

## Internal theft results in criminal charges

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The Orangeville Police Service has arrested and charged a 19-year-old Grand Valley man after a reported theft at Orangeville Canadian Tire.

On Jan. 29, 2019, police received a report of an internal theft at the facility. Store management had carried out an audit of various merchandise and discovered discrepancies in inventory of automotive parts and tires.

A review of the store's surveillance system provided information to assist in identifying a suspect. As a result of the investigation, on Feb. 20, Erik Paulovits was charged with nine counts of theft under \$5,000.

He is scheduled to appear in court in Orangeville on March 26.

### **Collision at local eatery**

OPS has arrested and charged a 29-year-old Wasaga Beach man with impaired driving after a collision in the drive-thru lane of Harvey's and Swiss Chalet.

On March 3, at approximately 12:05 p.m. Orangeville police officers were called to the Harvey's/Swiss Chalet restaurant on First Street after a collision in the restaurant's drive-thru.

A man driving a 2014 Mercedes struck the rear end of another vehicle waiting in line. Following police investigation, Corey Foster, 29, of Wasaga Beach was arrested and charged with operation while impaired by alcohol or drugs, and operation while impaired with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol.

The accused man's vehicle was impounded for seven days and his driver's license was suspended for ninety days.

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in court in Orangeville on March 19.

There were no injuries reported as a result of the incident.

### **March is Fraud Prevention Month**

March is Fraud Prevention Month and OPS is offering the following tips to help reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of these crimes.

- Don't be fooled by the promise of a valuable prize in return for a low-cost purchase.
  - Be extra cautious about calls, emails or mailings offering international bonds or lottery tickets, a portion of a foreign dignitary's bank account, free vacations, credit repair or schemes with unlimited income potential.
  - Don't be afraid to hang up the phone, delete the email or close your Internet connection.
  - Don't purchase a product or service without carefully checking out the product, service and company.
  - Don't be afraid to request further documentation from the seller so you can verify the validity of the offer, product or company.
- Never buy sight unseen?

- Don't disclose personal information about your finances, bank accounts, credit cards, social insurance and driver's license numbers to any business that can't prove it is legitimate.
- Shred unwanted personal information such as bank statements, credit card bills, unwanted receipts, cheques, pre-approved credit applications and old tax returns.
- Check your credit report every year and report problems immediately.
- Always remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.