

RENFREW OPP WEEKLY NEWS – March 13th, 2017

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

Domestic Violence

Renfrew and Arnprior officers responded to 10 domestic disputes during the past week. One male was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose; one female was charged with assault; one male was charged with assault causing bodily harm, 2 counts of assault, uttering threats and 4 counts of breach of probation; and one male was charged with sexual assault.

Thefts

One person was charged with theft after failing to pay for gas in Arnprior. OPP officers were contacted by staff at Mac's Convenience on Daniel St S on Wednesday March 8 when a customer pumped a quantity of gas into their vehicle and drove off. The police located the suspect and advised them to return and pay for the fuel. On March 12 the store had still not received payment. Brandon BRISCOE age 25 of Arnprior was charged with theft under \$5,000. He was released on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on April 19. Provincial Constable Helen Paterson led the investigation.

Sometime between Monday, March 6 and Wednesday March 8 someone broke into the cargo/tool box of a pick-up truck. The pick-up truck was parked in the lot of Gibson's Garage at 65 Main Street Cobden. Once the thief got into the tool box, two rifles were stolen. Several other pieces of construction equipment and cordless power tools were also taken during the theft. Provincial Constable Mark Yarmel is investigating.

Mischief

Sometime overnight Thursday March 9 to Friday March 10 someone slashed tires on several vehicles parked at a private residence on George Avenue in Renfrew. Three vehicles were targeted and damaged. Provincial Constable Lindsey Moore is investigating.

Fraud

Every year in Canada during the month of March Canadian Police Services work together to promote public awareness to help prevent all Canadians from becoming victims of fraud. It is the annual Fraud Prevention month long campaign to prevent thousands of Canadians from falling victim to fraud. Fraud-related crimes take a destructive toll on victims while amassing millions of dollars to further criminal enterprises. Sadly, 95 per cent of fraud victims never report the crime to police. Regardless of age, gender and location, everyone can take basic steps to better protect themselves from becoming victims of fraud. Some basic tips include never giving out personal or financial information at the door, over the phone, by e-mail or through social media, or on to unsecured retail or dating websites.

Fraud Prevention Month enters its 13th year in 2017. From January 2014 to December 2016, it is estimated that Canadians lost more than \$290 million to fraudsters. For more fraud facts and figures and a downloadable booklet (PDF), visit The Competition Bureau of Canada website at <http://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca/eic/site/cb-bc.nsf/eng/04201.html>

[Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#)

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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