

Cash and games stolen

POLICE in Maesteg are appealing for information after a burglary at the weekend.

Cash, a Nintendo DS and Sony PlayStation were taken in the incident in Church Street, Caerau, at around 5.30am on Saturday.

Officers are looking to trace a man seen in the area at the time. He is described as white, aged between 20 and 30, between 5ft 8ins and 5ft 10ins tall and of a slim to medium build. He had dark, medium-length wavy hair and wore dark clothing.

Anyone with information can contact police via 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Plans for used car sales centre

PLANS for a used car sales centre to open on a busy city road have been recommended for approval.

Dorel Riglas has applied to open the centre on vacant land next to the Cowbridge Road/Western Avenue roundabout in Ely. The site is owned by Cardiff council and has remained empty since houses on the plot were demolished.

Access to the centre would be from Western Avenue and officers have recommended approval.

Acclaim for leading surgeon's 30 years of pioneering work

'Recognition means a lot'



Professor John Fairclough has been named as one of Britain's finest surgeons PICTURE: Matthew Horwood ©

A LEADING surgeon who has pioneered new knee treatments has been named one of the best in Britain.

Professor John Fairclough, who has worked with some of the world's best sports stars, is the only Welsh surgeon to be included in The Times' list of Britain's best surgeons.

Based at Llandough Hospital and Cardiff Metropolitan University, Prof Fairclough said: "Thirty years ago, we set up sports and exercise medicine and knee arthroscopy. We've been at the forefront of driving keyhole surgery.

"This is a recognition of the 30 years I've been treating leading sports figures in the UK and particularly our work as a unit with Professor Charles Archer on osteoarthritis of the knee.

"We have a big biomechanical lab at Cardiff Metropolitan University - where Jonny Wilkinson was treated - and this is

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almost certainly recognition that we are an international unit dealing with sports and exercise medicine."

Prof Fairclough has treated a number of leading sportsmen, including former England rugby star Wilkinson, former Olympic hurdler Colin Jackson and ex-world champion boxer Joe Calzaghe.

He is chairman of the medical committee for the Welsh national football team, a member of the medical committee of the Wales Rugby Union and a former president of the British Sports Trauma Association.

He has also been surgeon to Cardiff Rugby Club and Glamorgan cricket team and is a past president of the British Orthopaedic Sports Trauma Association.

Prof Fairclough, who is based at the Cardiff and Vale Orthopaedic Centre at Llandough Hospital, also set up the first day-case arthroscopy unit in Wales.

Arthroscopy is a minimally invasive surgical procedure, in which an arthroscope is used to examine and sometimes treat damage to the interior of a joint. The arthroscope is inserted into the joint via a small incision - so-called key-hole surgery.

Prof Fairclough added: "To have this acknowledgement from the general population and other surgeons in the UK means a great deal; it shows I've contributed with 30 years of work and I'm incredibly grateful for that.

"My aim is to make Cardiff one of the best research centres for sports and exercise medicine and I think if we achieve that, we'll have achieved everything."

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■ **Michael John Way**, 35, of Emerald Street, Cardiff, was jailed for two weeks after pleading guilty to begging in Cardiff, contrary to an Asbo. Because the offence was committed during the period of a suspended sentence, he was imprisoned for an additional six weeks.

■ **Andrew Robert McCormack**, 46, of Pennsylvania, Llanedeyrn, Cardiff, was jailed for three months for possessing a three-inch pocket knife with a

lockable blade in public.

He received three separate one-month jail sentences, to be served concurrently, for three counts of failing to surrender to custody, another one-month jail term, also concurrently, for cultivating three cannabis plants, and for the theft of a painting, he received a two-month concurrent jail term.

■ **Khalil Ahmed**, 28, of Lansdowne Avenue East, Canton, Cardiff, was fined £90 and had three points put on

his licence after being found guilty of using a mobile phone while driving. He was also ordered to pay £620 costs.

■ **Danielle Marie Taylor**, 23, of no fixed address, was jailed for 15 weeks after pleading guilty to theft of a television and digital box.

■ **Daniel Dwayne Coakley**, 21, of Dorset Street, Grange-town, Cardiff, was jailed for six weeks after pleading guilty to the theft of two Berghaus jackets from Blacks camping shop in Cardiff.



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