



Second volunteer firefighter from same Perth brigade charged over lighting fire, making false calls

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A second volunteer firefighter from the same Perth brigade has appeared in court charged with lighting a fire and making false emergency calls.

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Jourdan Ashford, who works with the Bedforddale brigade, was accused of lighting a bushfire on Admiral Road in late August this year.

Ashford was also one of the first respondents to that fire which was quickly extinguished.

He was also charged in connection with a number of false fire alarm calls to Triple-0 in August and September.

At the Armadale Magistrates Court, the prosecution argued against granting the volunteer bail.

When Ashford was asked by the magistrate why he should get bail, he responded by saying "I don't reckon I'll do it again because the experience so far has been traumatic".

Ashford was granted bail subject to a \$5,000 surety.

He was also ordered to remain at his home unless heading to or from his work, and to have no contact with anyone from the Bedforddale Volunteer Fire Service.

Ashford is due to face court again next month.

Earlier this week, an 18-year-old volunteer firefighter from the same brigade appeared in court charged with lighting two fires and making false emergency calls in Perth.

Jayden D J Parker is alleged to have used a mobile phone that did not have a SIM card to call triple-0 about fires in the Bedforddale area between September and December.

The Perth Magistrates Court heard on each occasion fire crews searched the area but found no fire.

The alleged false alerts related to several tree-dense locations in the Bedforddale area, in Perth's south-east.

It is also alleged in late December, Parker twice used a cigarette lighter to set bushland alight before using the same SIM-less phone to call authorities.

The court heard Parker attended with local fire crews and helped put out the blazes, one of which was about 50 by 30 metres in size.

It was told the fires were allegedly lit and reported late at night on both occasions.

Parker was remanded in custody.

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