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Caledon man charged in incident on Highway 400

A 28-year-old Caledon man is among 12 people charged in connection with an April 2 incident on Highway 400.

Barrie OPP?reports officers received reports of vehicles being driven aggressively at about 12:30 p.m.

The vehicles, described as luxury sports cars, were observed travelling aggressively northbound toward Barrie. Witnesses on the highway continued to provide updates to the police on their location and driving activities.

As the vehicles entered Barrie, OPP officers conducted a rolling block of the highway to slow traffic and identify the violators. With the assistance of the witnesses, officers identified the vehicles involved in the aggressive driving and directed them into the Highway 400 northbound ONroute Service Center for follow-up investigation.

As a result of that investigation, 15 drivers were charged with stunt driving. They were given an automatic seven-day license suspension and the involved vehicles were impounded for seven days.

The investigation continued and June 8, 12 of the drivers received an additional charge of dangerous driving.

OPP reported last week an increase of 80 per cent in speeding or aggressive driving fatalities during the first six months of 2017 compared to the same period in 2016. So far in 2017, 27 people lost their lives on OPP-patrolled roads in collisions with speeding or aggressive driving as the primary causal factor. This is compared to 15 fatalities that occurred in 2016 during the same period.

As many travellers prepare for a summer of travel, OPP wants to remind everyone to be safe and responsible in their driving behaviour. Highway safety is a shared responsibility and all road users have an important part to play to ensure all make it home safe.