Hooker turns down Nine's cash offer

SYDNEY: A prostitute reportedly offered a large sum of money by the Nine Network now says she cannot say for certain she slept with federal MP Craig Thomson.

The woman last night told the Seven Network the executive producer of *A Current Affair*, Grant Williams, had contacted her in May offering to pay her $60,000 to fly to Sydney.

But she declined to accept the money, claiming she was in New Zealand in May 2005, when she supposedly had Mr Thomson as a client.

Craig Thomson

Appearing on *Today Tonight* in an unpaid interview, the woman apologised to Mr Thomson. "It was just a terrible case of mistaken identity," she said.

A Current Affair reported on May 23 that it had interviewed a prostitute who was linked to Mr Thomson.

The woman has told the Seven Network that two days beforehand she had tried to retract her story after realising she had been in New Zealand at the time of the alleged meeting with Mr Thomson. When the Nine Network then asked for her bank account details, she withdrew her comments and declined to sign a contract.

"I retracted everything that I said. I emailed them, I texted them," she said.

"We spoke and he said, 'I wish you had kept your end of the bargain' and I said, 'I'm not signing any contract . . . because I'm totally unsure now'. I'm no longer 100 per cent sure and I'm not a credible witness."

The woman said *A Current Affair* reporter Justin Armsden had initially contacted her and subsequently had offered her $50,000 to fly to Brisbane for an interview.

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When she resisted the offer, Mr Williams called to offer $60,000 to fly to Sydney for an interview, she told the Seven Network.

Forget fat cats, huge Rupert rules the world

Natalie Chettle holds Rupert, who is already three times bigger than the average domestic cat, and is expected to gain another 5kg in the next few years

Picture: CHRIS SCOTT

FORGET the Lancefield panther and the Mansfield puma — monster moggy Rupert could be the biggest cat in the world.

The giant breed Maine coon cat is only half grown at the age of two years and 11 months, weighing 9kg.

Already three times bigger than the average domestic cat, Rupert is expected to gain another 5kg in the next few years.

A three-time Cat of the Year and Australian National Champion, the cat who is shown and judged as Jack-Be-Nimble, is the biggest Maine coon that renowned international cat judge Lesley Morgan Blythe has seen. "He's a mega, monster cat and still yet to fully fill out," she said.

"He's bigger than the biggest Maine coon I've seen.

"And he's probably only half grown at two."

Owner Kyra Foster said Rupert made people gasp.

"He is particularly majestic looking, with his long hair adding to his magnificent, wild look," she said.

Edelsten loses luxury cars in $1.4m theft

By FIONA BYRNE

THIEVES have stolen luxury cars worth more than $1.4 million from controversial entrepreneur Geoffrey Edelsten.

Among them was a Lamborghini Aventador, one of only a handful of the cars in Australia, with a price tag of about $800,000.

Geoffrey Edelsten

A dark blue Mercedes SLS63AMG gull wing, valued at $500,000, was also stolen as was a black BMW 335i that his wife Brynne uses as her zippy town car.

The BMW, which retails for about $126,000, had only recently returned to the Edelsten's garage after a stint at the panel beaters.

Brynne was involved in a collision in April.

The bold thieves are thought to have entered the security carpark at the Melbourne Exhibition St apartment block where the limelight-loving couple live early on Sunday morning while Dr Edelsten was in Adelaide.

According to sources, it is believed the Lamborghini and the Mercedes were taken that day.

The crooks returned on Monday and took Brynne's BMW, apparently driving it out of the garage in front of carpark staff, who thought the driver was one of the Edelstens' employees.

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