

RENFREW OPP WEEKLY NEWS – February 12th, 2018

(RENFREW, ON) - The Renfrew Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) investigated 302 calls for service during the past week.

Domestic Violence

Arnprior and Renfrew officers investigated seven domestic disputes during the past week. One male was charged with assault with a weapon, assault, cruelty to animals, and 2 counts of domestic mischief under \$5,000. Another male was charged with forcible confinement, assault, domestic mischief under \$5,000 and possession of marihuana. No other criminal offences were alleged.

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. The Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County is also available 24/7 for information and support at 1-800-663-3060. Also throughout Renfrew County you can access the services of the Regional Assault Care Program. Available through any hospital or their toll free number, they offer care and support to women, men and children who have experienced domestic violence and/or sexual assault. To speak to a member of the Regional Assault Care Program go to your local hospital's emergency department or call them at 1-800-363-7222. To report a case of domestic violence to the OPP call 1-888-310-1122 or in emergencies call 9-1-1.

Theft

Police are investigating the theft of a satellite receiver from an apartment on John St N in Arnprior. The owner was in the process of moving out and the apartment was unlocked and unattended for a short period of time on Tuesday January 2 in the afternoon. PC Kayla Couture is investigating.

Fraud

A resident of Renfrew has been victimized by the "Emergency Scam". In this scenario a grandparent received a phone call from a scammer claiming to be a lawyer and that their grandchild had been involved in a car crash. The lawyer requested the victim transfer a quantity of cash via Western Union. To protect yourself from this type of fraud, always check with other family members before sending any cash via a money transfer company. Scammers usually insist on privacy and tell victims not to talk to anyone about this. Always verify the information you have been given. For more information call the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.

An Arnprior resident reported someone attempted to access his banking information through the Microsoft scam. The suspect called the citizen and claimed he was owed a refund and requested his banking information to make the deposit. Some information was shared before the person realized it was probably a scam. The victim's bank was advised and assured no loss had

occurred. Protect yourself- if someone wants your personal information over the phone, ask yourself "If I give out that information, am I putting myself at risk?" If the answer is yes or you're not sure, don't answer their questions.

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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