





he was charged with seven drug-related offences — including trafficking and possession — after police allege they found illicit substances including ice, ecstasy, LSD, and ephedrine scattered throughout his home during a raid on January 5. He will return to court later this month.

It comes as football friends paint the fallen premiership hero as a changed man in the wake of drug charges being levelled at him.

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A woman, believed to be Thompson's daughter, carrying groceries visited the Essendon and Geelong great at his home in Port Melbourne on Wednesday.

Thompson, 54, spent most of Wednesday inside his Port Melbourne abode before emerging to the awaiting media on his pushbike.

LISTEN: Updates & detail on Mark 'Bomber' Thompson - The Splash podcast



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A woman delivers groceries to Mark 'Bomber' Thompson's house in Port Melbourne. Picture: David Crosling Source: News Corp Australia

Thompson wouldn't comment about the charges levelled against him and how he would plead on May 25.

But he apologised to those who had shown their support for him in recent times.

"Just tell them that I'm sorry that they've had to put up with this and put up with me," he told reporters.

"But hopefully they'll get through it."

Thompson added that he "was always under investigation, I suppose".

After returning on his pushbike, Thompson said he was "pretty down".

"It's been a pretty hard time," he said.





Mark 'Bomber' Thompson returning home on his bike. Picture: Jay Town Source: News Corp Australia

It comes as veteran player agent Peter Jess, who knows Thompson well, said the case “just didn’t make sense” to him.

“Knowing him in a real way, and knowing his financial circumstances, this is a guy who could afford to buy the scale company rather than use it,” Jess told *The Age*.

“This concept of him trafficking drugs doesn’t make any commercial sense to me.

“I’m not sure why we’re dealing with the rats and mice. He’s not on that level. He’s on a different level.

“It just doesn’t make any sense to me.”

Tim Watson, who shared three Essendon flags with Thompson, suggested the 54-year-old had changed markedly due to the saga.



Mark 'Bomber' Thompson. Picture: Jay Town Source: News Corp Australia

"He was never able to put that behind him," Watson told Melbourne radio station SEN.

"I can't comprehend that the person that I played football with ... could find himself in a situation that he's found himself in now.

"There's been a lot of us that have been concerned about him and I thought 'OK, well it's time to reach out and hopefully catch up'.

"I didn't ever hear back from him. That is consistent with a lot of other people too."

Current player David Zaharakis admitted he was "shocked" to learn of the charges levelled at the master coach.

"You don't expect to hear anything like that," he said.



Mark 'Bomber' Thompson. Picture: Mark Stewart Source: News Corp Australia

“He was so analytical with his footy ... purely from footy, a reading (the) game point of view, he was unbelievable. One of the best, as a lot of players reiterate.

“He’s obviously a legend of the footy club.”

Retired Geelong great Jimmy Bartel said his generation of Cats players were hurt by the news.

“I’m sad and upset, and I feel sorry for his family because they’re the ones who have to go through it more than us,” he told Macquarie Sports Radio.

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