

# Routine search finds massive 'ice' stash

The routine search of a suspect in Sydney's west led federal police to uncover 90kg "ice", the seventh-largest haul of the drug in Australian history.

Police said the ice, also known as crystal meth, was probably bound for the city's streets where it would have netted an estimated \$14.4 million for dealers.

Just under \$500,000 in cash, said to be the proceeds of crime, was also seized in the bust.

Malaysian citizen Kok Loong Wong, 35, appeared in Central Local Court on Wednesday morning charged with possessing the ice and dealing in the proceeds of crime.

He did not apply for bail, which was formally refused by magistrate Alan Moore, and is due to appear in the same court again on February 16.

Detectives made the extraordinary discovery after swooping on Wong, who had been suspected of dealing in proceeds of crime, at Strathfield in inner-western Sydney on Tuesday.



He had been under surveillance for some time, Australian Federal Police Commander David Stewart told reporters on Wednesday.

But police did not initially suspect he would lead them to such

a massive drugs haul.

Searching inside six Samsung mobile phone boxes that Wong was carrying, federal police said they found about \$300,000 and a small amount of ice.

After he was arrested he led

police to his two-bedroom apartment at Blairmount, near Campbelltown, in Sydney's far south-west.

In one bedroom, police allegedly found 90kg of ice stashed "crudely" in cable-tied

bags inside four suitcases in a locked bedroom and a further \$120,000 in cash.

Cmdr Stewart said the drug was likely to have been imported and bound for the streets via a distribution network.

"We will be alleging this person is part of a distribution network and it's fair to say there are more inquiries for us to do," he told reporters in Sydney on Wednesday.

He described Wong as a "significant player" in the network.

Court documents reveal that Wong, who described himself as a student, only arrived in Australia in August.

He appeared in court wearing a black and yellow t-shirt and was spoken to via a Mandarin interpreter.

The documents say he has no friends or family in Australia.

The largest-ever seizure of ice in Australia was 101 kilograms in October 2004, Mr Stewart said.

A 52kg haul of the drug was made in January this year.

As court action over the AFL nude photo scandal begins on Thursday, the teenage girl at the centre of drama says she will release five more candid shots of footballer to the media.

The 17-year-old girl, who is holidaying with her family on the Gold Coast, pledged in a new webcast on video upload site Ustream to hand the images to the media when she arrives at Melbourne Airport on Thursday afternoon.

Aspects of the increasingly unseemly episode will be aired the same day in the Federal Court in Melbourne.

The girl appeared off-camera but delivered her message by reading song lyrics she said were sent to her by an un-named fan. In part, she read:

"Tomorrow, five more photos will

## Girl promises fresh pics as hearing looms

be seen, and at Melbourne Airport the media will await their news story.

"And now I hope you will all learn and see that I told you all not to f\*\*\* with me."

Earlier, on social media website Twitter, the girl hinted she would release new images when she arrives at Melbourne Airport on Thursday afternoon.

She had already spoken at length about the photographs and her future intentions in another video.

The teenager posted naked photographs of St Kilda AFL captain Nick Riewoldt, Zac Dawson and Nick Dal Santo on her Facebook site on Monday, claiming she had taken the snaps

while with the players in a Melbourne hotel room.

Riewoldt has angrily denied the claim, saying the pictures were taken by fellow player Sam Gilbert 12 months ago in a Miami hotel room.

Gilbert says the girl lifted the photographs from his computer without his knowledge.

Legal action he has launched against the girl will be the subject of procedural hearings in the Federal Court on Thursday.

Already, the court has ordered her to refrain from publishing photos of Riewoldt and his teammates.

The girl says she has made the photographs public to take revenge on the

St Kilda club, the players involved and the AFL because they failed to treat properly her claims she became pregnant to a St Kilda player.

Riewoldt's manager, Ricky Nixon, alleged in his affidavit that the teenager fronted his office on September 6 and said she had stolen naked photographs of Riewoldt with Dawson, and another of Nick Dal Santo, from Gilbert's laptop.

She later offered him the Riewoldt shot in exchange for \$20,000, he said.

In his affidavit, Gilbert says he took the photographs on the September 2009 trip and kept them on his laptop, and the shots were taken without his knowledge when the teenager and her friend used his laptop in February this year.

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