

CCTV Footage: Broncos forward Matt Lodge's drunken, violent rampage revealed for first time

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CCTV footage from Matt Lodge's New York rampage in 2015 has surfaced for the first time — just six days out from his high-profile return to the NRL.

The confronting footage shows a drunken and aggressive 110kg Lodge viciously attacking a defenceless man — first wrapping him in a headlock before unleashing a couple of brutal punches to his head.

Lodge can later be seen hurling a wine bottle at police officers as they arrive to detain the towering Broncos forward.



It was a 2015 home invasion which left a Manhattan couple Ruth Fowler and Joseph Cartright and their nine-year-old son injured and shaken.



Cartright had gone to the aid of a German backpacker who had frantically phoned his intercom at random after a prescription drug and alcohol fuelled Lodge physically harassed and threatened the tourist on the street.

Lodge had said to her: "You're going to die tonight."

Once in the building, a drunk and stumbling Lodge charged at Cartright's open apartment door and smashed furniture. He then tried to punch through the door of the bathroom where Fowler and the couple's son were hiding.

The footage later appears to show one officer even drawing his weapon.

The actual arrest took place inside the apartment with footage from the foyer showing a handcuffed Lodge escorted from the building with nine officers surrounding him.

Facing a hefty jail term, New York prosecutors agreed to a plea deal with Lodge in his criminal case in 2015.

However, he pleaded guilty to a reduced misdemeanour reckless assault charge and avoided a US prison stint.

Since returning to Australia and signing a deal with Brisbane, Lodge been pursued for \$US1.6 million in damages ordered by a US civil court.