

## Solicitors Office Report Details

### Queensland Police Service

Report no.: QP2301090558  
 Occurrence Type: Fire - Building - Non Suspicious [0915]  
 Occurrence time: 03/07/2023 07:00 -  
 Reported time: 03/07/2023 10:55  
 Place of offence: 9 HAMILTON AVE, SURFERS PARADISE, QLD Australia 4217 (Patrol group: GOLD COAST ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT, Court Dist./Div.: GOLD COAST, Region: SOUTH EASTERN, District: GOLD COAST, Division: SURFERS PARADISE, Stats area: 307103587)  
 Clearance status: Finalised  
 Operation name: Intranet Occurrences  
 Misc. file: RTI43754  
 Summary: Occurrence Type: Fire - Building - Non Suspicious (0915); Occurrence Address: Q1, Shop 16, 9 HAMILTON AVE, SURFERS PARADISE, QLD, 4217;  
 Concluded summary:

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### Activity log entries:

### Involved Offences:

- [ 0915/ Fire Building Non Suspicious ] / [ Completed offence ] / [ 1 ]  
 Victim: [ ] / [ Non-Crime: Unsolved ]  
 Offender: [ ] / Status: [ ]  
 Cleared Unit: [ ] / [ ]

### Involved persons:

- CTPI, Sch4p4(6)

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- 10. Q1 RESORT & SPA PTY LTD TRADING AS Q1 RESORT & SPA / Victim / 19402066 9 HAMILTON AVE, SURFERS PARADISE, QLD Australia 4217 (Patrol group: GOLD COAST ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT, Court Dist./Div.: GOLD COAST, Region: SOUTH EASTERN, District: GOLD COAST, Division: SURFERS PARADISE, Stats area: 307103587) (Land line) 0756304513

**Involved addresses:**

- 1. 9 HAMILTON AVE / Occurrence address / SURFERS PARADISE, QLD, Australia 4217 (Patrol group: GOLD COAST ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT, Court Dist./Div.: GOLD COAST, Region: SOUTH EASTERN, District: GOLD COAST, Division: SURFERS PARADISE, Stats area: 307103587)

**Involved comm addresses:**

**Involved vehicles:**

**Involved property:**

- 1. Building or structure: House / Damaged / Occ: QP2301090558

**Modus operandi:**

- 1. Location: Dwelling. Subtype: House. Other behavior at scene: Unknown. Method of escape: Unknown. No. of offenders/suspects: Unknown. Free text keywords: THE FOLLOWING ARE DETAILS FOR A NON-SUSPICIOUS FIRE REPORT. THE INCIDENT ADDRESS IS 9 HAMILTON AVENUE, SURFERS PARADISE. THIS IS THE "Q1" BUILDING. THIS IS A HIGH-CAPACITY SKYSCRAPER IN SURFERS PARADISE. THIS IS A 78 FLOOR BUILDING WITH OVER 500 INDIVIDUAL UNITS. THIS BUILDING HOLDS BOTH PERMANENT RESIDENTS AND SHORT-TERM TEMPORARY UNITS. THESE ARE MANAGED BY BOTH THE Q1 AND INDEPENDENTLY BY OWNERS OF EACH UNIT (DETAILS OF OCCUPANTS NOT KEPT WITH Q1). THIS BUILDING LIKE OTHER HIGH RISES HAS A RUBBISH ROOM WHICH HAS A GARBAGE CHUTE WHICH STOPS AT EACH LEVEL WHERE RESIDENTS CAN PUT RUBBISH AND IT DROPS IT DOWN TO A LARGE SKIP LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR. THIS APPEARS TO BE THE SOURCE OF THIS NON-SUSPICIOUS FIRE. THIS INCIDENT HAS OCCURRED AT ABOUT 7AM ON 03/07/2023. IT IS BELIEVED THAT SOME SOURCE OF

