



Chatsworth Police Services Board Agenda

Friday, August 18, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Municipal Council Chambers
Pages

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Resolution

THAT the Police Services Board Agenda dated August 18, 2023 be approved as circulated.

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

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Resolution

THAT the Police Services Board Minutes of April 21, 2023 be approved.

5. **Business Arising from Minutes**

6. **Presentations/Delegation - None**

7. **Reports**

- 7.1 OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports: Detachment
Commander's Report - June 2023

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Resolution

THAT the Detachment Commander's Report for June 2023 be hereby received for information.

- 7.2 OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports: Detachment
Commander's Second Quarter (Q2) Report 2023

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Resolution

THAT the Detachment Commander's Report for Second Quarter (Q2),
2023 be hereby received for information.

8. **Items for Discussion**

9. **Correspondence**

9.1	Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. - TIPSTER Magazine Spring 2023	25
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10.	New Business	
11.	In Camera - None	
12.	Next Meeting	
	Next PSB Meeting: Friday October 20, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.	
	Next Zone 5 Meeting: Date and Location to be determined	
13.	Adjournment	



Chatsworth Police Services Board

Minutes

Friday, April 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Council Member, Scott Mackey
Community Member, Graham Taylor

OPP Detachment Inspector, Paul Richardson
Members: S/Sgt, Marla Barfoot

Staff Present: Acting Secretary, Tyler Zamostny

1. Call to Order

Member Scott Mackey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion Number 2023-02-01

Moved by: Graham Taylor

Seconded by: Scott Mackey

THAT the Police Services Board Agenda dated April 21, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None stated.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Motion Number 2023-02-02

Moved by: Graham Taylor

Seconded by: Scott Mackey

THAT the Police Services Board Minutes of February 17, 2023 be approved.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes - None

6. Presentations/Delegation

6.1 Peter Reid, Chairperson of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. Re: Donation Commitment to Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce

Peter Reid, Chairperson of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. presented to the Police Service Board regarding a request for a donation commitment of \$2,500.00 on a single year, or multi-year basis to the organization. Mr. Reid provided background information on the organization and how funding is raised. Throughout the presentation, members of the board were able to ask questions and once complete, thanked Mr. Reid for his presentation. The following resolution was introduced at this time.

Motion Number 2023-02-03

Moved by: Graham Taylor

Seconded by: Scott Mackey

THAT the Police Services Board receive information presented by Peter Reid, Chairperson of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. regarding a Donation Commitment to Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce; and
FURTHER THAT the request be forwarded to the Township of Chatsworth Council for review.

Carried

7. Reports

7.1 OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports: Detachment Commander's Report

Inspector Paul Richardson and S/Sgt. Marla Barfoot reviewed the Detachment Commander's Report for Quarter 1, 2023 and pointed out highlights.

Motion Number 2023-02-04

Moved by: Graham Taylor

Seconded by: Scott Mackey

THAT the Detachment Commander's Report for Quarter 1, 2023 be hereby received for information.

Carried

8. Items for Discussion - None

9. Correspondence

9.1 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce - 31st Annual Golf Tournament

9.2 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce - Program Coordinator's Report (January 1 - March 31, 2023)

10. New Business - None

11. In Camera - None

12. Next Meeting

Next PSB Meeting: Friday June 16, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.

Next Zone 5 Meeting: Date and Location to be determined

13. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Scott Mackey, Chairman

Tyler Zamostny, Acting Board Secretary



Grey-Bruce O.P.P.

Report for June 2023 PSB Meeting
Township of Chatsworth

Detachment Commander:
Inspector Paul Richardson

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DETACHMENT COMMANDER

I am please to provide the interim report to the Police Service Board. You will notice this report is not as fulsome as others. As we transition to one detachment, one board we compile our data and information quarterly and as such you are receiving an interim report. The next reporting cycle will return to the more fulsome report.

This interim report does allow for an update on our summer planning. The Grey Bruce detachment area is a vacation destination for many, particularly in the summer. Your Grey Bruce OPP has developed a comprehensive plan using analytics, officer input and historical data to determine the times and locations that officers are required. Using statistical information as our guide officers will be tactically and intentionally assigned where they can have the greatest effect. Additionally, the Grey Bruce OPP has implemented a different strategy for marine patrol that should maximize our presence on our waterways.

The OPP has introduced a new tool for deployments called MET (Major Events Tool). This program is specifically designed to track major events. Officers from across the province can sign up using the MET system, indicating their availability, personal information and special skills. The majority of shifts in Grey Bruce have been filled using this program. It is important to note that municipalities will see an increased presence; however, the billing does not change and continues to be a four-year average of calls for service.

We are looking forward to a summer season of safety on our highways, trails and waterways.



**Grey-Bruce OPP Detachment
Commander**

Inspector Paul Richardson



STATISTICS SUMMARY

GREY-BRUCE / CHATSWORTH CRIME STATISTICS

See below YTD (Jan-May 2023) crime statistics for Grey-Bruce and Chatsworth over the last five (5) years.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALLS FOR SERVICE	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Grey Bruce	14,859	11,811	11,501	10,945	11,709
Chatsworth	945	745	848	887	1399

TREND: Calls for service up overall in both Chatsworth and Grey-Bruce by 25% in the year over year reporting period (Jan-May)

VIOLENT CRIME

VIOLENT CRIME	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Grey Bruce	251	228	306	244	254
Chatsworth	21	16	17	25	26

TREND: Chatsworth experiencing a 31% increase and Grey Bruce a 10% increase in violent crime from 2022. Both figures returning to near pre-pandemic numbers.

PROPERTY CRIME

PROPERTY CRIME	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Grey Bruce	499	558	543	557	605
Chatsworth	42	37	59	61	64

DRUG CRIME

DRUGS	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Grey Bruce	16	27	44	39	34
Chatsworth	2	1	4	3	2

TREND: Grey Bruce 40% decrease in drug crime in line with provincial trends related to the decriminalization of marihuana in 2018.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

See below YTD (Jan-May 2023) traffic statistics for Grey-Bruce and Chatsworth over the last five (5) years.

CRIMINAL TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Criminal Traffic	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Grey Bruce	102	84	91	70	93
Chatsworth	8	4	7	2	8

TREND:

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS

MVCs	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Alcohol/Drug Involved	Commercial Motor Vehs	Single Motor Vehs
Grey Bruce	391	1	40	13	26	237

ETICKETING

eTicket – 2023	Charges	Offence Notices	Part III Summons	Warnings
Grey Bruce	2053	1647	406	1666
Chatsworth	281	227	54	181

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT

In the first five (5) months of 2023 (Jan-May), the Traffic Management Unit (TMU), consisting of two (2) Provincial Constables, have issued *over 500 provincial offence charges, nearly 500 warnings*, and have laid additional criminal charges as it relates to impaired driving. TMU have additionally facilitated and participated in Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) enforcement projects alongside the frontline and the West Region Traffic Incident Management Enforcement (TIME) Team and the MTO with much success.

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Grey-Bruce O.P.P.
Chatsworth Police Service Board
Second Quarter (Q2) Report
2023

Detachment Commander:
Inspector Paul Richardson

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DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT



Grey-Bruce OPP Detachment Commander

Inspector Paul Richardson



I am pleased to introduce the Q2 (Quarter two) Police Service Report. Our communities are in full summer mode and the traffic in the area is an indication that our area remains a popular destination for travelers. The Q2 report covers both the Township of Chatsworth and all of Grey Bruce and reflects the future of one detachment, one board.

The OPP has introduced an electronic tool to manage large deployments across the province and the Grey Bruce detachment is benefiting from the tool. The Grey Bruce detachment will post available Grey Bruce shifts on a centrally available web page, which allows officers from across the province the opportunity to support Grey Bruce during the busy summer months. The new process has realized several new officers to the county. Who knows, maybe some of them will enjoy it so much they may return full time!

The impaired operation charges across the detachment area remain a concern. Our officers are diligently conducting RIDE throughout the area and the impaired charges area result of their hard work. The OPP continues to educate the public on the perils of impaired operation and the other significant detractors to road safety.

Two Grey Bruce members were recently recognized by Grey Highland for their contributions to public safety. Staff Sergeant Anderson and Provincial Constable O'Neill were awarded the "Police Officer of the Year". It was a special day when these two deserving officers were recognized by the Police Service Board and communities they serve.

Although a definitive date has not been identified the implementation of one detachment, one board is anticipated therefore the reports will continue to reflect that eventuality. I look forward to the efficiencies and collaboration that the complexion of the new board will foster.

As people travel to and from the Grey Bruce area, I encourage all to respect speed limits, avoid distractions, drive sober and use safety/restraint devices. Stay safe everyone!

CRIME

CRIME UNIT

Supervisor: Detective Sergeant Byron Schwass

The Grey Bruce County Major Crime Unit (7 Detectives) led, assisted, or supervised 61 Benchmark Occurrences April 1st, to June 30th, 2023. This includes 25 Sudden Death investigations, (3 Opiate overdoses) 13 reported sexual assaults, 3 Indecent Acts, 2 serious armed robberies, 2 robberies without weapons, and 3 large \$ frauds.

Noteworthy cases:

Within this period, Grey Bruce OPP responded to 2 serious armed robbery occurrences. One was a business on Saugeen First Nation where shots were fired during the robbery, the second being the takeover armed robbery of the Dundalk Credit Union.

The Saugeen First Nation robbery resulted in two Toronto/Waterloo men arrested, one prohibited firearm seized, and drugs suspected to be cocaine and fentanyl.

The Dundalk Credit Union robbery has been linked to several other Credit Union robberies across Southern Ontario. A Grey Bruce DC has been assigned as a member of a multi-jurisdictional investigative team on this unsolved robbery.

A large multi-national fraud investigation is currently underway with this Crime Unit, the OPP Crypto/Cyber Crime Unit, and the FBI regarding a suspect, or suspect group, operating within Grey County. One DC has been assigned and the matter is on going.

A pedestrian/motor vehicle fatality was deemed a criminal act versus a traffic incident and the OPP Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB) engaged, case managing numerous area Detectives. A lengthy detailed investigation led to recent charges of Dangerous Driving Causing Death being laid.

One DC has been the primary investigator on an opiate death from 2021 where 2 Toronto suspects have been identified as the traffickers of fentanyl and arrests are pending.

This Unit is also assisting other Major Crime Units with investigations/statements and providing guidance to uniform personnel on criminal investigations. One DC is currently assigned on a homicide in Wellington County.

The Grey Bruce Major Crime Unit continues to follow up leads, prepare for court, and investigate several ongoing Homicides which fall under the direction of OPP Criminal Investigations Branch (CIB). The SPRUNG Homicide (Meaford) completed the preliminary inquiry for 1st degree Murder and is now proceeding to trial. The SOLOMON Homicide (Saugeen First Nation) trial pending. The JACKSON attempt murder (North Bruce Peninsula) is still under active investigation, and the HIBMA Manslaughter (Sauble Beach) is also proceeding to trial.

COMMUNITY STREET CRIME UNIT | CSCU

Supervisor: Detective Sergeant Jamie Blair

The Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) Grey Bruce (5 Detectives & 2 vacancies) currently has 30 active drug or property crime investigations ongoing in various stages.

Detective Sergeant Jamie BLAIR returned from his assignment and is back running the unit.

One Detective Constable is off until August, leaving us with two members in Grey-Bruce.

