

RENFREW OPP WEEKLY NEWS

(RENFREW, ON) - The Renfrew Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) investigated 224 calls for service during the past week.

Domestic Violence

Arnprior and Renfrew officers investigated seven domestic disputes during the past week. One female was charged with assault; one male was charged with failing to leave a premise when directed to do so (Trespass to Property Act) and one female was charged with uttering threats. No other criminal offences occurred.

Break and Enter

Sometime during the time span of March 1 to 14 someone broke into an unoccupied home and caused significant damage. The owner reported the break in to the old home on Queen's Line in Whitewater Region Township on March 15. Windows were broken, doors damaged, and glass broken in the building. Provincial Constable Kyle Mask is investigating.

Thefts

A GPS was stolen from a parked vehicle during the evening or overnight hours on Friday March 12. The vehicle was parked at a business on Stewart St in Renfrew at the time. Provincial Constable J.P. St. Cyr is investigating.

Fuel was stolen from a gas station in Arnprior on March 14. A customer attended and pumped fuel then was unable to pay for the gas and left the scene. There is a suspect and Provincial Constable Colleen McGrath is leading the investigation.

Police are investigating after a customer ordered fast food delivered to their home in Renfrew and failed to pay for the delivery. The incident took place on Saturday March 18. Provincial Constable Mark Bennett is investigating.

Mischief

A vehicle had an egg thrown at it while parked on John St N in Arnprior on Monday March 13 between 1:45pm and 2:15pm. The owner parked the car, was gone for about ½ hour and returned to find an egg had been smashed on the roof of the car. Provincial Constable Calvin Burgins is investigating.

Sometime overnight on March 13 a vehicle tire was slashed in Arnprior. The vehicle was parked in a private drive on Elgin St W at the time. Provincial Constable Chris Colton is investigating.

Impaired Driver

On Friday March 17 OPP officers were contacted at approximately 4:15 pm for a collision at White Lake and Campbell Drive where one vehicle had fled the scene. Shortly after police were notified of a lone vehicle in the ditch at Campbell Drive and Pine Grove Road in McNab Braeside Township. Upon arrival a male driver was identified who had been involved in the collision and had been drinking. He was transported by paramedics to hospital for treatment of injuries. He was arrested for impaired driving and breath tests were completed at the hospital. Marcel CHENIER aged 66 of Arnprior was charged with impaired driving, driving over

80mgs, dangerous driving and failing to remain at the scene of a collision (Highway Traffic Act charge). He was released on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on Wednesday April 19. Provincial Constable Erin Densmore led the investigation.

On Saturday March 18 at approximately 12:40 am Provincial Constable Kyle Mask was flagged down by a motorist and advised of a possible impaired driver in Renfrew. The suspect vehicle was located near O'Brien Road and the driving of the subject was observed for a short period of time. After several driving infractions the vehicle was stopped on Hall Avenue. Following a discussion with the driver the male was arrested for impaired driving. Following breath tests at the detachment James LOBACK aged 61 of Fort-Coulonge QU was charged with impaired driving and driving over 80mgs. He was released on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on April 19.

Fraud

Police are investigating after a suspect took a forged cheque to a bank and attempted to cash it. Police were notified by the victim, no funds were transferred and the investigation is continuing. The investigation revealed a second attempt by a second suspect at passing a forged cheque belonging to the victim. Provincial Constable Colleen McGrath is investigating.

Police were contacted by a victim who was defrauded of a quantity of money after purchasing a puppy through a web based sales site. The victim used a money transfer company to pay for the puppy, but has learned they have been duped. The suspect had the funds sent to a US money transfer company. Police urge consumers to pay people in person when making purchases through on line sales.

Weapons Charge

One young person is facing several charges after OPP officers responded to a family dispute in McNab Braeside Township. On Thursday March 16 officers responded to a report of a male threatening a family member with violence. Upon arrival police arrested the male and he was held in custody for a bail hearing, charged with possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, uttering threats, mischief under \$5,000 and assault. Under provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act the youth cannot be identified. Provincial Constable Cory Briscoe led the investigation.

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