

Police appeal to the public to identify break and enter attempt suspects



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Caledon OPP responded to a report of a break and enter at a gas station on Highway 50 on Sept. 1 at about 12:27 am.

Police were informed that an attempt had been made to steal the ATM at the gas station; however, the suspects were unsuccessful in their attempt.

Anyone with information regarding the suspects' identity is asked to contact Detective Constable Rob HLEBEC of the Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit at: 905-584-2241 or toll free at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2000 upon an arrest.

Weekend RIDE programs result in numerous charges

A number of drivers have been charged following checkpoints in Caledon

Caledon OPP laid one charge of operating a motor vehicle with over 80 milligrams, two charges of liquor license act violations, four charges of operating a motor vehicle with no insurance, one charge of driving while under suspension and two charges of seatbelt violations.

Officers also laid six charges under the Cannabis Act for people who had cannabis readily available while operating their motor vehicle.

Residents and drivers must be aware that even though cannabis is legal for a person over 19 to possess, when transporting cannabis in a vehicle, the cannabis must be in its original packaging that has not been opened, or packaged in baggage that is fastened closed or is not otherwise readily available to any person in the vehicle. A violation of this will result in a seizure of the cannabis and a charge under the Cannabis Act. The fine for having Cannabis Readily Available is \$175.00.

Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or a combination of the two is very dangerous. The use of any psychoactive (mind-altering) drug makes it highly unsafe to drive a car and is illegal-just like driving after drinking alcohol. Drug-impaired drivers not only put the driver at risk, but also others with whom they share the road

The OPP Festive RIDE program begins on the Nov. 23, 2018.

Impaired driving is a serious issue on Ontario roads. Every year, the OPP investigates a significant number of fatal motor vehicle

collisions that are attributed to alcohol/drug-impaired drivers. Drivers need to remember that any amount of alcohol or drugs can impair one's ability to drive. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi, or public transit, stay overnight or stay home.

Arrests made in motor vehicle thefts

A 36-year-old Brampton man has been held in police custody following recent motor vehicle thefts. He is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on Nov. 27.

The man was arrested by Caledon OPP and is facing 41 charges including theft of motor vehicle, possession of property obtained by crime, theft, mischief, trespass at night, fraud, use of stolen credit card, failing to comply with recognizance and failing to comply with probation order.

This follows multiple incidents of theft between Oct. 12 to 18 from motor vehicles that occurred in the SouthFields Village subdivision and within Caledon East. Members of the Caledon OPP learned about the additional incidents following a media release that was sent out on Oct. 23.

Police have recovered multiple stolen items in regards to this investigation. If you were a victim of crime in this matter and would like to verify if your property was recovered, please contact Det. Const. Steve Linton of the Community Street Crime Unit at steven.m.linton@opp.ca. In your email to DC Linton please provide a description of the item that were stolen.

Neighbourhood dispute results in assault charge

A 59-year-old Caledon man has been charged with assault following a neighbour dispute in the Copperhead Road area.

Caledon OPP were dispatched to the Bolton area to find an injured man. The man sustained minor injuries and was treated at a hospital.

Officers were able to identify and locate a suspect a short time after.

Three residential break and enters in Bolton

Caledon OPP responded to three break and enters in the Bolton area on Saturday, Nov. 10.

The incidents occurred in the area of Trailview Lane and Tarquini Crescent in at approximately 6:15 pm.

In each incident, entry was made through a back door or window. Home owners found their personal property had been rummaged through. It is believed that jewelry was stolen from one residence.

Caledon OPP would like to remind residents to please call police at 1-888-310-1122 if you see any suspicious persons, vehicles and/or activity.

The suspect is described as a male, average build, wearing dark clothing, gloves, a backpack and hoodie.

Caledon OPP are asking residents to please review any video surveillance footage from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on November 10, 2018 and contact the Community Street Crime Unit of the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or toll free at 1-888-310-1122 if you observe anything that may be able to assist police with these investigations.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at: 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by texting 274637 (CRIMES) with the words "PEEL plus your tip information?", or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000 upon an arrest.

If you are interested in creating a Neighbourhood Watch group in your community contact Prov. Const. Iryna Nebogatova, community services officer of the Caledon OPP Detachment for more information.

