

RENFREW OPP WEEKLY NEWS – January 29, 2018

(RENFREW, ON) - The Renfrew Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) investigated 209 calls for service during the past week.

Domestic Violence

Arnprior and Renfrew officers investigated five domestic disputes during the past week. No criminal offences took place. If you or someone you know is living in or involved in an abusive relationship help is available. Contact Bernadette McCann House 24/7 for support, advice or the safety of a shelter at 1-800-267-4930. In emergencies call 9-1-1.

Break and Enter

The office at the Arnprior landfill site on River Road in McNab Braeside Township was the scene of a break in. Managers discovered the break in on Monday January 22. A door was pried open and items stolen from inside. Stolen property included a Milwaukee Model M18 grease gun, cordless drill, a Wild Game Industries trail camera, a propane heater, a propane torch, a First Aid kit, bag of work gloves, a large hammer, and miscellaneous lubricants and cleaners. The pry bar used to break in was located and seized. PC Kevin Rebertz is continuing to investigate. The break in happened between 1pm Saturday January 20 and 6am Monday January 22.

A shed at a property on Queen St in Renfrew was entered by a tall male but the crime was interrupted by a neighbour and the thief ran off empty handed. On Tuesday January 23 at 7:30pm a witness noticed a male enter a shed in a neighbour's backyard. The witness confronted the suspect, the two had a brief physical confrontation and the suspect fled on foot. He was last seen running north on Munroe Ave. The suspect is described as a white male, 6' tall, medium to heavy build, blond hair, approximately 40-45 years old. He was wearing a dark winter parka, carrying a flashlight and a plastic grocery bag, and smelled strongly of alcohol. PC Mark Yarmel is leading the investigation.

Thefts

A thief or thieves in Cobden were busy overnight Sunday 21 January to Monday 22 January stealing items and ransacking vehicles looking for valuables to take. At least five victims reported their unlocked vehicle entered. Loose change was the only thing stolen. There appeared to be 2 suspects, one acting as a lookout, based on footprints in the snow. If you see suspicious people or activities please call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 immediately. Drivers should be vigilant in always locking their vehicles to prevent this nuisance behaviour. Remember - Lock it or Lose it.

A quantity of cash was stolen from a vehicle parked in a parking lot on First Ave in Arnprior. The theft happened on Sunday January 21 between 4-6pm.

Tools were stolen from a storage unit located at McLachlin St N in Arnprior. The theft was discovered on Tuesday January 23 and took place sometime in the previous week. The unit was locked and there was no sign of forced entry. Stolen property includes numerous Milwaukee brand items, Mastercraft brand items, a Lincoln mig welder and a Kunys contractor bag.

PC Kyle Mask is investigating after a silver coloured vehicle with no licence plates attended the Shell gas station in Cobden and the male driver stole a quantity of gasoline. The theft took place on Thursday January 25 at 10:05am. The male made no attempt to pay for fuel and left the gas station heading eastbound on Highway 17. A description of the vehicle and suspect was sent out to police in the area. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is continuing.

Stolen Vehicle

A pick-up truck was stolen from the parking lot of the Armouries in Renfrew in the early morning hours of Saturday January 27. The owner advised the vehicle was locked and the keys were in his jacket in the coat room at the hall. The truck was stolen between 9:30pm and 1:30am. The truck was later located on Barr Street in Renfrew. PC Kyle Mask is investigating.

Impaired Driver

On Friday January 26 at approximately 8:42pm officers responded to a single vehicle collision on Russett Dr. in McNab Braeside Township. The male driver had been drinking and failed a roadside alcohol screening test. Following further tests at the detachment Scott MATTHEWS age 57 of Horton Township was charged with care or control of a motor vehicle over 80mgs. He was released on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on February 7. PC Erin Joyce investigated.

Police are looking for witnesses after a single vehicle collision on Saturday January 27 between 2:30 and 3:30am on Highway 17 at Gillan Road. PC Kyle Mask was dispatched to the collision scene. As he approached the area he stopped to speak to a male pedestrian. The pedestrian was the involved driver. He was transported to hospital to be treated for injuries sustained in the collision. He was arrested for impaired driving. Following breath tests at the hospital David FISHER aged 42 of Arnprior was charged with impaired driving, driving over 80mgs and driving while under suspension. He was released on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on February 7. Police believe a dark coloured SUV may have stopped to offer assistance at the scene and would like to speak to the driver of that vehicle, or anyone who may have information about this incident. Please call the OPP at 613-432-3211 with any information.

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.

- 30 -

Contact: Janice Sawbridge

Phone: 613-433-6365

www.opp.ca

Twitter: @OPP_ER or @OPP_COMM_ER