Members of CSCU are still following up on a number of investigations that resulted in the recovery of stolen property. Officers are currently linking occurrences and clearing these up.

CSCU has four parallel drug trafficking investigations linked to Opioid overdoses in the area underway. Officers are obtaining judicial authorization to search cell phones and other electronic devices seized from the scene. In two investigation the Cellphone download has been completed and the information is currently being reviewed for useful evidence.

In response to the number of Opioid related occurrences officers are actively undertaking a number of proactive drug investigations in the area.

Grey Bruce CSCU continues to prioritize local crime trends, the opioid crises and targeting local people identified in property thefts. CSCU members are committed to continuous learning and are attending training when time permits. CSCU has developed local training initiatives for front line members to promote officer safety and enhance their local knowledge on the current drug and property crimes trends in the area.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE

MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM | MCRT

Provincial Constable Ang Hastings

The Mobile Crisis Response Team has been busy in Grey Bruce attending live calls with frontline officers, conducting followups and making community referrals.

As the programs grows and fulfills the needs of the community the need for additional clinicians has been identified and another clicinian, a registered nurse, with decades of experience in the correctional community has been hired to join the Grey-Bruce MCRT team. While this novel program establishes itself in the community it continutes to grow and evolve to meet the needs of our community members and better connect those in crisis with immediate assistance and to address the outstanding needs of the at risk members facing mental health and addiction related crises and ongoing issues.

While only 40% of mental health calls for service occur during MCRT working hours, over 90% of all mental health related calls are actioned by MCRT at the time of or after the fact. When a clinician is present for a mental health apprehension the likelihood of hospital admission increases by 10% on average. Since the implementation of the MCRT program the reduction in officers hours spent at hospital has been substantial, and those in need are more quickly and directly connected to the community resources they need.

MEDIA

Provincial Constable Krista Linthorne

In late June 2023 the Grey-Bruce OPP welcomed a new Community Services and Media Relations Officer, Provincial Constable Krista Linthorne. She grew up in the Grey-Bruce area and has been employed with the Ontario Provincial Police for 8.5 years. You can connect with PC Linthorne at the Wiarton OPP detachment or through media releases and her social media posts across Grey-Bruce at police functions and community events alike.

The Grey-Bruce OPP wishes PC Nick Wilson well in his new role with the Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement Team with the West Region OPP Highway Safety Division. As Nick passes the reigns to Krista he will be busy keeping the roadways, waterways and trails of southwestern Ontario safe in his new traffic oriented role after completing his tenure serving Grey-Bruce as the Community Safety, School Resource and Media Relations Officer.

PC Linthorne will be showcasing how the Grey Bruce OPP contributes to crime prevention, law enforcement, assisting victims of crime and community engagement.

One notable social media post which gained a lot of media attention was on June 26th a Lamborghini was stopped for stunt driving. This post had over 4000 comments on Facebook. The Grey Bruce OPP is committed to road safety.

For all social media pages see CONTACT INFORMATION on page 12.



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This Lamborghini driver will be walking for the next 30 days after the #GreyBruceOPP found this vehicle was going over 140km/hr in an 80 km/hr zone on Bruce Road 8. ^kl #slowdown #enjoythejourney



CRIME STOPPERS

Provincial Constable Brad Tichborne

Grey-Bruce Crime Stoppers – 203 new tips have been received during the second quarter of 2023, which is ahead of the second quarter of 2022 by 73 tips. Grey Bruce OPP tips: 86 (39%).

In the second quarter of 2023 Georgian Bluffs, the Brockton PSB, Arran-Elderslie, Meaford, and the Owen Sound PSB donated to our program, and we are very grateful for their support. We continue to reach out to each of the Police Services Boards and Municipalities of Grey and Bruce to request funding commitments for our program.

AUXILIARY

Auxiliary S/Sgt Tom Buckley

Provincial Constable Shaun Hierlihy

GREY-BRUCE AUXILIARY HOURS BY MONTH

2022	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS	60.75	151.5	165.5	206.0	470.5	286.0	445.5	318.5	357.0	368.75	299.25	296.5
2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS	250	204	340	412	240	202						

May had two members and the Liaison interview a candidate for the Auxiliary program. An Auxiliary member prepared a Manual on OPP Drill Procedures for the Program Office to be used at Auxiliary Recruit classes. As well the same member prepared a presentation on Marine procedures to assist the Unit members when they assist OPP Boat Operators on marine patrols that was presented at one of the meetings in Wiarton. The member responsible for setting up and moving the Speed Spy program plus updating the Speeding Charges sign had one set up/change this month. A member also provided airport transfer for a Regular member that had been on a deployment. An OPP recruiting session presentation was held at Sauble with two Auxiliary members attending to assist the Staff. A member attended Western Region Head Quarters in London for a weekend to take the 2 day Safeguard training course. Plans are being put in place this month for Food Drives to take place during July and August as a result of the successful one conducted last year.

June had an interview conducted about an Auxiliary member who is in the process to join the regular force. Two Safeguard trained members assisted another Auxiliary member to do a Safeguard evaluation in Orangeville. The member responsible for setting up and moving the Speed Spy program plus updating the Speeding Charges sign had two set up/changes this month. A member also provided airport transfer for a Regular member that was attending training out of province. A bike patrol was done in Sauble Beach and a Bike Rodeo was held at Saugeen FN. An Auxiliary member assisted on Marine Patrols as well to move equipment from another detachment to Meaford detachment. Food Drives have been scheduled for July and August in several locations. Patrols with Regular officers were conducted in a number of Zones this month.

STATISTICS SUMMARY

CRIME STATISTICS

The below statistics are for the second quarter (Q2) of each respective year.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALLS FOR SERVICE		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Q2	Chatsworth	615	528	542	478	883
	Grey-Bruce	10,095	8,928	7,919	7,662	8,083

While Calls for Service in Grey-Bruce have increased by 25% over the last five (5) years – *during the same time periods calls for service in Chatsworth have decreased by 30%.*

VIOLENT CRIME

VIOLENT CRIME		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Q2	Chatsworth	13	19	14	12	25
	Grey-Bruce	168	149	168	145	170

PROPERTY CRIME

PROPERTY CRIME		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Q2	Chatsworth	31	25	38	36	35
	Grey-Bruce	351	411	364	386	354

There was a 24% increase in property crime in Chatsworth during Q2 2023 and a 15% overall decrease in Grey-Bruce.

DRUG CRIME

DRUGS		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Q2	Chatsworth	1	0	2	0	0
	Grey-Bruce	11	26	27	35	22

An overall 58% decrease in drug related calls for service in Grey-Bruce.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

The below statistics are for the second quarter (Q2) of each respective year.

CRIMINAL TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Criminal Traffic	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Chatsworth	5	2	0	1	5
Grey-Bruce	59	66	51	72	62

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS

MVCs	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Chatsworth	16	24	26	17	21
Grey Bruce	298	308	255	223	317

YEAR TO DATE COLLISION DATA

YTD - January – June 2023

GREY BRUCE	Year to Date						Trend 2018→2023	5 Year Average	% Difference Current vs Previous 5 Year Average
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018			
Number of Fatal Roadway Collisions	1	3	2	1	1	2		2	-44%
Number of Non-Fatal Injury Roadway Collisions	61	54	65	42	72	81		63	-3%
Number of Total Roadway Collisions	498	562	408	397	542	586		499	0%
Number of Traffic Stops	3,581	2,468	2,125	2,551	4,603	5,107		3,371	6%
Number of Big 4 Charges	1,185	975	764	974	1,543	1,876		1,226	-3%
Number of Total Charges	3,349	2,595	2,369	2,445	3,431	3,529		2,874	17%

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT | TMU

During the second quarter (Q2) of 2023 the Grey-Bruce Traffic Management Unit (TMU), consisting of two Provincial Constables, had a combined total of 315 traffic occurrences resulting in 322 total charges. 243 offence notices issued and 79 court summons were issued. Additionally, over 256 warnings were issued by the TMU during the second quarter of 2023.

TMU - Q2

The Grey Bruce OPP Traffic Management Unit second-quarter results highlights their ongoing commitment to ensuring road safety and enforcing traffic laws in the region. The unit's diligent efforts have resulted in a significant number of charges and warnings issued, as well as successful collaborations with community partners.

During the second quarter, the Grey Bruce OPP Traffic Management Unit issued a total of 322 provincial offence charges, demonstrating their dedication to upholding traffic regulations and promoting safe driving habits within the community. These charges reflect their proactive approach in addressing traffic violations and ensuring the well-being of all road users.

In addition to the charges issued, the unit provided 256 warnings to motorists, serving as a reminder to adhere to traffic laws and encouraging safer driving practices. Warnings are an essential part of the unit's efforts to educate and raise awareness among the public, fostering a culture of responsible driving and reducing the risk of accidents.

The Grey Bruce OPP Traffic Management Unit's commitment to combating impaired driving remains unwavering. During the second quarter, they successfully laid four impaired driving charges, emphasizing their determination to remove impaired drivers from the road and protect the community from potential harm. These charges serve as a reminder that driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be tolerated, and enforcement measures will be taken to ensure public safety.

One of the highlights of the second quarter was the Grey Bruce Traffic Unit's collaboration with community partners, including the Saugeen Shores Police Service, Hanover Police Service, West Grey Police Service, Owen Sound Police Service, and the Ministry of Transportation. Together, they organized and executed a four-day joint force commercial motor vehicle blitz. This operation aimed to enhance commercial vehicle safety, inspect compliance with transportation regulations, and ensure the safe transportation of goods throughout the region. The successful partnership between law enforcement agencies and the Ministry of Transportation highlights the unit's commitment to working collaboratively to promote road safety. The four-day blitz resulted in 117 commercial motor vehicles being inspected, 72 charges laid, 60 warnings issued, and 66 commercial motor vehicles being placed out of service for a variety of different safety violations.

The Grey Bruce OPP Traffic Management Unit's achievements in the second quarter exemplify their ongoing efforts to ensure safer roadways for all residents and visitors. Through their enforcement initiatives, education campaigns, and collaborative partnerships, they are actively working towards creating a community where road safety is a top priority.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Grey-Bruce OPP is honoured to have the hard work and dedication of two members recognized by the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

Staff Sergeant Anderson and Provincial Constable O'Neill received the highly coveted titled of "Police Officer of the Year" in June.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – OPP RECRUITING

OPP Cadet Program is Hiring Province Wide!

If you are looking for a job to better discover a career in policing, why not consider becoming a cadet? The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is hiring cadets across the province.

The OPP Cadet Program focuses on enhancing the career development and experience of future OPP police constable candidates. Cadets assist frontline officers with administrative duties and through engagement with their communities by supporting crime prevention and public safety initiatives. Cadet positions are a one-year contract with the possibility of an extension for one additional year. Cadets undergo a two-week paid training course, and no previous experience in law or security is required. To be eligible to become a cadet you must be between the ages of 18-25 years of age at the date of application. The position is full-time with flexibility to work part-time subject to the applicant being enrolled in and attending school.

Applications for the Cadet Program will be accepted beginning Monday July 17, 2023, through and until Friday August 11, 2023. After careful review, successful applicants will be identified for the first scheduled intake class taking place fall 2023.

Candidates who are interested are encouraged to visit opp.ca/cadet to learn more about the role, minimum qualifications, and how to apply.

