

Town Police arrest man charged with trying to steal from vehicles

Orangeville Police have arrested and charged a 26-year-old Mississauga man with several criminal offences after a suspect was seen attempting to break into several vehicles early Monday morning.

The officers were responding to a Second Avenue resident who observed a man entering cars. When police arrived the suspect fled on foot but was located a short distance away and arrested without incident.

Upon further investigation, Nicholas Jonathan Forbes, 26, of Mississauga was found to have allegedly stolen a vehicle from a residence in Mississauga and made attempts to break into and steal as many as four vehicles in Orangeville.

Mr. Forbes faces several criminal charges including four counts of attempted theft of a vehicle, four counts of mischief to a vehicle, two counts of theft under \$5000, possession of stolen property, possession of break-in tools and breach of probation. He was held in custody pending a bail hearing.

Impaired driving charge

Shortly before 9:45 a.m. Sunday, officers from the Caledon OPP detachment were patrolling Airport Road near Patterson Side Road when they observed a northbound black BMW on the shoulder of the highway and a check of the licence plate revealed that the validation tag had expired.

Upon speaking with the male driver, the officers detected a strong odour of alcohol and made further observations that were indicators of a person under its influence. When a roadside screening device registered a fail the driver was transported to the detachment office, and during the course of the investigation, the officers located a quantity of drugs, believed to be marijuana, inside the motor vehicle.

A 23 year-old Mono man was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content over 80 mg/100 mL and possession of a schedule II substance. The Administrative Drivers' Licence Suspension program was initiated and his motor vehicle was impounded for seven days.

The accused is scheduled to make his first appearance at Ontario Court in Orangeville on July 24.

More stunt driving charges laid

Some area drivers seem to be oblivious of Ontario's crackdown on driving more than 50 km/h above posted speed limits.

The last seven days has seen two drivers ? one from Shelburne and the other from Mono, clocked at up to 60 km/h above the 80 limit on Highway 10.

Last Saturday, A Dufferin OPP officer observed a 2010 Ford pickup truck heading southbound at County Road 10 at a high rate of speed and clocked the vehicle at 140 km/h.

As a result of the traffic stop the 23-year-old driver from Shelburne was charged with racing.

Then Tuesday evening at about 8:40 p.m., another Dufferin OPP officer was monitoring speeds on the highway when a 2005 Ford Escape sport utility vehicle was observed heading north toward Camilla and it was clocked at 134 km/h in the 80 km/h zone.

As a result, a 57-year-old Mono man was charged with stunt driving.

Both drivers had their licences suspended and cars impounded for seven days and now face the prospect of court hearings in

Orangeville, heavy fines and huge increases in their insurance premiums.

On June 24, a Dufferin OPP officer was monitoring traffic on Orangeville's northern outskirts when she observed a speeding southbound 2014 Dodge Caravan on the highway near Monora Park Road and clocked the vehicle at 155 km/h in the 60 km/h zone. As a result, a 24-year-old Caledon East man was charged with racing and faces a court date in Orangeville.

Man faces trafficking charge

As a result of an investigation by officers of the OPP's Dufferin-Nottawasaga Community Drug Action Team (CDAT), Dufferin OPP and Central Region Drug Enforcement Unit a Melancthon man is facing several drug charges.

On July 3 at 6:20 a.m. OPP officers executed a search warrant on the 5th Line of Melancthon. Kevin Donald Fluney, 46, was arrested and charged with four counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking in Oxycontin and Cocaine, possession of stolen property over \$5000, unsafe storage of a firearm and unauthorized possession of a firearm.

An OPP release placed the street value of the seized drugs at \$13,000

Mr. Fluney was released on a promise to appear in court at Orangeville.

Paving scam reported

Dufferin OPP have received a complaint about a paving scam operating in Dufferin.

The complainant, an elderly resident, says he was taken advantage of by a paving company that charged more than \$8,000 for paving his residential driveway.

The cheque was cashed locally before it was discovered that the paving material used was recycled asphalt and not the promised new product.

Police remind citizens that they should follow a few simple steps when getting home renovations:

Always read over thoroughly all written contracts before signing them. Get a family member to review them.

Get references from other customers to ensure quality of the work.

Do some research before you pay for product or service

Thoroughly understand what product or service you are purchasing, the process any guarantees and complaint process if you do not receive the product or service you paid for.

Inspect all work prior to making payment and ensure work has been completed properly and that the service you received was what you had paid for in your business contract.

Legitimate business people will be happy to provide you with information and references on their services

Always be careful about providing confidential personal information especially banking and credit card details unless you are certain that the company is legitimate.

For other helpful tips check out the OPP website at www.opp.ca