



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

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Paul Peters charged in Local Court

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has appeared at the first mention of the matter of Paul Peters at Parramatta Local Court.

Mr Peters has been charged with:

- Specially Aggravated Break Enter and Commit Serious Indictable Offence (Detain for Advantage), pursuant to s.112(3) *Crimes Act 1900*;
- Demand Money by Force pursuant to s.99(1) *Crimes Act 1900*; and
- Detain Person with Intent to hold for Ransom, pursuant to s.86(1)(a) *Crimes Act 1900*.

In relation to the first charge, the circumstances of special aggravation alleged is "being armed with a dangerous weapon". The definition of a dangerous weapon under the *Crimes Act 1900* includes a prohibited weapon under the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998*. In this case, it is alleged that the item substantially duplicates in appearance, an Improvised Explosive Device.

Appearing for the Crown, solicitor Fiona Rowbotham sought brief service orders in accordance with the Local Court Practice Note. The police brief is to be served within six weeks (by 5 November 2011).

Reply will be made two weeks later at the Central Local Court on 17 November 2011.

No further comment will be issued.

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