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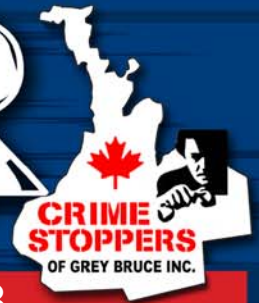


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A hand is shown pointing at a digital interface. The interface has a dark blue background with various icons: a magnifying glass, a cloud, a location pin, a gear, and a shield. The word "FRAUD" is prominently displayed in the center. Below the hand, there are three logos: the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) crest, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) logo, and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) crest. The CAFC logo is circular with a red maple leaf in the center and the text "CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE" and "CENTRE ANTIFRAUDE DU CANADA" around it. The background also features a faint grid pattern and some data-like elements.

FRAUD

Turning off the supply of victims



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Program Coordinator's Quarterly Report

January 1 To March 31, 2023

Drew Kalte - Program Coordinator

Tip Statistics For January 1 To March 31, 2023

- Total Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile, including follow ups): 633
- New Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile): 168

213 Tips Allocated

(45 tips were allocated to multiple recipients)

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| • Grey Bruce OPP: | (38%) |
| • South Bruce OPP: | (19%) |
| • The Blue Mountains OPP: | (0.5%) |
| • Owen Sound Police Service: | (14%) |
| • Hanover Police Service: | (10%) |
| • Saugeen Shores Police Service: | (10%) |
| • West Grey Police Service: | (5%) |
| • Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation Police: | (0%) |
| • Ontario MNRF: | (1.5%) |
| • Ontario MOF (contraband tobacco): | (0.5%) |
| • Ontario MECP (environment, conservation, parks): | (0%) |
| • OPP Contraband Tobacco | (0.5%) |
| • OPP Historic Crimes: | (0%) |
| • OPP AGCO Investigations: | (0%) |
| • OPP Anti Human Trafficking Unit: | (1%) |
| • RCMP: | (0%) |
| • CBSA: | (0%) |

TIP TOTALS - YEAR TO DATE

168 new tips have been received during the first quarter of 2023, which is ahead of the first quarter of 2022 by 38 tips.

MEDIA

- LITE 99.3, Bayshore Broadcasting, Bounce Radio 92.3, Blackburn Radio (Cool 94.5 & 101.7 The One), Shoreline Classics, and Bluewater Radio continue to receive *Crime of the Week* segments that are sent out from our office on a weekly basis.
- Monthly *Crime of the Week* columns are forwarded to the *Bruce County Marketplace* magazine.
- *Crimes of the Week* are being forwarded to the *Owen Sound Hub* and the *Saugeen Times* online news, as well as Eastlink TV.

FUNDRAISING

- *Nevada Ticket* revenues are declining but continue to assist in funding rewards.
- We applied for funding from the Port Elgin, Hanover, and Owen Sound Walmarts for 2023.
- We applied to the *Community Services Recovery Fund* toward developing a supporter membership initiative and upgrading the required technology.

- In the first quarter of 2023 Northern Bruce Peninsula donated to our program, and we are very grateful for their support.
- We have reached out to each of the Police Services Boards and Municipalities of Grey and Bruce to request funding commitments for our program.
- In the first quarter of 2023 the Kincardine, Hanover, and Owen Sound Royal Canadian Legions generously donated a combined \$2,500 to our program.
- We are planning a summer-long 50/50 raffle, and separate 50/50 raffles in conjunction with four classic car events during the summer.

EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS

The winter 2023 edition of *TIPSTER Magazine* was released in January. This is the fifth edition of the magazine which features articles and editorials focusing on regional current and historic crimes and community safety topics. It has been very well received by our partners and the community.

CRIME STOPPERS BOARD

With the addition of one new member we currently have ten members on our Board of Directors. We are continuing to recruit new members to the Board and are seeking specific skill sets, such as a Treasurer and people with fundraising experience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- We will be attending the Meaford *50+ Lifestyle and Leisure Connections Fair* on Thursday April 20, 2023.
- Our 31st Annual Golf Tournament is set for Thursday June 1, 2023 at Saugeen Golf Club in Port Elgin and arrangements are well underway.
- We are participating in the *South Bruce County Classic Car Tour* on June 25, 2023; *The Bruce Peninsula Classic Car Run* on August 13, 2023; and the *Keppel Classic Colour Tour* on September 24, 2023;
- The *Sauble Beach Sunset Cruisers Classic Car Shows* on Tuesday nights from June 13 to September 12, 2023.

CRIME STOPPERS OF GREY BRUCE **Statistics Since Inception May 1987**

Tip Reports	18,001
Arrests	1,767
Charges	2,454
Cases Cleared	2,737
Property Recovered	\$4,624,501
Narcotics Recovered	\$50,173,114
Rewards Approved	\$287,060

Please don't pay the con artist

Over \$72,000 lost year to date in Southern Bruce County

by Cst. Kevin Martin

This is Fraud Prevention month, and the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is asking residents to continue watching out for cons and scams after more than \$72,000 has been sent to scammers, year-to-date, by residents of Southern Bruce County.

Cons and scams are attempted daily through online platforms, by phone, by letter mail, or by fax. The reality is that fraud is a multi-million-dollar enterprise that will only end when the con artists stop making money.

Year to date; Twenty-four fraud reports have been received by the South Bruce OPP. Seven of these scam attempts resulted in total dollar losses of \$72,950. All of these "successful" scams were for the purchase of goods arranged online.

Although scammers will change tactics and come up with new schemes, here are some of the common "tools" in a con artists toolbox:

- **Spoofing.** Appears to be contact from a friend, legitimate company or even a branch of the government, but it's not. They can manipulate caller-ID to display a number they want. To avoid the scam; end the call and connect with the real person, company, branch of the government. If it's an email, hover over "reply" and see what email address shows up.
- **Urgency.** "Act now", "limited time offer", "click now". The scammer doesn't want you to consider the offer as suspi-

cious. To avoid the scam; time is on your side. Verify the contact BEFORE you go any further.

- **Emotional manipulation.** Con artists will play on your emotions to get your money. Romance scam, emergency scam, grandparent scam, charity scam. To avoid the scam; be suspicious when they play on your emotions. Check out the Anti-Fraud Centre's A-Z index of scams, maybe this is a listed scam.
- **Pop-ups.** Boxes that appear on your computer or device screen. "You've won a prize", "your device is infected", etc. A toll-free number is provided for you to call. To avoid the scam; install anti-virus, pop-up blockers, clear your cache, block cookies - when possible. Don't use public Wi-Fi - particularly for online banking. Never call the number in a pop-up.

The South Bruce OPP is offering you some tips to help protect you from a con artist:

- If it sounds too good to be true, it likely is.
- Remember that you can't win a contest that you didn't enter in the first place.
- If you have a concern about your computer, take it to a reputable repair shop for service. Do not provide remote access to a "tech" that calls you out of the blue
- Gift cards are a red flag. If someone contacts you and directs you to buy gift cards, you need to hang up the phone.
- Your best defence is to verify any unsolicited contact. Unsolicited means that you didn't ask for it.

Anyone interested in more information on fraud can contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1 888 495 8501 or check online at <http://www.antifraudcentre.ca/>.

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Tackling Fraud Crime

Turning off the supply of victims

by Nicole Brockbank (CBC)

Police and prosecutors work together from the beginning at the Serious Fraud Office.

More than 500 investors from across Canada lost about \$40 million altogether between 2013 and 2017 in a Ponzi scheme orchestrated by a Barrie, Ont., man involving point-of-sale terminals that never existed.

When Charles DeBono claimed he sold the company, Debit Direct, and took off to the Dominican Republic with investors' money, reports flooded at least nine different police services.



"Initially, it was very unorganized," said Peter Hammond, one of DeBono's victims, who lost \$55,000. "Depending on who you were, and where you were calling from, they'd direct you to one police department or another."

But then, a newly formed initiative that brought police and prosecutors in Ontario together to try and tackle major fraud took on the case and centralized the investigation. *Project Debit Direct* was one of the first cases the province's Serious Fraud Office (SFO) worked on after forming five years ago.

Last June, after a four-year investigation and prosecution, DeBono was sentenced to seven years in prison, which was cut down to just over four years after he received credit for pre-sentence custody. DeBono was also ordered to pay nearly \$29 million in restitution to victims.

The case exemplifies both the benefits of dedicated fraud resources and specialists working together — and the limitations even those efforts face when it comes to victims recoup-

ing their losses.

"We're going in after the fact where we're fighting uphill," said Det. Supt. Dominic Chong, director of the Serious Fraud Office for the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

"We have restrained or seized about \$2.4 million in Canadian funds and about \$4 million US in the Dominican — that's a drop in the bucket."

Trying to set precedents

Since its inception in 2018, Ontario's SFO's investigation branch has taken on 12 cases, Chong said, which are generally lengthy and take years. So far, investigators have laid charges in four of those cases. Two are still before the courts, and the other two, which includes the Debit Direct case, ended in convictions.

"I look at the SFO as a centre of excellence for fraud investigation and fraud prevention," said Chong.

"If there is something out there that no other police or law enforcement agencies have tackled before, and if we can successfully address that issue — that kind of sets the benchmark for other agencies and other police services to follow."

Chong credits the SFO's ability to take on those kinds of cases to resources that allow it to overcome some challenges facing other fraud investigators. Unlike other units, the office is self-sufficient when it comes to otherwise shared resources such as digital forensics, includes full-time investigators from both the OPP and several Greater Toronto Area police services and works with dedicated Crown attorneys from the get-go.

"Fraud investigations are very complicated," he said. "It would be very challenging to have a Crown attorney assigned at the end of the investigation and be able to catch up enough to understand a case and be able to effectively prosecute the case."



Det. Supt. Dominic Chong

Fraud prosecutors could help address dropped charges

Extending fraud specialization from police to prosecutors is one way to address the roughly half of fraud charges Crown lawyers end up dropping in Ontario, according to the president of the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform.

“You could reduce that substantially if you knew that the prosecutors that are dealing with these cases are specialists in this area, and that they are dealing with judges who also are specialists in this area,” said Peter German, a lawyer and former deputy commissioner of the RCMP.

“I think it will reduce a lot of the disclosure problems.”

CBC Toronto requested an interview with the SFO’s chief Crown counsel to learn more about how the prosecution side operates, but Ontario’s Ministry of the Attorney General declined the request.

German argues Canada needs a national strategy for financial crime.

“Federal, provincial, municipal governments have to sit down at the table and say, ‘this is a significant issue,’” said German. “It’s not just for the politicians, it’s also for those that work within policing systems, prosecutorial systems, and the courts to advocate what they feel can best deal with this problem.”



Peter German

Last year’s federal budget provided \$2 million to Public Safety Canada to begin the initial work of developing and designing a Canada Financial Crimes Agency, which would become the national enforcement body for investigating complex financial crimes. But at this point the scope of jurisdiction for the proposed agency and how that would affect police services across the country remains unclear.

‘Fraud impacts everyone’

Outside of bolstering and fixing enforcement systems, many of the fraud experts CBC Toronto spoke to put just as much or more emphasis on changing the way society thinks about victims.

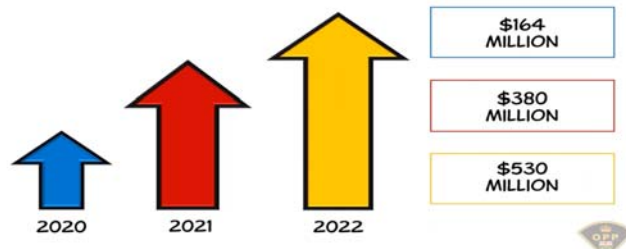
“We need to create this critical mass in terms of understanding fraud impacts everyone,” said Chong.

