

RENFREW OPP WEEKLY NEWS 2017-01-30

(RENFREW, ON) – The Renfrew Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) investigated calls 213 for service during the past week.

Domestic Violence

Renfrew and Arnprior officers investigated nine domestic disputes during the past week. Two investigations are continuing and no charges were laid.

Break and Enter

Officers investigated two commercial and one residential break and enter during the past week. On Tuesday January 24 Beaumen Waste Management on Lisgar Avenue in Renfrew discovered sometime overnight two suspects broke into a storage building on the property and stole more than 2 dozen garbage bags filled with empty beer cans. Physical evidence was seized and Provincial Constable Pat O'Connor is investigating. Two suspect vehicles involved in this theft are: a silver or gray minivan and a dark coloured 4-door car. The vehicles parked on Smallfield Lane at 1:35am Tuesday morning and the two suspects walked to the scene.

On Saturday January 28 at approximately 2am someone smashed the glass out of the front door at J R's Country Store on Chenux Road, Whitewater Region Township. They then went into the store where an audio alarm went off and the alarm company was contacted. Nothing appears to have been taken. Provincial Constable Cory Briscoe is investigating.

On Sunday January 29 a resident of 130 John Street North Arnprior reported someone tried to break into their apartment. Provincial Constable Bernie Dikih investigated and determined the back door of the residence was the attempted point of entry, as someone attempted to remove the doorknob to gain entry. They were not able to get inside. This occurred on Sunday between 8:00am and 4:30pm. Physical evidence at the scene was collected.

If you have information on any of these cases please call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Stolen Vehicle

On Friday January 27 a stolen pick-up truck was recovered on Cobus Road in Horton Township. Officers responded shortly after 8pm to the vehicle which had been driven into the ditch. The investigation revealed the vehicle had been stolen from Maloney Road a short time prior to the call. A male, Julien THOMPSON age 19 of Horton Township was arrested at the scene. He was charged with take auto without owners consent. He was released from custody on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on March 1. Provincial Constable Darin Chaplin investigated.

Impaired Drivers

Over a four day time span last week OPP officer in Renfrew dealt with three impaired drivers.

On Thursday January 26 shortly after 11pm officers responded to a report of a possible impaired driver on Highway 17 near Storyland Road in Horton Township. The suspect vehicle was located and stopped by officers. The investigation revealed the driver had been drinking and was arrested after failing a roadside alcohol screening test. Following breath tests at the detachment Daniel BLAKE age 25 of Petawawa was charged with driving over 80 mgs. He was released on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on March 1. Provincial Constable Troy Dobbie led the investigation.

On Saturday January 28 at approximately 1:52am officers were on patrol in Renfrew when they came upon a single vehicle roll-over collision near the intersection of O'Brien Road and Seventh Ave. Witnesses advised they had just called police to report the incident. The investigation revealed the male driver of the vehicle had been drinking. He was arrested for impaired driving. Following breath tests at the detachment Michael GODDA age 25 of Renfrew was charged with impaired driving and driving over 80mgs. He was released on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on February 15. Provincial Constable Jeff Cassidy investigated.

At approximately 10:57pm January 29 Provincial Constable Jeff CASSIDY was dispatched to the area of Vimy Boulevard and Haig Street in Renfrew after a call about a vehicle parked in that intersection with a driver possible slumped over the wheel. At approximately 11:05, while patrolling the area, the officer located the vehicle parked at the intersection of Dufferin Street at Haig Street. The vehicle was running and the lights were on with a female in the driver's seat. Further investigation revealed the driver had been drinking. She was arrested and brought to the detachment for breath tests. After refusing to provide breath samples, Megan MUNHALL age 35 of Admaston Bromley Township was charged with care or control of a motor vehicle while impaired and failing or refusing to provide breath samples. She was released on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on February 15.

Fraud

One caller this week reported being victimized by the computer repair scam. The caller advised their computer locked up with a message to call a number to repair it. The victim called the number and provided credit card payment to fix the computer. The victim has since cancelled their credit card and taken their computer to a local computer store to repair it. More information on how to recognize and protect yourself from frauds and scams is available from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. Call them at 1-888-495-8501 or see their information online at www.antifraudcentre.ca

Suspicious Person

Provincial Constable Jodi Burns is investigating after someone reported being followed by a suspicious person through the Gillies Grove in Arnprior. The caller reported observing a male sitting on a lawn chair near the entrance to the Gillies Grove walking trail on Harrington Street in Arnprior. After the caller walked by the male carried the lawn chair and followed the caller through the park and watched as the caller went into a work location on Ida Street. The male then got into a red Ford Escape parked on Dan Street and drove away. The male was dressed in a red "puffy" coat and was wearing a blue toque and full face balaclava at the time. The caller

was concerned by the behaviour and called police. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call PC Jodi Burns at the Arnprior OPP at 613-623-3131.

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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