

Journey of plane raided near Wollongong 'revealed by social media'

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Photo: The plane mysteriously turned up at the airport, south of Wollongong, nearly two weeks ago. (ABC News: Billy Cooper)



The international journey of a plane raided by police at a regional New South Wales airport has apparently been revealed by social media posts.

Mystery continues to surround the raid, with police only confirming an operation was conducted as part of an active investigation.

Officers were still looking over the Swearingen Merlin III twin turboprop at Illawarra Regional Airport this morning.

Facebook posts appear to plot the movements of the plane from the US across the Pacific before it arrived at the airport in Albion Park, south of Wollongong, from Coffs Harbour on June 27.

The pilot was named as David Baddams from Snow Goose International, a Tamworth-based aircraft ferrying company.

He was pictured with another man, referred to as Bernie, before the plane was photographed in the small town of Cold Bay, Alaska.

A later post said the plane was owned by a consortium managed by Bernie.

The ABC has been told the man is Bernie Stevermuer, who is involved with the aviation business