The OPP — and by proxy, Chong — oversee both the investigations branch and adjunct services for the SFO. The office’s adjunct services include crime prevention, public education, training and victim services.

“What we realized when the SFO was established was that the victims of fraud really were not receiving the appropriate support that they need through no fault of anybody, just limited resources,” said Chong. “Fraud is often forgotten.”

SFO’s victim services liaise with the victims in their cases

2022 CANADA LOSSES



throughout the process, from investigation through prosecution and beyond.

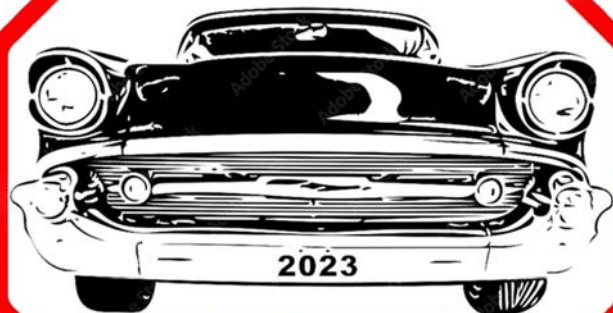
Aline Vlasceanu would like to see that kind of support expanded so fraud victims have access to the same services as other victims of crime.

“The psychological impact, the social impact, the financial impact, the emotional toll that it takes on victims is just as big as if it were a violent crime,” said Vlasceanu, executive director of Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime.

Given the limited police resources, Chong sees public education as the strongest tool to fight fraud — whether that be warning bulletins about prominent frauds from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, or the SFO flagging scams to affected industry groups or communities being targeted.

“What we need to do is turn off the supply of victims, and limit the number of people that can be victimized by fraudsters.”

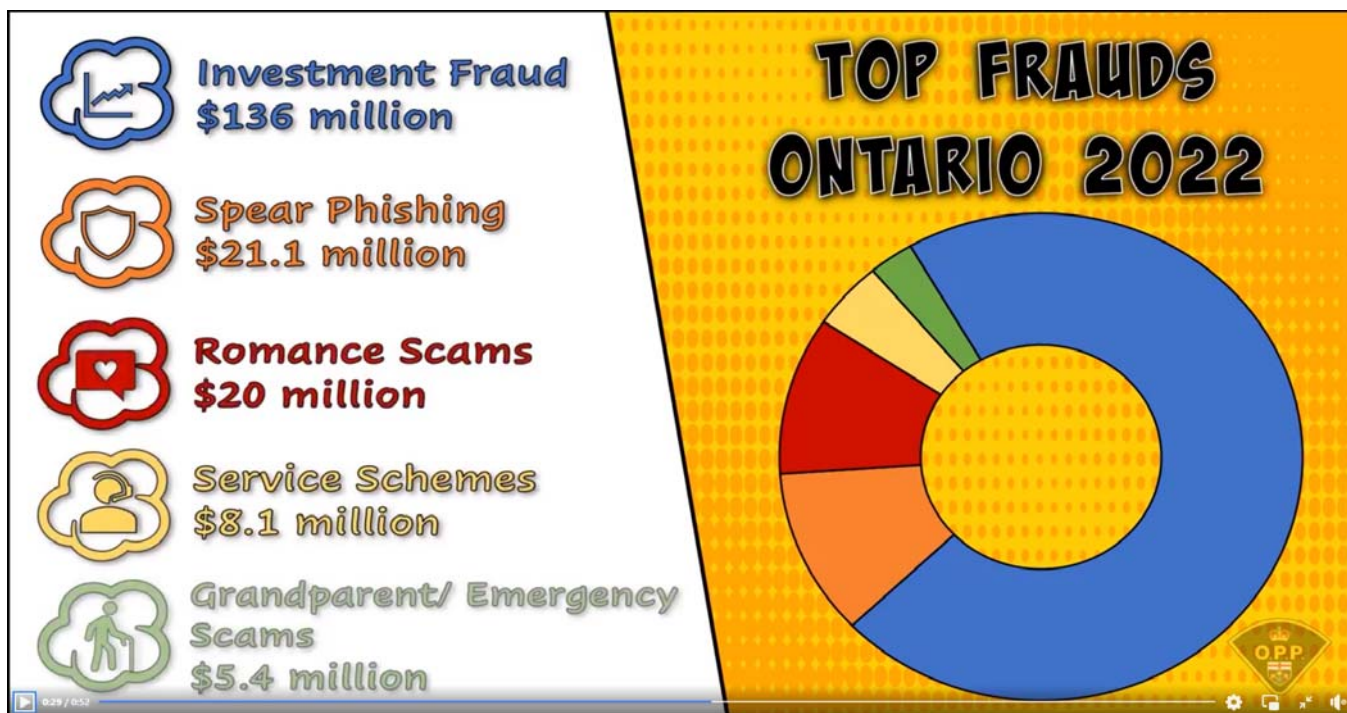
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With all demographic groups being expected to use technology for many facets of their lives, Canadians are being increasingly targeted by cyber criminals.

Being able to recognize these techniques will go a long way in helping to combat cyber crimes. In the past decade, technology has completely transformed the fraud landscape, which is more widespread and sophisticated than ever before. With the public's help the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre wants to deliver information, tips and strategies for Ontarians to fight back.

In 2022, the CAFC received fraud reports totalling a staggering \$530 million in victim losses. This was nearly a 40 per cent increase from the 2021, unprecedented \$380 million in losses. In 2021, approximately 75 per cent of all reports the CAFC received were cyber enabled, and this is expected to increase year-over-year. It is estimated that only 5-10 per cent of victims report scams and frauds to the CAFC or law enforcement.

According to the CAFC, in 2022, the top frauds affecting Canadians on a daily basis were:

- Investment frauds represented \$308 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$136 million.
- Romance frauds represented \$59 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$20 million.
- Spear phishing frauds (Business Email Compromise) represented \$58 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$21.1 million.
- Service scams represented \$20.5 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$8.1 million.

- Extortion frauds represented \$19 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$4.8 million.

How fraudsters use technology

Fraudsters will create spoofed websites, will use spoofed telephone numbers using Voice over internet protocol (VoIP) to mimic legitimate numbers, will have victims download remote entry software providing access to devices and computers or send out phishing texts pretending to be businesses or governments offering refunds.

Dominic Chong, Detective Superintendent, Director of Anti-Rackets Branch & Serious Fraud Office of the Ontario Provincial Police, points out that citizens must be vigilant watching out for predators ever seeking to take advantage of the naive or vulnerable.

"Fraud continues to devastate lives in Ontario and across this country," Chong says. "One of the best ways to combat fraudsters is to be armed with knowledge, information and awareness. I encourage everyone to learn the information and tips being made available to protect yourself, and to share these with your loved ones to help protect them. Together we can fight back and lessen the impact of fraud on our communities."

"Every year millions of dollars are defrauded from the citizens of Ontario utilizing various means and schemes. Together we can spot fraud and help to prevent our loved ones and friends from becoming victims," Chong concluded.



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FRAUD: RECOGNIZE, REJECT, REPORT

FRAUD PREVENTION MONTH

(OTTAWA, ON) - The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC), Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and Competition Bureau of Canada launched their 19th edition of the Fraud Prevention Month (FPM) in March.

This years' Fraud Prevention Month focused on *"Tricks of the trade: What's in a fraudster's toolbox?"*. The campaign reflects a need to educate and equip Ontario consumers and businesses alike about some of the most common fraud techniques in the marketplace right now.

Readers are encouraged to copy and distribute this material widely.

A graphic for 'PHONE THREAT' featuring a black telephone handset on a corkboard background. The handset is on the left, and the title 'PHONE THREAT' is in large white letters on a red banner. Below the title, it says 'Be extremely cautious if...'. The OPP logo is in the top right corner.

PHONE THREAT
Be extremely cautious if...

- 1 Caller says they are **The CANADA REVENUE AGENCY**, organizations would:
Never request payment by prepaid credit or gift cards.
Never threatens with court charges, jail or deportation.
- 2 Caller claims to be **TECH SUPPORT** company:
Never agree to unsolicited PC or technical support.
- 3 Caller claims to be a **BANK INSPECTOR** asking you to help catch a criminal:
Never withdraw money from your account to assist in an undercover operation.
- 4 Caller claims to be your **GRANDCHILD** in trouble and needs money sent immediately:
Never send money before verifying details with police or CAFC.

NOT SURE? HANG UP!

A graphic for 'DOOR THREAT' featuring a hand turning a silver door handle. The title 'DOOR THREAT' is in large white letters on a blue banner. Below the title, it says 'Be extremely cautious if...'. The OPP logo is in the top left corner.

DOOR THREAT
Be extremely cautious if...

- 1 **UNKNOWN** person at your door:
DO NOT open it...
Talk through it!
- 2 If approached in **YOUR YARD**:
DO NOT invite them in!
- 3 Suspicious **SALESPERSON** tries to rush you to buy something:
REFUSE!
- 4 Salesperson suggests they are **WORKING IN YOUR AREA**:
DO NOT believe them...
Get Estimates!

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EMERGENCY-GRANDPARENT SCAM

Fraudsters are targeting seniors by calling and pretending to be a family member in distress, the police or a justice official claiming that a loved one or grandchild is in trouble, and needs money immediately. Victims are told there's a gag order, and can't speak to anyone.

PROTECT YOURSELF



Fraudsters...

-  **Call demanding immediate payment for bail, or fines to avoid going to jail.**
Remember! The courts won't ask for cash to bail out someone in custody, and will require people to be present in court.
-  **Claim to be a lawyer, police or family member in an emergency situation demanding funds.**
Be suspicious of call that require immediate actions. Hang up! Call your local police and contact the family member directly.
-  **Request cash and send couriers for pick up, or demand the victim send cash by courier services or via cryptocurrency.**
Never send cash, cryptocurrencies or any other funds to unknown persons, unverified addresses or bank accounts.

If you believe you have been scammed, contact your local police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre:

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FRAUD. Recognize. Reject. Report.

REMEMBER

You could be eligible for a reward up to \$2,000 if your tip leads to an arrest or recovery of property.



Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce

Multiple vehicle's rolled for catalytic converters



On January 13, 2023, Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report of multiple thefts of vehicle components at a gravel pit in Aberfoyle. Investigators discovered that overnight unknown persons entered the compound, turned over seven vehicles and removed their catalytic converters.

OPP continue to investigate and are asking anyone with information related to this crime or have access to surveillance footage in this area to contact Wellington County OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Investigators are looking to identify a White Ford F-250 single cab, with a steel rear bed liner and toolbox that was in the area.

Any person with information regarding this person should contact the Wellington County OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a tip online at www.csgw.tips. You may be eligible for a reward from Crime Stoppers of up to \$2,000.



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Saugeen First Nation - Break & Enter



On February 27, 2023 at 1:24 a.m. police responded to a break and enter at a business along Highway 21 on the Saugeen First Nation.

Police are seeking to identify one of the involved individuals, described as:

- 30-40 years of age
- Approximately 6 feet tall
- Gray jacket
- Gray ball cap worn backwards
- Running shoes

Arran Township - Truck Theft



VIN # 1GCGK23R2XF059041

Sometime between January 11, 2023 and January 22, 2023, a gray ¾ ton Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck, bearing plates AY80666, was taken from a residence along Concession 4 in Arran Township. The VIN is 1GCGK23R2XF059041.

