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Alleged illegal taser let off 'a loud and visual electrical arc' during routine police search

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Stewart Glen Daley, 50, of Tacoma, leaves Wyong local court yesterday after he faced a charge of possessing a prohibited weapon. Picture: Peter Lorimer

A POLICE facts sheet has revealed the moment two officers doing a routine search discovered a seemingly innocuous iPhone was allegedly an illegal taser that let off "a loud and visual electrical arc" at the push of some buttons.

Stewart Glen Daley, 50, of Tacoma, faced Wyong Local Court yesterday charged with one count of possessing a prohibited weapon.

Police facts sheets tendered in court allege officers were patrolling Wyee train station shortly before 3pm on July 25 when they saw two men sitting in a white Saab.



Stewart Glen Daley leaves Wyong court after being charged with possessing a prohibited weapon. Picture: Peter Lorimer

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Police approached the car and spoke to Daley who appeared "very defensive and evasive about his reasons for being in the car park, answering questions with questions of his own".

They noticed syringes and bloodied tissues in the car and a subsequent search of the boot allegedly recovered a bottle of methadone issued to Daley a month earlier in the pocket of a black backpack.

"Also in the pocket was what appeared to be a white Apple brand iPhone 3 however on closer inspection, police noticed a number of abnormalities in its construction," police facts read.

"A switch was located on the bottom of the phone. Police moved the switch and pushed the volume buttons on the side which activated a loud and visual electrical arc across two probes at the top of the phone."

The unemployed father-of-five "admitted sole possession of the taser having acquired it approximately six months ago from 'off the street,'" police facts allege.

His passenger was not arrested.



Stewart Glen Daley was not required to enter a plea in Wyong Local Court yesterday on a possess prohibited weapon charge.

Daley said nothing during his brief appearance in which his Legal Aid solicitor sought a short adjournment for Daley to seek representation from Aboriginal Legal Services.

He was not required to enter a plea and the matter was adjourned until August 12.

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