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## Man Faces Court Following Hurstville Police Chase

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A 45-year-old man faced court on July 29, 2025, charged with multiple offenses after a chaotic police pursuit in Hurstville, New South Wales (NSW), ended in a crash involving a bus and a sport utility vehicle (SUV). The incident, sparked by an alleged breach of bail, raises concerns about public safety and law enforcement challenges.

The drama unfolded on July 28, 2025, around 10:20 AM, when detectives from the St George Police Area Command attempted to stop a blue utility vehicle (ute) on Forest Road, Hurstville, after identifying the driver as wanted for breaching bail conditions. According to Mirage News, the driver refused to stop, triggering a pursuit that turned dangerous. The ute allegedly collided with a bus carrying 37 passengers and an SUV near Bridge Street. A 71-year-old woman on the bus was taken to St George Hospital for

precautionary checks, while a 28-year-old man, a 30-year-old woman, and a baby in the SUV were assessed by NSW Ambulance paramedics but did not require treatment. The suspect fled on foot but was arrested soon after and taken to Kogarah Police Station following mandatory hospital testing.

Charged with five offenses, including breach of bail and charges related to the pursuit and crash, the man was refused bail and appeared before Sutherland Local Court on July 29, 2025. The incident has fueled frustration among locals, with posts on X highlighting concerns about reckless driving and its risks to families and commuters. The crash underscores broader issues with law enforcement's ability to manage high-risk pursuits in busy urban areas, where innocent bystanders, like the elderly passenger and young family, are put at risk.

Critics argue that systemic failures, including under-resourced policing under the current Australian Labor Party (ALP) government, contribute to such incidents, allowing repeat offenders to evade accountability. This case highlights the need for stricter enforcement and better strategies to prevent dangerous chases. As the court process continues, the community demands answers on how to balance justice with public safety. For now, Hurstville residents are left shaken, hoping for measures to prevent such reckless acts from endangering their streets again.