

Brampton school bus driver charged with impaired driving

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A bus driver from Brampton has been charged with impaired driving after being pulled over by Caledon OPP, as he was driving students back from a field trip to a Mississauga elementary school.

The driver, who works for First Students, is 65 year-old Arthur Campbell, and is being charged with one count of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, one count of impaired driving over 80 milligrams, and one count of uttering threats.

The bus was carrying 37 Grade 7 and 8 students from St. Alfred Separate School, and three teachers. They were on their way back from an overnight field trip at Albion Hills Conservation Area in Caledon on Friday afternoon (April 20), when one of the teachers noticed Mr. Campbell was driving too fast and asked him to stop, or to slow down. When he did neither, the teacher called the police, who then pulled the bus over.

Police intervened and arrested the driver for suspected impaired driving, stated in a letter sent home to parents from St. Alfred School Principal Lori DeWitte.

Police said the parents of the students were notified, and another driver was sent to pick up the students and teachers, and brought them back to the school.

Caledon OPP pulled the bus over Castlederg Sideroad and Humber Station Road area, where Mr. Campbell was then arrested.

Mr. Campbell is scheduled to appear in an Orangeville court on May 10.