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Chinese national Chun Lai Yuen granted bail after Caitlyn Dickson struck in high-speed crash

Caitlyn Dickson is in a serious but stable condition in hospital after being hit by a car in Burswood. ***(GoFundMe: Austin Fox)***

A Chinese national allegedly behind the wheel of a speeding vehicle which struck a teenage girl has been granted bail, despite police concerns he is a flight risk.

Chun Lai Yuen, 25, appeared today in the Perth Magistrates Court charged with dangerous driving causing grievous bodily harm in circumstances of aggravation, after 17-year-old Caitlyn Dickson sustained serious injuries following a car meet on Monday night.

The event culminated at the car park of Crown Casino in the Perth suburb of Burswood, with a number of stops at other locations across Perth's south-east.

Police allege Mr Yuen was driving a black Honda Civic at more than 90 kilometres per hour on Camfield Drive, which is a 40 kph zone, near the casino when it struck Ms Dickson.

The teenage girl was struck by a black Honda Civic near Crown Casino in Burswood. *(Supplied)*

Police prosecutor Sgt Simon Chan told the court there were around 200 people lining the road and crossing back and forth.

Police estimate Mr Yuen was travelling at 96 kph when he struck Ms Dickson while she was crossing the road, throwing her four metres into the air and causing her to "somersault twice" before falling back onto the bonnet.

He then braked sharply, causing her to fall to the roadside, Mr Chan said, where the teenager was tended to by onlookers.

A short section of recorded footage of the incident, taken by an onlooker, was played to the magistrate.

Police prosecutor Sgt Simon Chan opposed bail, saying Mr Yuen was on a temporary student visa and did not have a stable base in Perth.

The court heard he had been in Perth for three years and was on a "graduate visa" after studying electrical engineering.

'Clearly attempting to destroy evidence'

Sgt Chan also said Mr Yuen removed an SD card from a dashcam attached to his windscreen and disposed of it.

He said Mr Yuen was "clearly attempting to destroy evidence of his driving behaviour".

The scene on Camfield Drive where Caitlyn Dickson was struck by a car. *(ABC News: Tahlia Davis)*

He also alleged that Mr Yuen was seen driving dangerously earlier in the night in the Perth suburb of Willetton.

The prosecutor opposed bail on the grounds of a strong case and that Mr Yuen posed a flight risk as he held a Chinese passport, and that the facts indicated "some dishonesty" on Mr Yuen's part.

Mr Yuen's defence lawyer, Sharminie Perera, said her client would be willing to surrender his passport and offer a personal surety to ensure he complied with his obligations to reappear in court.

She also told the court her client had no criminal record.

Magistrate Elizabeth Langdon granted bail with a $20,000 surety, and conditions including Mr Yuen not drive a motor vehicle, not leave the state and report twice a week to his local police station.

He is also prohibited from contacting any witnesses for the prosecution.

He is due back in court on August 15.