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LANARK COUNTY OPP DETACHMENT WEEKLY NEWS
May 18-25, 2020

(LANARK COUNTY, ON) – Between Monday, May 18 and Monday, May 25, 2020 officers from the Lanark County Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to 325 calls for service.

The calls included:

Motor Vehicle Collisions

Total: 18 Including:

Car / Deer: 4

Parking Lots: 3

Single Motor Vehicle off Road (“in ditch”): 1

Lanark County OPP responded to 36 traffic complaints between May 18 - 25, 2020. With pandemic restrictions loosening, more people are out and about but driving rules and regulations remain the same on main highways and secondary roads.

Impaired Drivers – 2

On May 18, 2020 just before 4:30 p.m. Lanark County OPP received a call regarding a loader knocking down hydro poles and lines in a residential area in Tay Valley Township. Officers attended, located the driver and conducted their investigation which resulted in the arrest and charge of Michael McINNES, age 35, of Tay Valley Township, Ontario with Refusal to Comply with Demand contrary to Section 320.15(1) of the Criminal Code. He was later released from custody on an Appearance Notice for a scheduled court date of August 10, 2020 at the Ontario Court of Justice in Perth. No one was injured as a result of this incident but with several poles affected, Hydro One attended to repair the damage.

While on general patrol on May 23, 2020 just before 11:00 p.m., an officer from Carleton Place OPP observed a vehicle driving in a concerning manner along Highway 15 in Montague Township. The vehicle was stopped and the driver spoken to. The resulting investigation ended with the driver, Bryan BELL, age 27 of Ottawa, Ontario being arrested and charged with Impaired Operation – Over 80. The accused’s driver’s licence was suspended automatically for 90 days, the vehicle impounded for 7 days and release was in the form of an Appearance Notice for a scheduled court date of July 20, 2020 at the Ontario Court of Justice in Perth.

Domestic Incidents – 9

Carleton Place OPP received several calls regarding a domestic incident in a vehicle along Highway 7 in the Town of Carleton Place on May 18, 2020 beginning just after 6:00 p.m. Officers located the vehicle and conducted their investigation which resulted in the arrest and charge of a 24 year old person from London, Ontario for spousal assault. The accused was released from custody on an Undertaking for a scheduled court appearance on July 27, 2020 at the Ontario Court of Justice in Perth. The victim sustained minor injuries from the assault and the accused was further charged for driving while under suspension.

A 35 year old resident of Carleton Place was charged on May 19, 2020, regarding Criminal Harassment and Failing to Comply with Undertaking in relation to a former spouse and being seen on their property. The incident took place in the Town of Carleton Place and involves the same victim from previous incidents. The accused was held in custody pending a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Perth.

An incident with neighbours ended with a domestic incident in Beckwith Township on May 22, 2020 just after midnight. Carleton Place OPP were called to a residence and a 35 year old resident of the home was arrested and charged with assault and domestic mischief in relation to his wife. Both the accused and the victim suffered minor injuries from the incident. The accused was later released from custody on an Undertaking with a scheduled court appearance on July 27, 2020 at the Ontario Court of Justice in Perth.

Break and Enters – 0

Thefts – 12

Lanark County OPP were contacted on May 19, 2020 regarding the theft of a Honda pressure washer and a Yamaha generator from a property on Drummond Concession 2 in Drummond-North Elmsley Township. The items are believed to have been stolen sometime between May 14 - 16, 2020. Anyone with information regarding this theft or the whereabouts of the items is asked to call police at 1-888-310-1122.

Carleton Place OPP were called to a residence in Mississippi Mills Township on May 20, 2020 regarding the theft of a silver, Shimano Cardo DC fishing rod valued at \$1,500. The incident happened between 5:00 -5:20 p.m. while the owner stepped in the house momentarily. The thief left in such a hurry their WLRD skateboard was left behind (green and white on underside of board). Anyone with information regarding this theft, the whereabouts of the item or the skateboard owner is asked to call police at 1-888-310-1122.

Carleton Place OPP were called on May 22, 2020 just after 2:00 p.m. to a grocery store on McNeely Avenue in the Town of Carleton Place regarding a person in custody for shoplifting. Officers attended and conducted their investigation which resulted in a 47 year old resident of McNabe-Braeside Township being charged with trespassing.

A 15 year old resident of Ottawa, Ontario has been charged with Theft Under \$5,000 and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000, pertaining to an incident from May 17, 2020 involving entering unlocked vehicles in the Town of Almonte. The accused was served an Appearance Notice for a scheduled court date of July 29, 2020.

Mischiefs - 2

Frauds – 4

Lanark County OPP wish to remind residents to change their passwords regularly as three of the 4 reported frauds last week involved hacking of passwords. Also, when asked “do you want to save your password for this site” answer NO. Although it can be a pain to type in every time, it is much safer. If threatened to “pay or else” NEVER PAY, scammers aren’t honest and will try to get more money from you.

Liquor Licence Act Charges - 3

A 35 year old resident of Montague Township was arrest for public intoxication on May 19, 2020 just before 4:00 p.m. after several concerned citizens called the Lanark County OPP regarding the person on foot, all over Rideau Ferry Road in Drummond North Elmsley Township. The person was held in custody until sober and released unconditionally.

Mental Health - 10

Living life during a pandemic is difficult for everyone and can affect all aspects of our lives including our mental health. Help is only a call away: the Mental Health Crisis Line for Lanark, Leeds & Grenville area is 1-866-281-2911, Kids Help Phone is 1-800-668-6868 or text the word ‘CONNECT’ to 686868. We all need help and should not be ashamed or scared to ask for it.

CRIME STOPPERS

Any person with information regarding any criminal activity should immediately contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Lanark County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.

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