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BLUE LIGHT SANTA:

Santa (aka Lee Walsh) swung by Goulburn on Friday night to say g'day to the kids at the Police Blue Light Disco held at the Soldiers Club. Pictured enjoying the festivities were Ebony, Rhys, Gemma and Tamara Warburton, Emma Wood, James Kalman, Helena Lansdowne, Isabella Roberts and Mikayla Faraday with Senior Constable Barb Beard and Detective Inspector Matthew Woods.

Photo: Antony Dubber



Speedster's death wish

A DRIVER who allegedly led police on a high speed pursuit through parts of Goulburn and along the Hume Highway and Federal highways at speeds of up to 205km/h "wanted to drive into an oncoming truck".

Dennis Fisher was arrested and charged on Thursday morning after he was caught travelling at an estimated 160km/h and on the wrong side of the road in Sloane Street.

He was discovered hiding in bushes on the side of the Federal Highway after initially fleeing from police near the north

Goulburn Hume Highway exit.

Fisher will remain at Goulburn Correction Centre until his next court appearance on December 12, when he is expected to enter a plea.

He was denied bail by Magistrate Geraldine Beattie when appearing via video link at Goulburn Local Court on Friday.

Duty solicitor Allison Howarth told the court Fisher had expressed relief when appre-

hended by police.

"He's indicated to me that he wanted to drive into an oncoming truck," Ms Howarth said.

"He's someone who needs treatment, treatment he may not get in custody."

Police prosecutor Sergeant Michael Thurbon described Fisher, a 24-year-old with no fixed address, as a 'nomad'.

"The likelihood of incarceration is inevitable," Mr Thurbon

told the court.

"I couldn't be confident he'd comply with any conditions of bail."

Magistrate Beattie cited the community's safety and Fisher's history - he is described by the RTA as an 'habitual offender' - as basis for refusing bail.

"The facts raise concerns, not only for your safety but the community's," Magistrate Beattie said.

"You are a risk. These are matters that, if convicted, you're looking at jail."

Thursday's pursuit unravelled after police detected a stolen vehicle moving southbound on the Hume Highway, near the northernmost Goulburn exit.

The vehicle and its driver, the accused, were pulled over near the Goulburn bypass about 10am.

When asked to produce his licence, Fisher fumbled around in the centre console before accelerating from police, police facts stated.

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