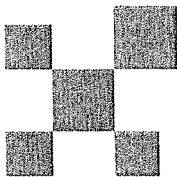
⁶³⁹ Source: COPS I:25394325

⁶⁴⁰ Source: Superintendent Richardson Commander Operation Log 12/12/2005

⁶⁴¹ Source: COPS E:25524433

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13/12/2005 1:00am Assault at McDonald's Bankstown

10-12 Middle Eastern Males assaulted another male at McDonald's, Hume Hwy Liverpool (x Atkinson Street). About that time the victim was walking home from a friends place when he was approached by a Middle Eastern male who said, "Are you an Aussie" The victim said, "Yes" and continued on his way. The victim was then attacked by a group of Middle Eastern males, the group kicked and punched the victim numerous times before running off towards the Liverpool RFA. The victim sustained bruising and was conveyed to Liverpool Hospital for treatment. The victim stated he did not know any of the offenders. ⁶⁴²

13/12/2005 1:00am Report of male being chased with weapons Cronulla

The Community source was being chased by a group of males with weapons. The source was running along Perryman Place, Cronulla (x Kingsway) at the time. Police arrived at 1:05am and spoke with three (3) people, no offences detected. ⁶⁴³

13/12/2005 1:10am Resources deployed to bridges Cronulla

Further police resources deployed to Alford's Point Bridge and Captain Cook Bridge. ⁶⁴⁴

13/12/2005 3:00am Sexual assault by Middle Eastern males Maroubra

About 2:30am the victim caught a taxi from the Coogee Bay Hotel to the intersection of Lenthall and Todman Avenues Kensington. They began to walk home. About 3am the victim was about 100 metres away from her home when four (4) Middle Eastern males approached her from a nearby vehicle. One of the males approached her from behind and held a knife to her throat. The males pushed the victim into a brick wall, grabbed her hair and one male pushed his hand up under the victim's skirt. At this point two Caucasian males have approached and pull the victim away from the males. They told the victim to run away and don't look back. The victim ran to her unit and was not aware of what occurred between the males. ⁶⁴⁵ The incident was reported to police at 4:49pm and police attended the victim's unit at 5am where an investigation was conducted. Extensive police inquires and DNA testing failed to identify offender. ⁶⁴⁶

13/12/2005 3:40am Arrested persons released Cronulla

Four (4) people taken into custody for Affray to be released from Sutherland due to identification issues. ⁶⁴⁷

13/12/2005 4:45am Staff debrief Cronulla

Staff debriefed. Issues discussed included the delay in establishing road blocks. ⁶⁴⁸

⁶⁴² Source: COPS E:25796018

⁶⁴³ Source: CIDS created 13/12/2005 01:00 - District/Channel 'L'

⁶⁴⁴ Source: Superintendent Nolan Command Log 12/12/2005

⁶⁴⁵ Source: COPS E: 27377285 & C:25703666.

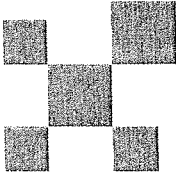
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⁶⁴⁷ Source: Superintendent Nolan Command Log 12/12/2005

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13/12/2005 10:30am Female chased by Middle Eastern males

Kirrawee

Informant was at intersection of Waratah Road and Princess Highway, Kirrawee. A vehicle containing Middle Eastern males stopped beside her and said, "Get off the phone, we're gonna come and get you Aussie slut and we're gonna rape you." The informant drove home and reported the matter. No person of interest has been identified. ⁶⁴⁹

13/12/2005 1:00pm Assault by Middle Eastern males

Hurstville

About 1pm the victim was at Hungry Jacks on Forest Road, Hurstville. At the time a group of Middle Eastern Males were outside Hungry Jacks looking inside. The victim walked around Westfield for a short time and was then confronted by the group of six (6) Middle Eastern males. This group then kicked and assaulted the victim. During the assault one Middle Eastern male said, "You shouldn't fuck with us Lebo's. Fuck off out of Hurstville you stupid Aussie, you're nothing but a dog, do you want some too?" As a result of the assault the victim received a cut requiring stitches and general grazing and bruising. The victim was conveyed to St George hospital for treatment. A person of interest was identified at the time of the incident. ⁶⁵⁰ However in subsequent inquiries, victim declined to participate in an identification parade. ⁶⁵¹

13/12/2005 1:36pm Report of Islanders enroute to Cronulla

Sutherland

Large group of Islanders arriving on trail from Sutherland. Gang known as "Crips" & were spoken to the previous day in Cronulla as they were looking for trouble. OSG in attendance. Area patrolled no person sighted. ⁶⁵²

13/12/2005 2:06pm Report of Islanders causing trouble

Hurstville

15-20 Islander males at bus stop on Forest Road hassling passerby. ⁶⁵³

⁶⁴⁹ Source: COPS E:25597648

⁶⁵⁰ Source: COPS E:25597748

⁶⁵¹ Source: COPS Case Management C:25627137

⁶⁵² Source: CIDS created 13/12/2005 13:35 - District/Channel 'L'

⁶⁵³ Source: CIDS created 13/12/2005 14:06 - District/Channel 'L'

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