

EARLY MORNING COLLISION IN CALEDON

On Wednesday, December 9, at approximately 8:13 a.m. uniformed officers from the OPP's Caledon Detachment responded to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 9 near 6th Line EHS in the Town of Caledon.

Information was received that the driver of one of the involved vehicles appeared impaired. The officers attended the scene and investigated the collision. The driver was asked to provide a sample of their breath into an approved roadside screening device, which resulted in a ?fail? reading.

The driver was then placed under arrest for Operation while Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration over 80 mg, and transported to the Dufferin OPP Detachment, for further breath tests to be conducted.

As a result of those tests, the driver's Blood Alcohol Concentration was found to be 260 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood, over three times the legal limit.

A 30-year-old male driver from Ajax stands charged with:

Operation while impaired - BAC over 80 mg;

Careless driving; and

Having care or control of a motor vehicle with liquor readily available.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on February 18, 2021, to answer to the charges. The charges have not been proven.

RENTING ONLINE? POLICE OFFER SOME TIPS

OPP in Collingwood and The Blue Mountains have been called to a couple of incidents in the last month of fraud related to rentals listed online and wish to provide a few tips on fraud prevention.

The Nottawasaga Detachment OPP have recently received similar calls and wish to provide a few tips on fraud prevention.

One of the incidents came to light when the owner of a residence had someone come to their door looking to view the apartment for rent listed online, which was not posted by the owner of the residence.

Police were provided with an email and phone number to contact the person responsible for the listing and, of course, both the email and phone number were no longer in service.

Another incident involved a house for sale, which was listed on a reputable website but the photos were then used/stolen by the fraudster and posted on a local website as a ski chalet ?for rent? in The Blue Mountains area.

This fraud attempt was discovered by the actual owner of the house, which was legitimately for sale. In both occurrences no money was ever sent to the scammers.

In both those cases, the posting was done so that the scammer can obtain a down payment or deposit for the rental property and once this is done, the email and/or phone numbers used are put out of service and the renter is no longer able to get in touch with the so called owner of the dwelling. Here are a few tips to avoid being scammed in this manner:

They want you to give a deposit or pay in full quickly giving you all kinds of excuses to instill a sense of urgency to send them money.

They cannot meet you in person and the viewing of the property will be taking place as a 'walking tour' outside the residence, never once gaining access to the house.

If possible, try to deal with a local reputable rental businesses which you can find via your social circle or online search with associated reviews.

Following the above tips will certainly go a long way in preventing victimization. For more anti-fraud tips visit www.opp.ca or www.antifraudcentre.ca