

RENFREW OPP WEEKLY NEWS – March 6th, 2017

(RENFREW, ON) - The Renfrew Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) investigated calls 237 for service during the past week.

Domestic Violence

Renfrew and Arnprior OPP officers attended nine domestic dispute calls during the past week. One male was charged with 4 counts of assault, overcoming resistance by choking and failing to comply with a probation order. No other criminal offences took place.

Thefts

A Waterford crystal vase was stolen from an apartment in Arnprior. The vase was in a vacant apartment while the owner is in the process of moving. There is no sign of forced entry. The apartment is in a senior's centre on Jack Crescent, and the vase was discovered missing on February 24. The theft was reported to police on March 1. Provincial Constable Tamara Dube is investigating.

Mischief

On March 22 at approximately 10:45pm officers investigated a report of someone shooting fireworks from a moving vehicle towards homes in Renfrew. A suspect was identified and warned.

Impaired Driver

On Friday March 3 OPP officers investigated a single motor vehicle collision on South McNaughton Road in Admaston Bromley Township that resulted in one person being charged with impaired driving. At approximately 11:22 pm a report was received about a pick-up truck having struck a hydro pole. When officers arrived they discovered the female driver of the truck had been drinking. She failed a roadside alcohol screening test and was arrested. Further breath tests were conducted at the OPP detachment. As a result of the investigation Erica RIOPELLE age 27 of Greater Madawaska Township was charged with impaired driving and driving over 80mgs. She was released on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on April 5. Provincial Constable Patrick O'Connor led the investigation.

On Saturday March 4 at approximately 9:45 OPP officers responded to a report of a suspected impaired driver in Arnprior. When police attended the Sullivan Crescent address they located a female in the driver's seat of a vehicle which was running. After failing a roadside alcohol screening test she was arrested for care or control of a motor vehicle while over 80mgs. At the conclusion of the investigation Betty-Ann HEISE age 53 of Arnprior was charged with care or control of a motor vehicle while over 80mgs. She was released on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on April 5. Provincial Constable Tamara Dube led the investigation.

Fraud

One person in Renfrew was a victim of the Grandparent scam last week. The victim was contacted by someone claiming to be a lawyer who needed cash to get their grandchild out of jail. The initial fraud attempt was stopped by the money transfer company when they suspected it

was a fraud. The victim was contacted a second time and told to tell the money transfer company the funds were for maintenance and repairs. If you are contacted in a similar fashion, speak to a family member or the police prior to sending funds.

One person in Renfrew fell victim to a fake ad online selling dogs. The victim e-transferred funds to purchase two dogs. When they attended the agreed upon location to pick up the animals no seller arrived. Many online sites warn against paying in advance for items. Meet sellers in public places and don't pay for anything without seeing the merchandise.

Police are investigating after two cheques were returned to a landlord marked NSF. It is an offence to knowingly pass a cheque with no funds in the bank to honour the cheque. There is a suspect and the investigation is continuing.

Arson

The investigation is continuing into a barn fire on Saturday March 4 at 4:45pm on Mount Road in the Township of Greater Madawaska. The barn contained hay and farm equipment and was completely destroyed. Police charged one 14-year-old male with Arson - damage to property. He will not be identified under provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act. There is another suspect and Provincial Constable Dave Peace is investigating.

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers Pembroke/Renfrew County believes that someone may have information that could assist police in solving these crimes. If you have information on any criminal offence that results in charges being laid, you qualify for an award of up to \$2,000.00. Call Pembroke/Renfrew County Crime Stoppers at **735-8477** or toll free at **1-800-222-8477**. You could help solve a crime. All tips remain anonymous and you will not have to attend court. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display. The telephones are answered 24 hours a day. Please visit the website www.valleytips.ca.

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