

Arrests made in diesel fuel theft

Caledon OPP, along with Peel Regional Police, are being credited with helping with the arrest of two Brampton men in connection with thefts of diesel fuel.

Nottawasaga OPP reports their Street Crime Unit started an investigation about a month ago into the theft of large amounts of fuel from commercial and agricultural vehicles sometimes during the night.

In the process of the investigation, they were able to get description of a suspect vehicle, as well as determine that similar incidents had been taking place in Caledon and Peel, as well as York Region.

Police report the suspect vehicle was spotted Aug. 27 on Highway 7 in Brampton. Caledon OPP and Peel Regional officers helped stop the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed five 1,000-litre tanks in the cargo area, along with all necessary fuel pumps to siphon the gas. They also found numerous break-in tools and clothing to allow the suspects to appear as maintenance personnel were also located.

The charges laid include theft, theft of a credit card, use of a stolen credit card, possession of property obtained by crime, possession of the proceeds of crime, possession of break-in instruments, possession of a controlled substance (heroin) and two counts of breach of an undertaking.

Police added the investigation is ongoing, and further arrests and charges are expected.