Neighbourhood Watch is a community led crime prevention program that is supported by police. It is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country- bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer.

Snowfall expected for Caledon

The town of Caledon received its first sizable snowfall of the year.

Caledon OPP has provided winter driving tips to safely navigate through the roads:

Check your tires: Worn and damaged tires can affect your ability to drive safely. Tire air pressure decreases in cold weather, so be sure to check tire air pressure frequently. Snow tires are highly recommended and must be on all four tires to be effective.

Clean off your car: Clear snow and ice from all windows, lights, mirrors, and the roof. Once you have started your vehicle, wait for any fog to clear from the windows so you will have good visibility.

Top up your fluids: Make sure that you have plenty of gas and windshield washer fluid for your trip. Keep your gas tank sufficiently full - at least a half of a tank is recommended. Make sure that your windshield washer fluid is rated in the -40 degrees Celsius temperature range and always keep an extra jug in the vehicle. It is also recommended that you ensure that your windshield wipers are in good working order.

Cell phone safety: Use your cell phone only when necessary. Pull well off the road if you need to make or receive a call. In an emergency, dialing *OPP will connect you to the nearest Ontario Provincial Police communications centre. It is also a good idea to ensure that your phone is fully charged before you head out.

Emergency and Winter maintenance vehicles: Always leave extra space between yourself and emergency and winter maintenance vehicles as a safety precaution.

Plan your route: If you are traveling a long distance, plan ahead and let someone know where you are going and the expected arrival time.

Carry an emergency kit: Kits should include blankets, booster cables, kitty litter/traction mats, shovel, flashlight, flares, a ?survival candle? to warm hands so you don't drain your vehicle battery, and a first aid kit. Kits can be purchased or made.

Winter weather also brings with it the increased chance of motor vehicle collisions. If you find yourself involved in a motor vehicle collision on a highway do not get out of your vehicle unless it is completely safe to do so. Please call emergency services if you feel unsafe.

It is necessary to report a motor vehicle collision to the police in cases where people or injured or the apparent damage exceeds a combined total of \$2,000 to property. These collisions must be reported to the police forthwith.

Here are a few details you should know. Exchange information with the other drivers. Copy down driver licence information, insurance details, licence plate detail, make and model of their vehicle, witness information, and any other significant details you want to remember. Document this information and make it available to the police. Make sure to see all the documents and do not take their word for it.

Please be careful this winter and take the extra time to get to your destination safely. Taking a few extra minutes could save hours, money and injuries.

Peel Pedestrian Safety Month

Winter can be a challenging time of year for both pedestrian and vehicular safety. The number of motor vehicle collisions goes up drastically during the wintry months. Freezing rain, icy surfaces and piles of hard-packed snow pose a hazard for the innocent pedestrian. Here are some tips to be safe in the frosty weather:

Safety Tips for Pedestrians

- ? Stop, Look and Listen for traffic.
- ? Wear reflective clothing or accessories during low light or dark conditions. Wear bright clothing during the day to increase your visibility for drivers.
- ? Walk in pairs or groups to and from school.
- ? Obey crossing guards and school bus drivers.
- ? Walk on the part of the sidewalk furthest away from the curb.
- ? Walk facing traffic when there are no sidewalks.
- ? Remove head phones when walking, riding, or playing near the road.
- ? Stay off snow banks.
- ? Make eye contact with drivers before moving past them and watch for moving vehicles in driveways and lanes.
- ? Look and listen for vehicles backing up e.g. white reverse lights and/or beeping sounds.
- ? Cross when traffic has come to a complete stop.
- ? Never cross on a red light.

Safety Tips for Drivers

Pay special attention to pedestrians as you drive.

- ? Always look for pedestrians, especially when turning.
- ? Watch for children. Drive slowly and cautiously through school zones, residential areas, or any other area where children could be walking or playing.
- ? Watch out for Community Safety Zone signs that indicate areas where public safety is a special concern, including the possibility of encountering pedestrians.
- ? Be patient, especially with seniors or pedestrians with disabilities who need more time to cross the road.
- ? Always be ready in case pedestrians make sudden or unexpected moves.