During the same time period, a red Kawasaki Bayou ATV was taken from an outbuilding on the property. The ATV has no license plate attached, but the serial number is JKALF8C1GVB562452.

Meaford - Residential Break & Enter



On January 23, 2023 police began investigating a break and enter that occurred at a residence on Highway 6 & 10 in the Municipality of Meaford.

Police are asking for assistance in identifying a person of interest, described as male, roughly 40-50 years of age, approximately 5 foot 10 inches to 6 feet tall, and wearing a light coloured jacket and toque.

Kincardine - Break & Enter, Damage

On February 16, 2023 at 4:07 a.m., police responded to an alarm at a local business on Lambton Street in Kincardine to discover that an unknown individual had gained entry and caused damage to the inside of the building.

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Huron Kinloss - Break & Enter



South Bruce OPP are seeking the public's help with a Township of Huron-Kinloss break and enter investigation.

Although police know this individual is wearing a mask, have a look at the photo and see if you can identify the suspect:

Port Elgin - Theft (Shoplifting)



Saugeen Shores Police Service are seeking the public's help in identifying two males connected to a shoplifting.

On December 28, 2022 two unidentified males entered the Shoppers Drug Mart, located on Goderich Street in Port Elgin. The men proceeded to steal several bottles of perfume, valued at approximately \$800.

Georgian Bluffs - Business Break & Enter



On January 7, 2023 police responded to an alarm at Peavey Mart, located on the Sunset Strip in Georgian Bluffs, and discovered that a suspect gained access to the store and broke into a locked glass display, stealing three handgun style BB guns and a pellet rifle, valued at \$568. The suspect fled on foot prior to police arrival.

The suspect was recorded on security video and appeared to be a male in his 30's, wearing a black face covering, red/orange winter jacket, a purple "DC" sweatshirt, gray toque, blue jeans, black shoes, gloves, and a dark coloured backpack.

Chatsworth - Theft (Shoplifting)



Police received a report of theft that occurred at a retailer in Chatsworth. It was reported that an unknown person entered the store and shoplifted a quantity of goods.



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Serial # **F22031879**
Value \$4,145.97



(SOUTH HURON, ON) - Huron County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is actively investigating an overnight break, enter and theft that took place in Exeter.

In the early morning hours of Saturday March 18th, 2023, unknown suspect(s) forced entry into a business located on Main Street in Exeter. Once inside the business, the suspect(s) stole a quantity of skateboards, shoes, an Apple iPhone, and two e-bikes. The total value of stolen items exceeds \$10,000.

The two e-bikes are unique as one has orange striping and the other is a light grey colour (shown in photos).

ATV STOLEN FROM RURAL PROPERTY



(VIN # **4XASXM95XMB779547**)

(ASHFIELD-COLBORNE-WAWANOSH TWP, ON) - Huron County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating the theft of a 2021 Polaris Sportsman All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) from a rural residence located on Dungannon Road in Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township.

On March 11, 2023, Huron OPP officers received a report that the machine was stolen sometime overnight on March 10 to 11 from the driveway of a private property. The keys were not with the ATV.

The ATV is grey and orange in colour and is a Highlifter 1000 cc XP model with vehicle identification number (VIN) #4XASXM95XMB779547. It has two light bars and a sound system on the front that make it unique. No licence plate was attached at the time of the theft.

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Two snowmobiles and trailer stolen from parking lot



Replica Images



(GODERICH, ON) - Huron County Ontario Provincial Police are investigating the theft of two snowmobiles and a snowmobile trailer from a parking lot in Goderich.

On Sunday March 12, 2023, Huron OPP officers received a report that the snowmobiles and trailer were stolen sometime between 8:00 p.m. and 8:40 p.m. while the owner was grocery shopping at a business on Huron Road in Goderich. The trailer and snowmobiles were connected to the owner's vehicle in the main parking lot area on the south side of the grocery store. The suspect(s) removed a lock that was affixed to the trailer, then stole the trailer and two machines.

The snowmobiles and trailer are described as follows:



- White 2012 Ski doo 600 bearing Ontario licence plate #8AD969, VIN: 2BPSDDCA6CV000496
- White 2012 Ski doo 600 bearing Ontario licence plate #8AD970, VIN: 2BPSDDCAXCV000498
- Silver 1996 Hyland 8x8 open snowmobile trailer bearing Ontario licence plate #X2633L, VIN: 2H9SS1111SB059200

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



Can you help identify this individual in relation to a theft investigation in Town of The Blue Mountains and the Town of Collingwood? He was last seen driving a black Lexus sedan.

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NEWS DESK

Local Opioid deaths increasing

Seven lives have been lost in seven days due to opioids, four of those in Simcoe County region.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is issuing a dire warning of the possibility of a highly potent and potentially fatal strain of illicit opioids circulating in central Ontario.

Police say four of the suspected overdoses in the past week were in Huronia West, Orillia, Southern Georgian Bay, and Huntsville.

The ages and genders of the victims was not released "as the investigations are continuing," OPP stated.

OPP cautions the public that fentanyl is an extremely potent synthetic opioid, up to 100 times more potent than morphine and up to 40 to 50 times more potent than heroin.

Another drug currently on the streets, carfentanil, is a synthetic opioid up to 100 times more potent than fentanyl.

The prevalence of illicit opioids distributed through drug trafficking networks continues to increase, police say.

Fentanyl can be lethal in very small quantities. However, if someone's drug of choice is mixed with or contains fentanyl, it can potentially kill them, experts say.



Opioid users have a higher risk of experiencing an overdose due to fentanyl potency, especially when the fentanyl is illicit and not sourced from a pharmaceutical company, OPP states.

Police warn users that it's impossible for a user to determine the quantity of fentanyl they may be using because you can't see, smell or taste it.

Symptoms of fentanyl/opioid exposure can include:

- Difficulty walking, talking or staying awake
- Blue lips or nails
- Very small pupils
- Cold and clammy skin
- Dizziness and confusion
- Extreme drowsiness
- Choking, gurgling or snoring sounds
- Inability to wake up, even when shaken
- Slow, weak or not breathing

Residents at risk of experiencing an overdose are encouraged to have naloxone kits, which are available free of charge at the health unit. Naloxone can temporarily reverse the effects of opioids.

The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act (GSDOA) provides legal protection for individuals seeking emergency help during an overdose.

The GSDOA protects the person who seeks help, whether they stay or leave the overdose scene before help arrives, the person experiencing the overdose, and anyone else at the scene when help arrives.



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Thieves using AirTags to identify, steal high end cars, Ontario police warn

Ontario police are warning vehicle owners about thieves they say are using Apple tracking devices to identify expensive cars, track them to their home address and then steal them.

Over a 24-hour period, Ontario Provincial Police said officers from its Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry detachment were told about two instances where Apple AirTags were found on vehicles.

Police said one of the owners, notified of the devices by their iPhone, found it in the fuse box under the hood.

The thieves placed the AirTags under the vehicles while they are parked in a public space so they could later track them to the owner's homes and steal them from the driveway, police suggested.

Vehicle owners are being warned to look for AirTags on or under their cars.

"An iPhone user will receive a notification that an Air-Tag is nearby. If you own an Android phone, you can download an app called Tracker Detect, which will provide the same alert," OPP said.

Conversely, adding an AirTag to your car yourself can help to locate it if it is stolen. "You as the owner can respond using the same tools," an OPP media release said.

"Equipping your vehicle with your own AirTag could assist police in locating your vehicle if it was ever stolen."

Man Cleared for Giving Children Chocolates

(National Post)

A "suspicious older male" under investigation for handing out chocolates in the Ontario town of Hanover turned out to simply be doing random acts of kindness, police say.

On Friday, a news release from the police department in the town of 7,600 people said officers were on the lookout for a "suspicious older male" with grey hair and grey facial hair, who may have had prescription sunglasses on.

The man, the release said, had pulled over his vehicle last Wednesday afternoon, approached a youth and

offered him a box of Pot of Gold chocolates. The boy, the release noted, refused the chocolates, but the man insisted and said he was to take them home to his mom instead.

The police sprang into action, issuing a news release and noting a second suspicious incident from last Thursday in which a man had been seen taking photos of children playing in a backyard. As it turned out, the two incidents weren't linked.

"The person who handed out the 'Pot of Gold' chocolates has been identified and interviewed," wrote Police Chief Christopher Knoll on Twitter. "They handed out chocolates to several people of varying ages inspired by random act of kindness. Police determined the motives were pure and genuine. Thank you to everyone for helping us."

Police in Hanover, which is located about 180 kilometres from Toronto, are still looking for the second man who's alleged to have taken photos of kids.

Look out for crooks with gleaming smiles

On March 5, 2023, Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report of a freight theft on Highway 7 in Guelph/Eramosa Township.

It was reported that a white Volvo semi-truck and a white 53' trailer (Ontario #V2698F) labeled with decal #53101R on it, had been stolen from a storage lot.

The trailer was reported to contain approximately \$250 000 worth of toothpaste.

64 Mexicans rescued from Ontario human trafficking ring

York Regional Police say 64 Mexican-born nationals have been rescued from an international labour trafficking ring that was operating in Ontario and several people have been charged.

Deputy police chief Alvaro Almeida told reporters on Friday that the information learned through Project Norte was "just as disturbing as it is compelling." "Sixty-four of them were subject to deplorable living conditions with no way out," Almeida said. "Our members were shocked at the conditions they were living in."

"If anyone suspects a farm, factory, warehouse or any other business mistreating foreign workers please report it to the police or Crime Stoppers."



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SHOW 'n GO 2023 Classic Car Tours



Following upon the successes of the past three years, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce have planned three activities for Classic Car owners throughout the summer of 2023. Although you are invited to all of these events for a walk down an automotive memory lane, you can simply wait for them to come to you. Each event starts with a tour around specified back roads and viewers can simply bring out their lawn chairs and watch the procession.

Crime Stoppers will host a 50/50 Draw at all events. There is no admission fee for any of these events but donations will be gratefully accepted by Crime Stoppers. Donations over \$20 are receiptable.

South Bruce County Classic Tour and Show June 25, 2023

All roads will lead to Paisley as the South Bruce County Classic Car Tour will invite drivers to tour the back roads, farms, rolling hills and villages of south central Bruce County. Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce will host a stationary car show at the Paisley Palace Park starting at 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This event will include a 1:00 PM shotgun start from Sauble Beach, Port Elgin and Kincardine. At all locations Crime Stoppers volunteers will be handing out route maps for participants.

The Bruce Peninsula Classic Car Run August 13, 2023

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce will host their annual Bruce Peninsula Run and Classic Car Show. Classic and hobby cars will gather at Port Elgin, Sauble Beach, Wiarton and Lion's Head and move out on a shotgun start at 1:00 PM on various routes around Northern Bruce Peninsula. Crime Stoppers

volunteers will have route maps for participants. All routes will end off at the Wiarton Keppel International Airport for an afternoon stationary show that will last until around 5:00 PM.

