



Officers dismantle group assisting parental abductions

A two-year investigation into a group assisting parental abductions came to resolution in October, with three men arrested and others served Court Attendance Notices. The group were allegedly organising activities allowing women to abduct their children in breach of family law orders – including portraying fathers as child abusers on social media.



Arrest for defrauding Disability Insurance

A 36-year-old Victorian man became the first person charged by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Fraud Taskforce. He allegedly took over \$400,000 between June and July, affecting over 200 individual NDIS funds. NDIS Fraud Taskforce members executed a search and seized a BMW 7 series limousine, a Toyota Hilux and designer clothing and jewellery.

Money laundering, foreign incursion uncovered

A long-term money laundering and foreign incursion offences investigation by the NSW Joint Counter Terrorism Team (JCTT) produced results in June with the arrests of two men. The team – comprising the AFP, NSW Police Force, ASIO and the NSW Crime Commission - had in late 2017 made arrests for offences relating to proceeds of crime and allegedly travelling to a conflict zone.

US jail time for grooming Australian teen online

Following an international investigation the AFP the US sentenced a man to 35 years imprisonment for grooming an Australian teenage girl online. A missing persons report had been filed for the then 16-year-old girl with the NSW Police in April 2017. The man had coaxed her to travel to the US without her parents' knowledge, paying for her flights and falsifying travel documents.

500kg of cocaine seized in Solomon Islands

The seizure of 500 kilograms of cocaine from a yacht docked at the Honiara marina in the Solomon Islands sparked an international investigation. It is believed the cocaine was placed on board the vessel in South America and was destined for Australia. Two men were arrested in Sydney over the haul after investigations by the AFP, Royal Solomon Islands Police Force, the US Drug Enforcement Administration, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, NSW Police Force and Australian Border Force.



Two tonnes of GBL washed from Sydney's streets

A joint AFP and Australian Border Force operation resulted in the seizure of 2 tonnes of illicit drug gamma-butyrolactone – commonly referred to as liquid ecstasy, fantasy and 'coma in a bottle'.

A 30-year-old man was charged for his role in this seizure, one of Australia's largest, which has a street value of \$10 million.



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Charges over family day care payment fraud

Two people were charged by the AFP in May for fraudulent family day care payment claims totalling \$5.7 million in 2017. The investigation revealed a Sydney family day care operator had falsely made the claims for the enrolment of more than 1,600 children in one month – seeking reimbursement of costs for caring for children for up to 14 hours a day, five days a week.

Second largest cocaine seizure

An AFP-led investigation into an alleged organised crime syndicate resulted in Australia's second largest seizure of cocaine – 1.28 tonnes. With a street value of nearly half a billion dollars, the cocaine was imported to Australia from China via a container of pre-fabricated steel. Two men were extradited from Serbia for their involvement in the importation and subsequently charged.

