

Cops probe bite attack

Owners corp row

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Police are investigating an alleged assault at troubled Aurora Melbourne Central after an ousted owners corporation chairwoman was filmed appearing to bite a worker on his hand and arm.

Shocking footage, obtained by the Herald Sun, appears to show Hun-Jing Tiong lunging at a member of staff who was trying to escort her from a private and secure area.

The video earlier showed Jing trying to grab keys for various parts of the skyscraper building, put them in her handbag and take them away.

Blood was drawn and bite marks are clearly visible on the victim's hand and forearm.

He was treated by paramedics at the scene and received a tetanus shot as a precaution.

The drama unfolded just days after Jing was booted from the main owners corporation committee.

Ironically, the video was filmed by one of her supporters, former committee secretary Lijun Fan. Residents



Aurora resident Hun-Jing Tiong appears to bite a worker at the apartment tower in video footage being investigated by police.

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claimed Jing had taken over the committee by stealth in January 2021 and proceeded to cancel multimillion-dollar contracts, which are now subject to Supreme Court proceedings. Apartment owners feared they would be slapped with massive legal costs.

A source previously told the Herald Sun Jing had access to the owner levies fund but had tried to set up another account

that had only her and one other committee member as a signatory. She allegedly requested \$1.2m be paid into that account.

Before the money was paid, more than 200 owners held a special general meeting on February 27, which voted to remove the committee, install a new one and overturn the ripping up of service contracts.

But the following week, on

March 9, Jing allegedly forced her way into a security room in the basement and grabbed keys from a table. She is seen stuffing them in her bag before trying to walk away. A service provider worker grabs the bag, but Jing won't let go. She then allegedly bites the man twice.

Jing has been asked to attend Melbourne East police station over the incident.

"After reviewing the footage

and all other evidence of the incident you have been identified as an offender of an assault," a letter from Victoria Police to Jing reads. "I will be preparing a brief of evidence to present to my sergeant who will determine whether or not charges are authorised and the matter proceeds to court."

Aurora owners will convene more special meetings in a bid to remove Jing from other smaller committees within the building that she still sits on.

"We want her gone for good," one resident said.

Concerns were raised about several rules that left residents baffled, including a \$50 fee for picking up UberEats from reception and a fine for filming in the building.

Jing and her committee were also accused of throwing parcel deliveries on to the path outside when they had previously been kept in reception.

And she hired friend and fellow resident Jeff Leslie, 70, as a building manager on more than \$10,000 a month.

A Victoria Police spokesman said: "Police are investigating reports of an assault in Melbourne on Thursday 9 March. The exact circumstances surrounding the incident are yet to be determined and the investigation remains ongoing."

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50 years of barcodes

In an era of chasing the latest fad, one innovation has defied the march of the consumer age – the humble barcode.

Celebrating its 50th birthday on Monday, the linear representation of Morse code that can create a thousand billion variations was more than 70 years in the making.

Inspired by his time as a scout, US inventor Joe Woodland drew dots and dashes in the sand in 1949. On April 3, 1973, a variation of his original design was agreed upon by industry leaders. A year later, in Ohio, a pack of chewing gum became the first product in the world to be scanned at the till.

Emergency in Ecuador

QUITO: Ecuador on Saturday declared a state of emergency in its major port city and other areas reeling from drug-related crime.

The decree permits soldiers to set up checkpoints and conduct warrantless searches of people and property.

President Guillermo Lasso declared a state of emergency in Guayaquil and neighbouring districts of Duran and Samborondon, as well as Santa Elena and Los Rios provinces. The emergency includes a curfew from 1am-5am in the affected areas.

Two Valley shootings in days

Mark Buttler

Specialist gun crime detectives are investigating two shootings in the space of six days in the Latrobe Valley.

The Herald Sun can reveal the latest shooting happened at Churchill, near Morwell, last Saturday night and is now the subject of an investigation by armed crime squad officers from Victoria Police crime command.

The 34-year-old victim was at a house in Fraser Cres about 11.30pm when he was shot in the lower body.

He was taken to a nearby hospital and treated for injuries described by police as non-life-threatening.



Brenton Brown

The motive for the shooting is not publicly known.

That attack came six days

after Traralgon man Brenton Brown, 30, was shot at an unknown location.

He was taken to Latrobe Regional Hospital with a bullet in his back.

No arrests have been made over the wounding of Mr Brown, who has so far declined to co-operate with investigators.

It is unclear whether there is any connection between that shooting and the Churchill incident, both of which are in the hands of the armed crime squad.

Anyone with information is urged to phone the Crime Stoppers hotline on 1800 333 000 or visit the website.

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