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## **Student claims racist abuse**

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Russell Crowe allegedly hurled racist abuse at a Thai student after being upset about a pie he was served at a landmark Sydney eatery.

The 24-year-old female student said the incident took place while she was working at Harry's Cafe de Wheels last October.

She said Crowe didn't like the beef pie he ordered and became abusive.

"[He was] very abusive, aggressive," she told the Seven Network.

When Crowe was asked to leave, he allegedly told the student: "Do you know who I am?"

"You should know this is not your country."

When asked what point Crowe was trying to make, the student said: "To go home."

The Oscar-winning actor was arrested in New York on Monday and charged with assault after allegedly hurling a telephone at a hotel employee.

Crowe was charged with assault in the second degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree and faces up to seven years in a New York jail.



Photo: Reuters - Russell Crowe is escorted in handcuffs from a NY police station to Manhattan Criminal Court.