The Keppel Classic Colour Tour September 24, 2023

The third annual Keppel Classic Colour Tour will be hosted by Crime Stoppers. A 1:00 P.M. shotgun start from Sauble Beach, Wiarton, Owen Sound and Port Elgin will take Classic Car enthusiasts on a fall colour tour of old Keppel Township in the municipality of Georgian Bluffs. Maps supplied by Crime Stopper volunteers at all locations will show several scenic routes that guarantee spectacular scenery of the forests, cliffs and waters around this most colourful part of Ontario. All routes will end off at the Wiarton Keppel International Airport for an afternoon stationary show that will last until around 5:00 PM.

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To keep up to date on these events go to the Facebook pages of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce or the web page at crimestop-gb.org.

\$20,000 worth of equipment stolen from Guelph historical train



by Santana Bellantoni
Guelph Today

Restoring trains is a labour of love for members of the Guelph Historical Railway Association (GHRA), but it has turned into a little more than they had bargained for after a theft over the weekend of February 11th.

With an estimated \$20,000 of equipment stolen from one of its train cars, the GHRA says the restoration that was expected to be finished this spring will now take another year or two.

The thieves were able to get into the train car from underneath, going through the sheet metal, said Drew Goff, one of the directors at GHRA. They also broke into a caboose car and the thieves defecated in it.

Copper piping from the heating system was stolen, the wiring was cut, and many other items were damaged. After spending about \$3,000 on new control boards, and wires, it was stripped, said Goff.

Empty cans of alcohol and tools presumably left by the thieves were strewn inside and outside the train car, he said. Some of the items stolen are irreplaceable since they are original to the train car. "We've been collecting all the pieces to put back, Goff said. "You can't buy these light fixtures. You can't buy the door fixture. We're trying to collect them and bring it back to its 1960s appearance and of course it's metal and they want metal to scrap."

"The initial intention was when you walk into this car you're walking back into 1960 as it was," said Steve Host, GHRA president.

The train car was acquired in 2020 from the Waterloo Central Railway. "To us it's a citizen's asset for the city. And the railway is part of our fabric as part of our community," said Host.

"It's becoming a money pit, obviously," said Eric Repaci, founding member of GHRA. The ultimate plan is to have the train run and collect fares to help with the cost of operations. Unlike many museums the GHT is actually a live rail and the railway does move our equip-

ment. "It would have given people the opportunity to experience a train ride in that era," said Repaci.

The GHRA will be fundraising in the future to raise money for the restoration and the association has reached out to the VIA Historical Association in Toronto, and have been offered components and parts.

Thieves came well prepared with grinding discs, Sawzalls, pipe cutters, all manners of tools and in the course of a night gutted the coach. Also taken are over 20 metres of steam heat shielding and steam heat piping, window frames and curtains as well as "CC&F" specific interior trimmings and finishing's and at least three coach seat frames.

Air conditioning piping, plumbing between the "A" end bathrooms, overhead panels as well as tools including a \$1500 Huck rivet gun.

They cut the brake pipe in three places, including what seems like an attempt to take the air reservoir underneath the coach. The hot water boiler that provided heat via the steam heating pipes was completely destroyed.

"We firmly believe that if we can get the funds to repair this coach we can have in a state to show off our progress in its restoration come spring, and be well on our way to having it completely restored to its 1960s appearance," said Repaci. "This passenger car to us is more than just a passenger car, it's a community asset and we plan to use it as such once it's complete."

To read more about the Guelph Historical Railway Association and equipment, check out their website at: www.ghra.ca. Anyone wishing to donate to their restoration can donate to them by going to GoFundMe.com.



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On the Laughter Side of Life



The school called me today to tell me my little boy was telling lies. I told her "Oh yes! and he is very good at it too. It is nice that he gave you my phone number but you see... I don't have any children.

-Author unknown

Teacher: "Whoever can answer my next question can go home early."

One boy at the back of the class throws his school bag out the window.

Teacher: "Who threw that?"

"Me," replied the boy, "and I'm going home."

"Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life outta nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops."

"When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison."

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What do you call an ant who fights crime?

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How much does it cost a pirate to get his ears pierced?

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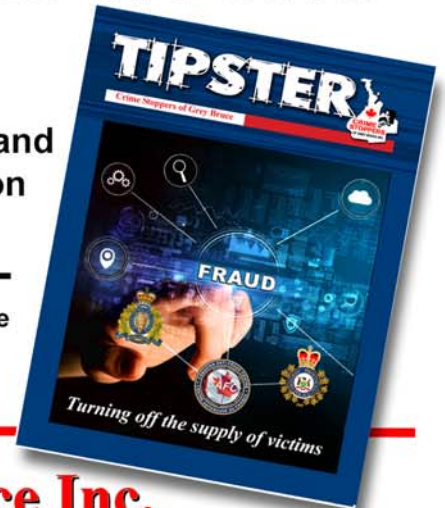
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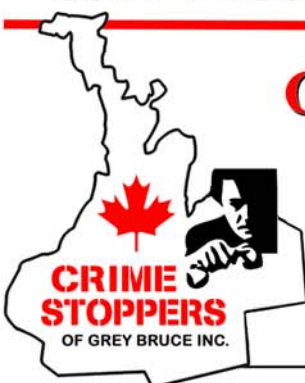
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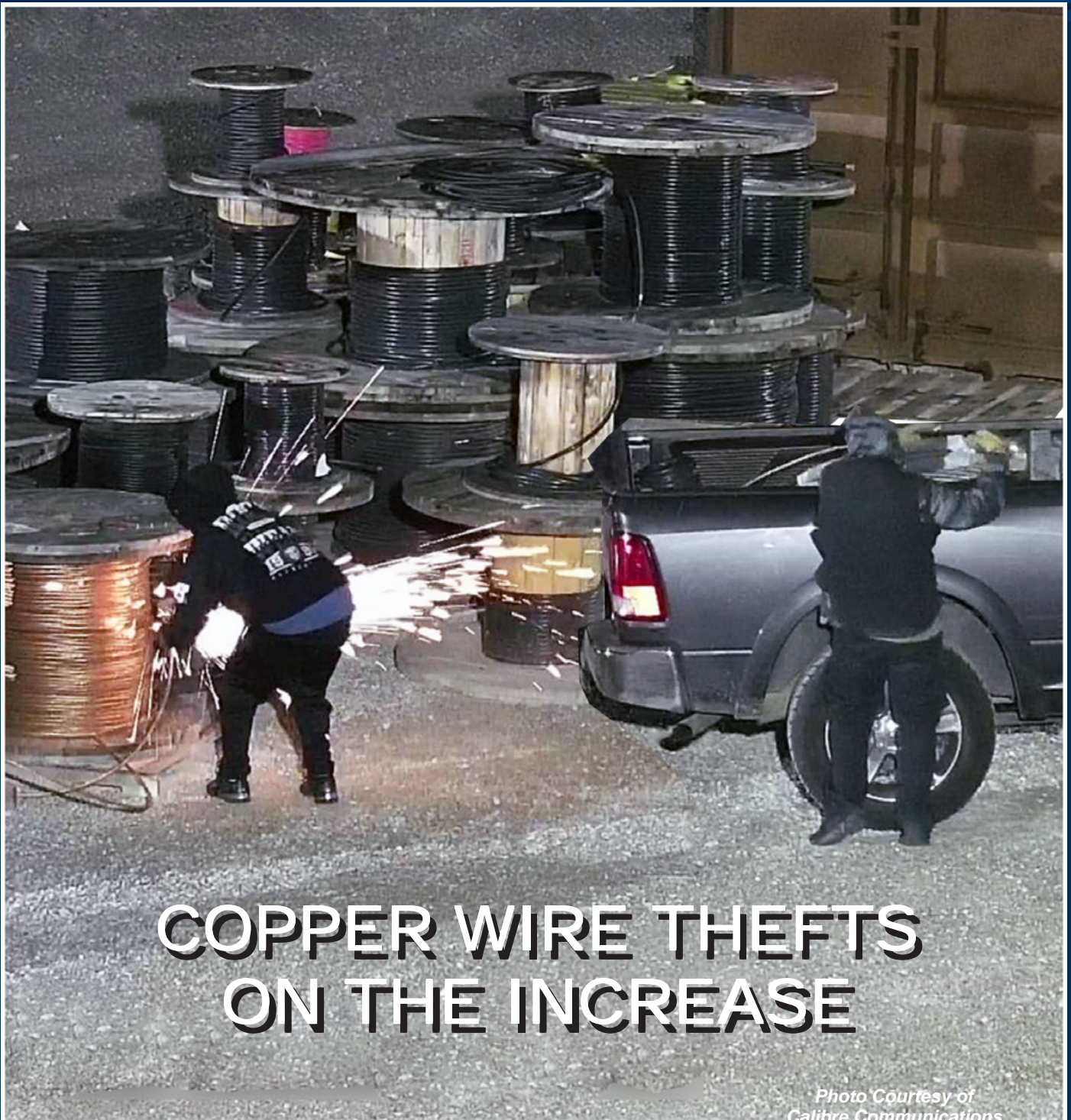


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COPPER WIRE THEFTS ON THE INCREASE

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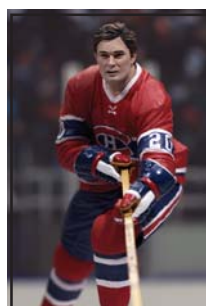
Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament a huge success



Great weather welcomed the 16 Crime Stoppers Volunteers and 152 Golfers to the Saugeen Golf Club on June 1st, 2023. This was the 31st year for this event organized by Germania Insurance, MacLean's Brewery and Bayshore Broadcasting. Special guest for the evening was hockey legend Peter Mahovlich.



Left to right are: Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Chairperson Peter Reid; Evan Hayter - Honorary Tourney Co-Chair; Dan Hill - Tourney Co-Chair; and Joe Dietrich - Tourney Co-Chair



In his 16-year NHL career, Pete Mahovlich totalled 288 goals and 485 assists for 773 points in 884 games. Internationally, he was a member of the 1972 Summit Series, in which he scored a memorable shorthanded goal in Game 2 of the series. He also played on the 1976 Canada Cup team.

Mahovlich is also the brother of former Canadian Senator and former hockey star Frank Mahovlich. The two were teammates on the Red Wings from 1967 to 1969 and on the Canadiens from 1971 to 1974.

Pete Mahovlich was a scout for the Edmonton Oilers before joining the Tampa Bay Lightning and then the Florida Panthers. He is currently retired and living in Florida.

METAL WIRE THEFT



A rising crime that affects everyone

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce and the South Bruce OPP are asking for the public's assistance in solving the theft of copper.

Sometime between August 18 at 2:00 p.m. and August 22, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. a Hydro One site located in the 700 Block of the Huron-Kinloss Town Line was forcibly entered and a quantity of copper wire was taken. The value of the stolen wire is estimated to be more than \$200.00.

Other Crime Stopper locations have also reported similar thefts. For the second time in a month, some rural Kingston, Ont., residents were without internet as a thief cut a fibre optic cable to steal copper.

It was another day of lost business for Josh Anderson when his internet service was suddenly interrupted due to an intentionally cut telecommunication cable.

"I woke up early this morning, had alerts that the internet was down at our small business and, lo and behold, the fibre was down again," said Anderson.

Kingston Police were called to the area north of Kingston to investigate theft of a section of Bell telecommunications line. The cables, much like catalytic converters, have precious metals in them: copper.

Overnight it appears that someone cut down the Perth Road Cables and made off with the copper, much to the chagrin of people like Anderson.

"For businesses out here, it's crippling. I mean, fibre's a great service until somebody does this," added Anderson.

Kingston city councillor Gary Oosterhof, who represents the affected area, said his first concern was peoples' safety.

