

## **Criminal lawyer in Melbourne for trafficking ice charges, manufacturing ice charges and other drug charges**



## **Drug raid suspect remanded in custody**

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An Ivanhoe man has been remanded in custody following a court appearance over a drug raid.

Police said it was one of the largest raids ever in the state and netted drugs worth up to \$7 million dollars.

33-year-old Gennaro Bruno has been charged with drug trafficking after police found what's believed to be a drugs laboratory at his Ivanhoe house.

Pills and powders were found at another property in Northcote.

Police say the chemicals could have made 25 kilograms of the drug ice.

He has been charged with several offences including trafficking a commercial quantity of drugs and possessing precursor chemicals and will be back in court in March.

Leigh Wadeson of Victoria Police says a routine police check led to the drug bust.

"This man was actually detected after a police went to a house in Ivanhoe in relation to an alarm going off and as a result of those inquiries it's led to that drug bust being found," he said.

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## Bruno Gennaro charged after alleged drug bust in Ivanhoe

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AN IVANHOE man, arrested after being found screaming in an alleged drugs lab, has been charged over what could be one of Victoria's largest ever drug busts.

Bruno Gennaro, 33, from Ivanhoe, faces charges of trafficking a large commercial quantity of methamphetamine, possessing methamphetamine, and possessing prescribed precursor chemicals.

He was arrested yesterday at an alleged secret laboratory in a bedroom at an Ivanhoe house.

When police arrived they found Mr Gennaro inside screaming.

Defence lawyer George Balot told Melbourne Magistrates Court that Mr Gennaro was in a psychotic state when he was arrested.

Mr Balot said Mr Gennaro was suffering from asthma and drug-induced psychosis.

At the property detectives uncovered alleged chemicals for making drugs, including mercuric chloride, nitromethane, and phenylacetic acid.

Police say the alleged precursor chemicals were enough to produce 25kg of ice, with a street value of over \$7 million.

They believe it is one of the state's biggest drug busts.

Police made the discovery after responding to a burglary alarm.

Magistrate Phillip Goldberg ordered Mr Gennaro receive medical treatment in custody.

He was remanded to reappear in court in March next year.