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Richmond Tigers AFL player Marlion Pickett arrested for alleged burglary

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Marlion Pickett has been taken into custody in Perth. (AAP: Michael Dodge)

Richmond Tigers premiership star Marlion Pickett has been arrested by WA Police in Perth over a spate of commercial burglary charges.

Police said they arrested the 31-year-old over his alleged involvement with the burglaries, which occurred between December 2022 and January 2023.

He's been charged with 12 offences, including four counts of aggravated burglary, three counts of stealing, and three counts of criminal damage.

He also faces one count of attempted stealing, and one count of receiving.

Key points:

- Richmond Football Club says the alleged offences occurred in December 2022 and January 2023
- Marlion Pickett made his AFL debut in the grand final in 2019
- Pickett's manager says the two-time premiership player intends to defend

Pickett is due in the Perth Magistrates Court on himself
Monday for a bail hearing.

Richmond Football Club said in a statement on Sunday evening he had been remanded in custody.

"The Club will continue to support Marlion and his family while these matters are dealt with," the statement said.

Pickett's manager, Anthony Van Der Wielen, said the two-time premiership player intends to defend himself.

"In response to the allegations, Marlion has a strong intent to defend himself against the charges," Mr Van Der Wielen said.

"Due to the ongoing legal nature of the proceedings, Marlion, or myself will not be able to provide any further details, comment or clarification about the matter at this stage.

"We understand and respect the public's interest in this matter, but we also implore all to respect the presumption of innocence until proven otherwise, and to allow the legal proceedings to follow their due course without prejudice."

The WA-born footballer was in Perth for the Tigers' 15-point win against Fremantle at Perth Stadium on Saturday night.

He was recruited as a mature-age mid-season draftee in 2019 and made his AFL debut in the grand final of that year.

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