"People have certainly seen what's happening and



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it's pretty devastating. I can imagine it's not going to be easy to fix, so we certainly hope that this doesn't happen again," he said.

A representative from Bell Canada told Global News in a statement: "In this latest incident, thieves cut down a section of telecommunications fibre cable to steal the copper wire, disrupting service for more than 1,000 customers."

It's a problem that Oosterhof and Anderson said needs a solution. "There are measures that, you know, could be implemented I think to make it less attractive to be stealing copper," said Oosterhof.

"I feel like more regulation around the recycling and scrap industries. It's the same situation of stealing catalytic converters. It's the same," added Anderson.

Kingston Police said that the matter has been handed over to an investigator, and Bell is urging anyone who sees suspicious activity around electric lines to call police or Crime Stoppers..



A rising crime for thoughtless thieves

Copper wire thefts have been steadily on the rise across North America, thanks to recent upswings in its selling price. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta have all reported recent increases in the frequency of copper wire thefts on businesses, homes and construction sites alike.

There is a tragic part to this form of crime:

- In 2007, a father and son in Radford, Va., were electrocuted while allegedly trying to steal copper pipe from air conditioning units on top of an abandoned manufacturing plant.
- Earlier last summer, a man was killed in West Virginia while allegedly trying to steal copper from utility lines.
- In late July, a man was severely burned and was found dangling from atop a utility pole after allegedly trying to steal copper from the electric company.

Big risk for a small return

Such cases are on the rise, said John Shepelwich, a spokesman for Appalachian Power. "Certainly I would think a person would have to be pretty desperate. The risks that these people are taking are so high and the return is probably pretty small."

Copper has been used for thousands of years and is distinctively known for its reddish brown color. Thieves have stolen the valuable metal for decades, often from construction sites, factories, land-line phone companies, and even coal mines. But the theft of cop-

per from electric utilities is more likely to make headlines, partly because it often causes power outages, and because it can result in deadly consequences.

While copper wire thefts aren't anything new, Dana Lohnes, Bell Aliant's director of field operations for Atlantic Canada, said levels have certainly increased since "late summer [2022], heading into the fall."

Copper wire thefts in Nova Scotia are estimated to have resulted in \$1.4 million in losses to businesses, homes and government departments, according to police.

But far more can be lost in a copper wire theft—interfering with electrical units housing the metal can be extremely dangerous. A recent theft in Spryfield, N.S. resulted in a brief power outage for more than 11,000 hydro customers, while another local theft had a far more tragic outcome after police discovered a body near a Nova Scotia power substation. The medical examiner con-

cluded the man died of electrocution.

"We're investigating the attempted theft of copper wire," police said on Feb. 7, following the discovery.

In New Brunswick, Codiac Regional RCMP says reports of copper wire theft come in almost weekly. Bell reported 50 thefts in the province between October and December, which prompted the company to hire private security.

In Ontario, provincial police are seeking information after copper wire was cut directly from a Belleville telecommunications line, resulting in nearly \$10,000 worth of damage. In August 2022, Leduc, Alta., police reported that nearly \$500,000 worth of copper wire was stolen from a trucking business in the hamlet of Lac La Biche.

Current and former employees suspect

Given the intricacy and danger of dealing with copper wire, some experts suggest thieves have some knowledge of working with metal.

"We find these thieves are generally people who've worked in some type of industry where they understand metal," said Ben Stickle, associate professor in criminal justice at Middle Tennessee State University. He went on to list occupations in roofing and HVAC as examples.

Last year, Statistics Canada reported that metal thefts in 2021 in Canada were at the highest levels recorded since 2013.

Stickle told the CBC that he doesn't expect the problem to disappear anytime soon, especially with a higher focus on electrification on the horizon.

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Armed Robbery



(FEVERSHAM) On May 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. police responded to a robbery at a financial business on Grey Road 2 in Feversham. It was reported that two individuals armed with a firearm entered the business, bound the employees, and stole a quantity of currency.

One suspect was described as male, black, thin build, 5'8"-5'10" tall. The second suspect was described as male, thin build, and 5'8"-5'10" tall.

30,000 broiler chick heist



(SOUTH HURON, ON) - Huron County Ontario Provincial Police is investigating the theft of approximately 30,000 chicks from a farm in South Huron.

On Thursday April 20, 2023, Huron OPP officers received a report that the 15-day-old baby chicks were stolen sometime overnight on April 19/20 between approximately 3:30 p.m. and 2:20 a.m.

The chicks are valued at \$1.40 each which calculates to a total of \$42,000 in losses.

These chickens have been bred to grow very big very quickly (especially their breast muscles), and most reach slaughter weight at just six to eight weeks old. If you are a person with knowledge of this industry an anonymous tip could be submitted to Crime Stoppers around July 1st if any unusual transactions occur involving large quantities of broilers.



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Denali trailer stolen



(TOWN OF ERIN, ON) - Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police are actively investigating a theft occurrence from Third Line, Erin. It was reported that between April 4, 2023, and May 21, 2023, unknown individuals stole a white, 32', Dutchman Denali fifth wheel camper trailer.

Contact: Constable Joshua Cunningham

\$9,000 In tools stolen from trailer

(GODERICH, ON) - Huron County Ontario Provincial Police is investigating the theft of tools from a locked trailer in Goderich.

On May 8th, 2023, police received a report that numerous construction tools were stolen from a locked enclosed trailer sometime between May 5th and May 8th. The trailer had been parked at a construction site near Cove Road in the Town of Goderich. The suspect(s) damaged the lock to access the trailer, then stole various DeWalt brand power tools and a Topcon Laser device.

Shop break, enter and theft

CENTRE WELLINGTON, ON) - On March 31, 2023, Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police responded to a theft at a business in Centre Wellington. It was reported that two individuals entered the retail store and stole approximately \$3000 in products.



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Professional Shoplifting



(FERGUS ON) - On April 9, 2023, members of the Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police received a report of theft that occurred at a retailer on Tower Street South, Fergus. It was reported that two unknown persons shoplifted approximately \$10,000 in cosmetics.

Suspect 1 - Black toque, black coat, grey Adidas pants with black stripes, black shoes, carrying red shopping bag.

Suspect 2 - Black baseball cap, black face mask, red shirt, jacket, black pants, black shoes, carrying large black duffel bag.

Vehicle - White new model Volkswagen sedan.

Harley Davidson with sidecar stolen



(ARRAN TWP) Sometime between 3:00 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. on May 18, 2023 a black Harley Davidson Electra Glide motorcycle, bearing plate 9V8P1 and valued at \$20,000, was taken from a location along the B Line in Arran Township.

The serial number for the stolen motorcycle is 5HD1FV4177Y614467.

Three fires in close proximity under investigation



(MOUNT FOREST) - On June 4, 2023, at approximately 3:00 a.m., Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to two fires in Mount Forest. The first was a structure fire at a business on Sligo Road West and second was a shed and vehicle fire on Cork Street. No injuries were reported, and initial estimates puts the combined loss at over one million dollars.

On June 7, 2023, at approximately 5:00 p.m., the Wellington County OPP and the Wellington North Fire Department responded to a report of a vehicle on fire in a field off of Sligo Road East. The Wellington County OPP Crime Unit is continuing to investigate but unsure if all are related.

Investigators are considering the fires suspicious and are continuing to investigate. The Office of the Fire Marshal was notified.

Stolen trailer used in major lawn mower theft



(MOUNT FOREST) - Sometime overnight between 11:30 pm April 11, 2023 and April 12, 2023, a black 14 foot enclosed trailer with "Weber Lane" on the top of it and with Ontario license plate **R3873T** was stolen from a business in Mount Forest.

Between April 11, 2023 at 1 1:30 p.m. and April 12, 2023 at 1:00 a.m., two zero-turn lawn mowers were stolen from a second business in Mount Forest. A dark coloured pick-up truck pulling a trailer that matched the description of the stolen trailer was observed on the property. A person of interest was also observed and is described as a white male, medium build wearing jeans, a blue and black/grey coat, a black balaclava, black and red gloves and brown footwear. Photographs are attached.

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Georgian Bluffs - Business Break & Enter



On January 7, 2023 police responded to an alarm at Peavey Mart, located on the Sunset Strip in Georgian Bluffs, and discovered that a suspect gained access to the store and broke into a locked glass display, stealing three handgun style BB guns and a pellet rifle, valued at \$568. The suspect fled on foot prior to police arrival.

The suspect was recorded on security video and appeared to be a male in his 30's, wearing a black face covering, red/orange winter jacket, a purple "DC" sweatshirt, gray toque, blue jeans, black shoes, gloves, and a dark coloured backpack.

Chatsworth - Theft (Shoplifting)



Police received a report of theft that occurred at a retailer in Chatsworth. It was reported that an unknown person entered the store and shoplifted a quantity of goods.

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Three pickup trucks stolen in one day



On Tuesday, June 13th, 2023, Huron OPP officers received reports of three separate vehicle thefts as follows:

1) Central Huron - Clinton: Black 2005 GMC Sierra pickup truck with Ontario plates # 85522NC and serial # 2GTEK13T851207937 was stolen from an Albert Street address between 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on June 13th.

2) South Huron - South of Exeter: Red 2004 GMC Sierra pickup truck with Ontario plates # BR15816 and serial # 1GTEC14X04Z298352 was stolen from an address on London Road at approximately 3:40 p.m. This vehicle has multiple stickers attached to it, and aftermarket rims and tires. (Last seen travelling southbound on London Road).

3) Central Huron - Clinton: Black 2001 GMC Sierra pickup truck with Ontario plates # 5597HS and serial # 2GTEK19T911130349 was stolen from an Ontario Street address at approximately 8:45 p.m. (This vehicle was involved in a fail-to-stop incident with police and managed to escape. Last seen travelling southbound on London Road).

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Guelph police want to know if this is your stuff

(Guelph Today)



A search following an arrest, for breach of condition, led to suspected fentanyl and stolen property being found, police say.

Guelph police are looking for the owners of property believed to be stolen following a man's arrest Thursday morning.

Officers patrolling on Speedvale Avenue West spotted a sitting in the driver's seat of a vehicle and knew him to be on a release order with a condition not to occupy any driver's seat. The man was arrested for breaching the order, and a subsequent search revealed a small amount of suspected fentanyl, two stolen licence plates and a quantity of tools believed to be stolen.

A 38-year-old is charged with failing to comply with a release order, two counts of possessing stolen property and possessing a controlled substance. He will appear in a Guelph bail court June 6, 2023.

Anyone who recognizes the seized tools is asked to call Constable Bakir Medencevic at 519-824-1212, ext. 7235, or email him at bmedencevic@guelphpolice.ca.

Calgary police arrest two in series of online marketplace thefts

(Calgary Herald)

Two teens have been arrested in connection to a dozen robberies in Calgary in response to online ads for iPhones for sale.

The thefts occurred between April 23 and May 29 across the city. A buyer using the Facebook profile with the name "Chris Luma" would respond to the ad, show up at the meet and then take off without paying. It is believed multiple suspects were using the same account. Multiple reports of the same getaway vehicle led Calgary Police Service investigators to two suspects.

On June 5th, search warrants were executed and three young persons arrested and property recovered.

Police say to be cautious of selling to online profiles that have recently been created, and have few personal photos or friends. They also encourage people to meet in a public place where there is CCTV coverage like a coffee shop or police district parking lot and to bring someone with you. Saugeen Shores Police station has such a location.