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IGNITION (STIPULATED A CIGARETTE OR SIMILAR) HAS BEEN PUT DOWN THE RUBBISH CHUTE AND THIS HAS CAUSED SPOT FIRED DOWN THE RUBBISH CHUTE ON DIFFERENT LEVELS. A LARGER FIRE HAS ALSO STARTED IN THE SKIP BIN ON THE GROUND FLOOR. THE FIRE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CONTAINED WITHIN THE REFUSE SYSTEM AND AT NO POINT WAS FIRE IN THE HALLWAYS OR IN INDIVIDUAL UNITS. THIS HAS FILLED THE CHUTE WITH SMOKE WHICH HAS SPREAD SMOKE INTO THE HALLWAY / COMMON AREA ON PRESUMABLY EVERY FLOOR. THIS HAS CAUSED AN EVACUATION OF THE BUILDING. QFRS WERE FIRST ON SCENE AND BEGAN THE EVACUATION OF THIS BUILDING. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC LINKED IN THIS REPORT HAVE BEEN TRIAGED AND TREATED BY QAS. THESE INJURIES WERE VARIED IN NATURE FROM PANIC ATTACK / SMOKE INHALATION / PHYSICAL INJURIES FROM FALLING OVER WHILE EVACUATING ON FOOT DOWN THE FIRE STAIRS. POLICE HAVE ATTENDED AND ASSISTED IN THE EVACUATION OF THE BUILDING AND CLOSING OF ROADS. DDO AND ON CALL INSPECTORS HAVE ATTENDED THIS SCENE. POLICE HAVE SPOKEN TO OFFICER IN CHARGE OF QFRS RESPONSE WHO INDICATED THAT THIS MATTER WAS NONSUSPICIOUS, AND THAT THE IGNITION OF THIS FIRE WAS NONSUSPICIOUS. QFRS SCIENTIFIC FIRE INVESTIGATORS ARE NOT GOING TO BE ATTENDING. DURING THIS INCIDENT MULTIPLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (30-50 PERSONS) HAVE APPROACHED POLICE INDICATING THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT SMOKE ON THEIR FLOORS THERE WAS NO AUDIBLE SMOKE/FIRE ALARM HEARD FROM THERE UNITS AND THEY SUSPECT THAT THE ALARM WAS FAULTY. A PERSON FROM LEVEL 7 INDICATED THAT UPON SEEING THE SMOKE IN THE HALLWAY THEY HAVE SMASHED THE "BREAK GLASS IN CASE OF FIRE" ALARM AND STILL NO AUDIBLE ALARM SOUNDED. THESE DETAILS HAVE BEEN PASSED ON TO QFRS FOR APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP. AFTER SEVERAL HOURS AT SCENE QFRS WERE HAPPY THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE SMOKE HAS CLEARED, AND PERSONS WERE SAFE TO RETURN TO THEIR ROOMS. HEAVY MEDIA ATTENDANCE. FIRE REPORT MO DETAILS THE FIRE STARTED IN THE RUBBISH CHUTE, SOMEWHERE TOWARD THE TOP OF THE BUILDING. IT IS BELIEVED A CIGARETTE BUTT, WHICH WAS STILL ALIT WAS PLACED IN A BIN AND THROWN DOWN THE RUBBISH CHUTE. THE BIN HAS CAUGHT ALIT AND STARTED SEVERAL SPOT FIRES IN THE RUBBINSH CHUTE ON THE WAY DOWN. NIL DAMAGE CAUSED. . FIRE SUPPRESSION ACTIVITY: NO. WERE OTHER FIRES OCCURRING IN THE AREA AT THE TIME: NO. HAVE SIMILAR FIRES BEEN OCCURRING IN THE GENERAL OR WIDER AREA: NO. WERE ANY FIRE WARNING IN FORCE AT THE TIME: NO. DO YOU THINK THIS MAY BE THE ACT OF A RECIDIVIST OFFENDER : NO..

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**Reports:**


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**General report**

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Task: T2303414996 [Init rpt - Closed] Due: 04/07/2023 11:38  
#4018408 BATE, S. ->#4018408 BATE, S. [Low] QPS  
Investigative Task Workflow Initial Report Task and Start  
Point QP2301090558 Fire - Building - Non Suspicious  
[0915] @03/07/2023 10:55 (9 HAMILTON AVE, S

Author: #4018408 BATE, S.

