

Police news: Drug raid in Shelburne leads to multiple charges

Several months of investigation by Shelburne Police into allegations that marijuana and cocaine were being trafficked from a Shelburne home resulted in a search warrant being executed last Thursday, May 19th.

As a result of the search warrant, marijuana and cocaine were seized. Also seized were cash, drug paraphernalia, and numerous tools of the drug trafficking trade.

Three youths were arrested, and a total of six Controlled Drugs and Substance Act charges, and one Criminal Code charge were laid on the three. Two of the youths face one count each of possession of marijuana. The third faces those charges plus possession of marijuana and cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, and possession of proceeds of crime. The three accused were released on a promise to appear and undertaking with a first appearance court date set in June to answer to the charges.

A fourth youth in the investigation remains outstanding, and it is expected that numerous more charges will be laid upon that person's arrest.

The total value of the illegal drugs seized during the warrant continues to be assessed.

Identity of the youths involved is barred by the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

If anyone has any information in relation to this case they should contact the Shelburne Police Service at 519-925-3312 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Annual firearms amnesty launched

The Orangeville Police Service will once again offer a Firearms and Prohibited Weapons Amnesty program from June 1 to June 30.

The amnesty program is being held as a proactive initiative to encourage residents to turn in firearms, weapons and other items that present a potential safety risk. Police believe that reducing the number of unwanted and illegally owned firearms and prohibited weapons in our community is in the best interest of all citizens.

“Last year's amnesty was successful and we are once again encouraging the public to contact police about firearms, prohibited weapons and ammunition that may be illegally owned or no longer wanted”, said police Chief Wayne Kalinski.

During the 2015 amnesty, police received six rifles, four shotguns, four handguns, two starter pistols, one BB gun, two boxes of 22 calibre ammunition and one shotgun shell. One machete was turned in for destruction.

Police urge the public to take advantage of this opportunity to properly dispose of the items they no longer want.

Anyone wishing to turn in items for destruction is asked to call the Orangeville Police Service Communication Centre at 519-941-2522 to make arrangements for an officer to pick up the items.

Under no circumstances are the items to be transported by members of the public and brought to the police station.

Dufferin OPP busy over weekend

Dufferin OPP were kept busy over the Victoria Day Holiday weekend with several incidents.

On Friday, May 20, at 2:36 p.m., Dufferin OPP were conducting speed enforcement at Airport Road and Highway 89 in Mono when they stopped a vehicle clocked at 150 km/h in a posted 80 km/h zone. The 21-year-old Toronto man was charged with Stunt Driving

and had his 2016 Dodge pickup and driver's licence impounded for seven days.

At 7:36 p.m. on Highway 10 at County Road 10 in Mono, police stopped a 21-year-old Mono man and charged him with driving while his licence was suspended.

At 12:42 a.m. Saturday, police issued a three-day licence suspension as result of a RIDE checkpoint on Prince of Wales Road in Mulmur.

At 10:52 a.m. that day, police charged a driver with driving while suspended at a RIDE checkpoint in Honeywood, Mulmur Township

That evening, at 8:07 p.m., police charged a 21-year-old male with stunt driving and seized his vehicle and driver's licence for seven days.

On Sunday, on the 2nd line of Amaranth near 20 Sideroad, police charged a 22 year old male of Mississauga with impaired driving, driving with a blood alcohol content over 80 mg/100 mL, and assault with intent to resist arrest. His driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and his vehicle towed.

At 9:54 p.m. Sunday on Airport Road, police clocked a vehicle at 137 km/h in an 80 km/h zone. The driver was charged with stunt driving and had his vehicle and driver's licence seized for seven days

On Monday, police clocked a 31-year-old Brampton man at 156 km/h in an 80 km/h zone on Airport Road near 25 Sideroad in Mono. Charged with stunt driving, he had his 2014 GMC pickup truck and driver's licence impounded for seven days.

