



**NABBED:** Police bundled Goulburn jail escapee Mark Makau (inset) into the back of a van at Delegate Homestead Station on Saturday after an overnight search of the nearby area and a foot chase. Photo: Sally-Ann Hennessy, *Bombala Times*.

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### Fostering care

A LOCAL foster carer has hit back at Goulburn MP Pru Goward's claims that cuts to support payments will only have a minor impact on the city. Lana Gardiner, who cares for four foster children, says the Community Services Minister is "out of touch."  
 "Why would carers want to take on teenagers when they can be paid a higher allowance for a new born baby?" Ms Gardiner said. Ms Goward has defended the changes as tough but a necessary budgetary step.

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### Graffiti attack

POLICE have charged one man and expect to charge another in regard to graffiti vandalism at Turrillville. Owner of Pelican Sheep Station, Phil Sykes estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 worth of damage to the village, including to his property where signs and fences were sprayed. A bus shelter, Turrillville Public School, road signs and a car at Wakefield Park were among other targets.

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# Inmate 'cut way out'

By LOUISE THROWER and DARRYL FERNANCE

## Man threatened, car stolen in escape

A GOULBURN Jail inmate gained access to tools to escape from the facility on Friday and allegedly threaten an elderly man.

So far, prison authorities haven't explained how the minimum security inmate did so.

Mark Makau, 23, a convicted armed robber, was captured near Delegate at 12.15pm Saturday following his alleged theft of the man's car, a police pursuit and an extensive search. He had been described as armed and dangerous.

He has been charged with aggravated assault with a weapon and intent to take and drive a

motor vehicle, Skye's Law – police pursuit, unlicensed driving and escape lawful custody. He was refused bail in Queanbeyan Local Court yesterday morning and was expected to be returned to Goulburn Jail in the afternoon.

Makau, who was serving a two-year sentence for armed robbery, used wire cutters to cut through a fence, Inspector John Sheehan said. He was also armed with what appeared to be a screwdriver, which he allegedly used to threaten an 84-year-old Goulburn man outside El

Washo laundry in Clifford St and steal his car.

He had been working in a minimum security workshop area of the prison, according to a Corrective Services spokesman. However, the *Post* has also had reports he was working in a semi-secured area outside the jail grounds.

Inspector Sheehan said Makau was last accounted for at 11.45am Friday and noticed missing at 12.30pm roll call.

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