Report time: 03/07/2023 10:55

Entered by: #4018408 BATE, S.

Entered time: 03/07/2023 11:38

Remarks: Occurrence Type: Fire - Building - Non Suspicious (0915);  
Occurrence Address: Q1, Shop 16, 9 HAMILTON AVE,  
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Narrative:  
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chute which stops at each level where residents can put rubbish and it drops it down to a large skip located on the ground floor. This appears to be the source of this non-suspicious fire. This incident has occurred at about 7am on 03/07/2023. It is believed that some source of ignition (stipulated a cigarette or similar) has been put down the rubbish chute and this has caused spot fired down the rubbish chute on different levels. A larger fire has also started in the skip bin on the ground floor. The fire appears to have been contained within the refuse system and at no point was fire in the hallways or in individual units. This has filled the chute with smoke which has spread smoke into the hallway / common area on presumably every floor. This has caused an evacuation of the building. QFRS were first on scene and began the evacuation of this building. Several members of the public linked in this report have been triaged and treated by QAS. These injuries were varied in nature from panic attack / smoke inhalation / physical injuries from falling over while evacuating on foot down the fire stairs. Police have attended and assisted in the evacuation of the building and closing of roads. DDO and on call inspectors have attended this scene. Police have spoken to Officer in charge of QFRS response who indicated that this matter was nonsuspicious, and that the ignition of this fire was nonsuspicious. QFRS scientific fire investigators are not going to be attending. During this incident multiple members of the public (30-50 persons) have approached Police indicating that although there was a significant smoke on their floors there was no audible smoke/fire alarm heard from there units and they suspect that the alarm was faulty. A person from level 7 indicated that upon seeing the smoke in the hallway they have smashed the "break glass in case of fire" alarm and still no audible alarm sounded. These details have been passed on to QFRS for appropriate follow-up. After several hours at scene QFRS were happy that the vast majority of the smoke has cleared, and persons were safe to return to their rooms. Heavy media attendance.

#### Fire report MO details

The fire started in the rubbish chute, somewhere toward the top of the building. It is believed a cigarette butt, which was still alit was placed in a bin and thrown down the rubbish chute. The bin has caught alit and started several spot fires in the rubbish chute on the way down. nil damage caused. . Fire suppression activity: No. Were other fires occurring in the area at the time: No. Have similar fires been occurring in the general or wider area: No. Were any fire warning in force at the time: No. Do you think this may be the act of a recidivist offender : No.

#### GENERAL REPORT

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#### Fire type

Property type damaged: Other - Nil damage to property. Linked to other offences: No. Type of location: Private. Injury: Yes. Death: No.

#### Fire cause

Non-suspicious - This was an accidental fire. A rubbish bin with a possible lit cigarette butt was placed down the garbage chute. The bin has caught alit and started several spot fires down inside the rubbish chute. Nil damage caused.. Human activity: Accidental. Additional descriptors: Litter (including cigarettes), Spot fires. Juvenile activity: No. Accelerant: No. Incendiary device: No.

#### Scene management and investigation

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Who attended: None. Cause and origin investigation: No. Crime scene: Not declared.

Fire origin

Origin/s of fire: Unknown.

Insurance details

Property Insured: Unknown.

Financial status

Property offered or intended for sale: Unknown. Mortgage or finance: Unknown. Money owed: Unknown.

Section 462 Criminal Code - Endangering particular property by fire

Damage to other s461CC property: No. Other section s461CC property endangered: No.

**Supplementary report**

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Task:  
Author: #4018408 BATE, S.  
Report time: 03/07/2023 12:07  
Entered by: #4018408 BATE, S.  
Entered time: 03/07/2023 12:06  
Remarks: Injury details.

Narrative:

Persons injured:

CTPI, Sch4p4(6) - smoke inhalation, minor treatment by QAS at scene.

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CTPI, Sch4p4(6) - Injury to his right-hand foot and his back from falling down the stairs.

CTPI, Sch4p4(6) - Injury to his right-hand arm, treatment by QAS at scene.

CTPI, Sch4p4(6) - smoke inhalation, minor treatment by QAS at scene.

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