Refrain from going to a stranger's house to deliver items or meeting at your own residence.

Request an e-transfer instead of cash, as this will serve as a deterrent for thieves, and do not factory-reset your phone until the sale has been completed as it can still be tracked with "Find My App."

Stay alert and observe your surroundings. If something feels wrong (like an overly nervous buyer), back away from the sale. Always report suspicious people, behaviour or crimes in progress to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1 or contact Crime Stoppers.

Human Trafficking victims rescued

(Toronto Star)



Peel police say they have rescued 13 human trafficking victims through a multi-jurisdictional human trafficking investigation dubbed 'Project Pacific.'

In a press conference Peel police also announced the arrest of five people as part of the year-long investigation.

Peel police also announced the seizure of over \$48,000 of property and currency.

Det. David Laing, with the Specialized Enforcement Bureau — Vice/Human Trafficking division said the investigation started in April 2022 after Peel police received a community complaint regarding an illegal bawdy house operating out of a condominium in Mississauga.

"Members of this criminal network were using the vulnerabilities of the victims to coerce and manipulate them into working and living within these illegal (bawdy houses)," said Laing.

Police say all 13 victims are of Chinese descent and have various immigration statuses; 12 of the 13 were recruited domestically.

On March 27, police executed a residential and vehicle search warrant in Mississauga and two residential search warrants in Milton in Markham resulting in the arrest of two women.

Deputy Chief Nick Milinovich, of the Investigative and Emergency Support Services Command added that the GTA is a "major hub for human trafficking."

"Human trafficking is something that can happen anywhere to anyone," he said.

Laing said police believe there are additional victims and witnesses.

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Fraud awareness during Seniors Month

June is Seniors Month in Ontario and the 2023 theme is "Working for Seniors." The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to raise awareness about frauds that target Ontario seniors, who have spent their entire life saving funds for their golden years. The OPP asks that we work collectively at sharing important fraud prevention tips with seniors in your life.

Being able to recognize frauds targeting seniors will go a long way in helping to combat cyber enabled frauds. With the public's help they want to deliver information, tips and strategies for Ontario's Seniors.

In 2022, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) received fraud reports totalling a staggering \$531 million in victim losses. A devastating \$138 million (26%) in losses were reported by senior victims. According to the CAFC, seniors lose on average 33 per cent more than other demographics. It is estimated that only five to ten per cent of victims report scams



and frauds to law enforcement.

According to the CAFC, in 2022, the top frauds affecting seniors were:

- Investment frauds represented \$79.1 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$36.5 million.
- Romance frauds represented \$19.5 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$8.8 million.
- Service scams represented \$8.5 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$6 million.

- Extortion frauds represented \$7.7 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$542,000.
- Emergency-Grandparent scams represented \$7.1 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$4.3 million.

Remember...if you fall victim to a fraud or know someone who has, contact your local police service to report the crime and report it to the CAFC at 1-888-495-8501 or online on the Fraud Reporting System (FRS), even if a financial loss did not occur.

The OPP encourages the public to visit the CAFC website to learn more about the frauds mentioned here go to antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

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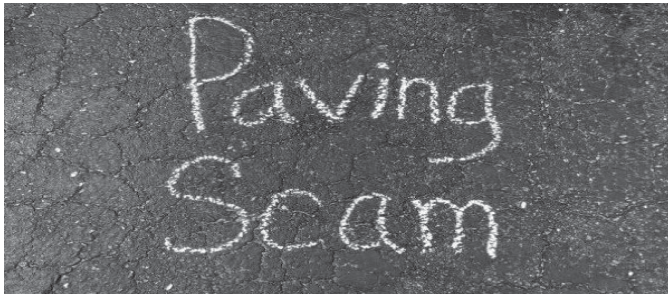
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Police issue paving scam warning after multiple residents duped



(Global)

Spring has sprung up across the area, as have paving scams, according to Waterloo regional police. The service has issued a warning to area residents after receiving numerous reports of people being victimized in paving scams.

Police say they have been contacted by seven people this month who were duped by phony contractors, with losses totalling more than \$40,000.

In one case, a group of people approached one victim to say they were doing paving work near Moore Street in Cambridge.

The victim paid them cash to come back the following day to pave their driveway but they never did the work.

In this case, the victim never signed any paperwork with the group, according to police.

Police say residents should research door-to-door companies offering these types of services to confirm their legitimacy before they provide any payment.

Suspect arrested in mortgage fraud

A man renting a home impersonated the owner, applied for a mortgage and then took the funds, Toronto police allege, and officers say the suspect may have committed other similar crimes.

Toronto police said in a news release Thursday that beginning in May 2021, the suspect rented a home using an online rental application. While renting, the suspect allegedly obtained identity information on the homeowner.



Jay A. MacDougall

The suspect then impersonated the homeowner, applied for a mortgage on the property, and collected the proceeds, police said.

On May 25, Toronto resident Jay Allen MacDougall, 42, was arrested. He's been charged with five counts of fraud over \$5,000 and laundering proceeds of crime.

"Investigators believe he may have committed other similar crimes and are requesting the public to contact them with any information," police said.

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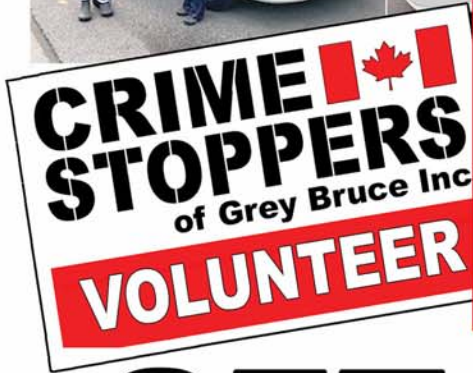
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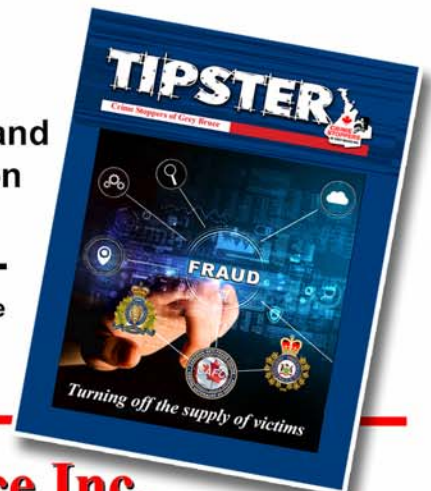
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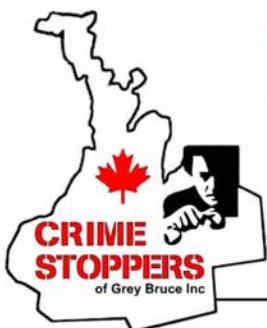
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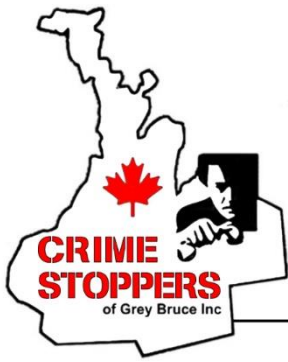
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TIP STATISTICS FOR APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 2023

- Total Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile, including follow ups): 743
- New Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile): 203

Tips Allocated: 221 (18 tips were allocated to multiple recipients)

- Grey Bruce OPP: 86 (39%)
- South Bruce OPP: 56 (25%)
- The Blue Mountains OPP: 2 (1%)
- Owen Sound Police Service: 29 (13%)
- Hanover Police Service: 22 (10%)
- Saugeen Shores Police Service: 7 (3%)
- West Grey Police Service: 5 (1.5%)
- Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation Police: 3 (1.5%)
- Ontario MNRF: 2 (1%)
- Ontario MOF (contraband tobacco): 3 (1.5%)
- Ontario MECP (environment, conservation, parks): 0 (0%)
- OPP Contraband Tobacco Enforcement: 3 (1.5%)
- OPP Historic Crimes: 0 (0%)
- OPP AGCO Investigations: 0 (0%)
- OPP Anti Human Trafficking Coordination Unit: 2 (1%)
- RCMP: 0 (0%)
- CBSA: 0 (0%)
- Équité Association (insurance fraud): 1 (0.5%)
- Animal Welfare Authorities: 1 (0.5%)

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Statistics Since Inception May 1987

Tip Reports	18,204
Arrests	1,775
Charges	2,490
Cases Cleared	2,741
Property Recovered	\$4,757,831
Narcotics Recovered	\$50,260,035
Rewards Approved	\$287,310

Tip Totals Year to Date

- 203 new tips have been received during the second quarter of 2023, which is ahead of the second quarter of 2022 by 73 tips.

MEDIA

- LITE 99.3, Bayshore Broadcasting, Bounce Radio 92.3, Blackburn Radio (Cool 94.5 & 101.7 The One), Shoreline Classics, and Bluewater Radio continue to receive Crime of the Week segments that are sent out from our office on a weekly basis.
- Monthly Crime of the Week columns are forwarded to the Bruce County Marketplace magazine.
- Crimes of the Week are being forwarded to the Owen Sound Hub and the Saugeen Times online news, as well as Eastlink TV.

FUNDRAISING

- Nevada ticket revenues are declining but continue to assist in funding eligible expenses.
- We applied for funding from the Port Elgin, Hanover, and Owen Sound Walmarts for 2023 and are awaiting outcomes.
- We received a \$1,500 donation from the 2022 CFOS-Sun Times Christmas Fund Broadcast.
- We applied to the Community Services Recovery Fund, however funding was declined.
- In the second quarter of 2023 Georgian Bluffs, the Brockton PSB, Arran-Elderslie, Meaford, and the Owen Sound PSB donated to our program, and we are very grateful for their support. We continue to reach out to each of the Police Services Boards and Municipalities of Grey and Bruce to request funding commitments for our program.
- In the second quarter of 2023 the Meaford Legion generously donated to our program.
- Our 31st Annual Golf Tournament took place on Thursday June 1, 2023 at Saugeen Golf Club in Port Elgin and raised \$24,000.
- We have ongoing 50/50 raffles in conjunction with classic car show events on June 25th, August 13th and September 26th; plus our Sauble Beach Tuesday night 50/50 raffles (June 13th to September 12th).
- We are holding a summer-long 50/50 raffle to be drawn at our “Rock & Rewards” fundraiser at the Owen Sound Legion on October 14, 2023, where we are featuring a live band and a silent auction.

EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS

- The spring 2023 edition of TIPSTER Magazine was released in April, featuring articles and editorials focusing on regional current and historic crimes and community safety topics, and has been very well received by our partners and the community.
- Attended the Meaford 50+ Lifestyle and Leisure Connections Fair on April 20, 2023.
- Attended the Saugeen Shores Police Service police week event on May 18, 2023.

CRIME STOPPERS BOARD

- With the resignation one member we currently have nine members on our Board of Directors. We are continuing to recruit new members to the Board and are seeking specific skill sets, such as a Treasurer and people with fundraising experience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- We are participating in the Southampton Marine Heritage Festival “Fun in the Park” event on July 22, 2023.
- We are participating in classic car show events on June 25th, August 13th and September 26th; plus the Sauble Beach Tuesday night cruise nights (June 13th to September 12th). 50/50 tickets are sold at all these events.
- We are holding our “Rock & Rewards” fundraiser at the Owen Sound Legion on October 14, 2023, where we are featuring a live band, 50/50 draw, and a silent auction.