

## **RENFREW OPP WEEKLY NEWS – November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**(RENFREW, ON)** - The Renfrew Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) investigated 207 calls for service during the past week.

### **Domestic Violence**

Arnprior and Renfrew officers investigated eight domestic disputes during the past week. One male was charged with assault and domestic mischief. No other criminal offences took place.

### **Break and Enter**

A home on Juniper Road in the Township of Greater Madawaska was broken into sometime between November 1-15. The owner discovered the break in, which resulted in extensive damage inside including paint cans opened and sprayed around the inside of the home. Nothing appears to have been stolen. Provincial Constable Sarah Darraugh is investigating.

On Sunday November 19 a small fire was reported inside an abandoned building on Magnesium Road. The Whitewater Region Fire Department attended and extinguished the blaze which caused minor damage. The fire appears to have been wilfully set. Evidence at the scene was preserved and collected. PC Kyle Mask is leading the investigation.

### **Impaired Driver**

On Sunday November 19 at approximately 2:15 am officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic infraction in Renfrew. The male driver had been drinking and failed a roadside alcohol screening test. He resisted officers as they attempted to place handcuffs on him and was subdued and handcuffed. He was transported to the detachment for further breath tests. As a result Branden BENSON-YOUNG age 20, of Ottawa was charged with driving over 80mgs, resisting arrest, being a novice driver and having alcohol in his system, and failing to stop for a red light. He was released on a promise to appear in court in Renfrew on December 20. PCs Sarah Turcotte and Amedeo Jean-Louis investigated.

### **Fraud**

Numerous attempts at fraud are committed each day in Renfrew County. Are you aware of the more common scams? Do you know what to do if someone claims to be a bank inspector who needs your help with a fraud investigation? Do you know what to do if you receive a call from CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) and they insist you can pay back taxes to them with iTunes cards? If you answer no to any of these questions then you need more information. Contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre where you will learn about the more common scams, learn how to protect yourself and who to report scams and frauds to. Go to [www.antifraudcentre.ca](http://www.antifraudcentre.ca) or call them at 1-888-495-8501 for more information and to report attempted frauds. If you are a victim and have lost money in a fraud call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

## **Mischief**

An excavator was damaged on a job site at Highway 17 at McFarland Road in Whitewater Region Township. H&H Construction of Petawawa is the owner of the damaged machine, a Volvo brand excavator. Panel doors were removed, wires cut and an alternator removed. The damage, estimated at \$10,000 was discovered on Tuesday November 14. There is a suspect and PC Sarah Darraugh is investigating.

A victim reported their home on Cameron Avenue in Renfrew continues to frequently be "egged". There are no suspects at this time.

## **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](http://www.valleytips.ca).

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