RENFREW OPP WEEKLY NEWS – February 5th, 2018

(**RENFREW, ON**) - The Renfrew Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) investigated 219 calls for service during the past week.

Domestic Violence

Arnprior and Renfrew officers investigated 10 domestic disputes during the past week. One male was charged with criminal harassment. 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. In emergencies call 9-1-1.

Mischief and Thefts of Mailboxes

OPP officers have a massive investigation underway after hundreds of mailboxes were smashed or stolen over the weekend of Feb 2-5. The damage occurred in McNab Braeside, Horton, Admaston and Greater Madawaska Townships. Several suspects have been identified and charges are pending. The Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) is leading the investigation. If you were a victim and have not yet reported please call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Break and Enter

Charges are pending against a male after a break in was reported at Cobden Public School on Cowley Street in Cobden on Sunday February 4 at 12:46 am. Officers initially responded to an alarm at the school, but upon arrival discovered the suspect had forced open a window and entered the school. Physical evidence and video surveillance assisted with the investigation. PC Patrick O'Connor is continuing to investigate, but charges are pending.

One female has been charged after an apartment was broken into several times over the course of four days at the end of January. The landlord reported a tenant had been evicted and the locks changed at the building on Lisgar Ave in Renfrew. On Monday January 29 police attended and arrested a female located in the apartment. Terra-Lee HAY aged 35 of Renfrew was charged with break and enter, and being unlawfully in a dwelling. She was released on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on March 7. PC Marc Bennett led the investigation.

Proceeds of Crime Seized

During a traffic stop as part of a criminal code investigation a large quantity of cash was seized, as well as two cell phones. Police stopped the vehicle on Madawaska Blvd in Arnprior on Saturday February 3 at approximately 6:30pm. The male passenger in the vehicle was charged with possession of proceeds of crime over \$5,000. Melville James MACNEIL aged 35 of McNab Braeside Township was released on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on March 21. DC JP St. Cyr of the CSCU is leading the investigation.

Thefts

Police are continuing to investigate a theft from a residence in Renfrew in December 2017. On December 27 the victim reported a cleaning person stole a bank card from their home in Renfrew prior to December 23. The victim then noticed 2 unauthorized banking withdrawals. The bank and police are continuing to investigate. A picture of the female suspect has been obtained. If you have any information to assist with this investigation please call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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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