At 9:08 p.m. Monday, police stopped a 2007 Volkswagen Jetta on Highway 9 near Rolling Hills Drive. A 56 year old female Brampton resident was charged with driving with a blood alcohol content over 80 mg/100 mL, and had her licence suspended for 90 days and her vehicle towed.

Pedestrian dies when hit by motorcycle

Last Friday at 11:53 a.m., Caledon OPP officers were dispatched to a collision involving a motorcycle and a pedestrian on Airport Road north of King Street.

The motorcycle was travelling southbound on Airport Road when the motorcyclist made contact with a pedestrian who was apparently crossing the highway. The pedestrian was initially transported from the scene by EMS with life threatening injuries, but subsequently died as a result of those injuries. The motorcyclist sustained minor injuries in the collision.

OPP marks Boating Safety Week

The Caledon and Dufferin OPP detachments are reminding residents and tourists that being well-informed about provincial safe boating practices and laws can go a long way to ensure an enjoyable and tragedy-free boating season.

The majority of victims who die in fatal boating incidents are not wearing a personal floatation device (PFD) or lifejacket.

Drinking and boating is just as dangerous as drinking and driving and the very same laws that are in place for impaired driving apply to impaired boating as well.

If you suspect that someone is operating a boat while impaired, please call 9-1-1. In doing so, you could be saving lives.

Always do a thorough check of your boat and safety equipment before heading out on the water as mechanical breakdowns account

for a significant number of calls for assistance by the OPP.

In 2015, the OPP investigated 16 fatal boating incidents in which 18 people died. Falling overboard, capsized or swamped vessels, speed and alcohol and failure to wear a lifejacket or PFD were all contributing factors in the fatalities.

Unfortunately, some people feel safe just having them on board. What they fail to recognize is that many dangerous boating incidents happen quickly and there may not be enough time to grab your PFD. By the time you realize you need it, more often than not, it's too late. Other people don't wear them because they think PFDs and lifejackets are uncomfortable and will take away from their boating enjoyment. The reality is that PFDs and lifejackets have come a long way and are designed with comfort in mind. A Canadian approved standard lifejacket, when worn properly, is designed to turn an unconscious person from face down to face up in the water and allows them to breath. A Canadian approved PFD is designed to keep you afloat in the water and are designed for use in recreational boating. They are generally smaller, less bulky and more comfortable than lifejackets.

Boaters caught drinking and boating in Ontario face similar consequences to those caught drinking and driving. This includes:

losing your licence for a year if convicted under the Criminal Code for having a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) that exceeds 0.08;

mandatory alcohol assessment, education or treatment and follow-up;

ignition interlock condition to their driver's licence;

vehicle impoundment if caught driving a motor vehicle while under suspension

Boaters also face an immediate licence suspension for having a BAC in the Warn Range of 0.05 to 0.08 mg of alcohol in 100mL of blood. These laws apply to anyone who is caught drinking and operating motorized and non-motorized vessels, including power boats, canoes, kayaks, personal watercraft, sailboats, dinghies and other inflatable boats and rafts.

The provincial laws regarding alcohol on boats do not permit any open alcohol to be available or consumed by anyone onboard the boat while it is underway.

Only boats which have sleeping, washroom and cooking facilities integrated into their design may legally have open alcohol on-board but only when the boat is being used as a residence; for instance, when it is anchored or tied to a dock.

Being well-prepared is the key to safe and enjoyable boating.

Check your Boat. Familiarize yourself with the boat you are operating. Check the condition of your vessel and ensure it is properly prepared for the boating season.

Be Prepared. Mechanical breakdowns account for a significant number of calls for assistance to the OPP. Most of these embarrassing incidents are preventable by ensuring your vessel is serviceable and that you have a sufficient amount of gas.

Part of being prepared is also making sure that the weather and water conditions are suitable for your day out on the water.

Plan ahead. Remember when things go wrong on the water, it happens very quickly and you don't always have time to react. A prudent skipper always discusses his or her plans with a family member before they set out.