

IF YOU SEE AN OVERDOSE, CALL 911: POLICE

The OPP would like to remind residents - if you see an overdose, call 911.

In the last week, uniformed members from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report of an overdose in the Town of Caledon.

The call for service was placed by an anonymous complainant who had left the scene prior to first responders' arrival.

Upon first responders' arrival, the individual suffering from a drug overdose was unconscious, had extremely shallow breathing and had a very faint pulse. First aid was provided by the emergency services responding; the individual was transported to hospital in life-threatening condition.

Emergency? Call 9-1-1

Most overdose incidents occur inside a residence, making it difficult for police and emergency services personnel to provide the necessary assistance unless they are called. The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act (GSDOA) provides some legal protection for individuals who seek emergency help during an overdose.

The GSDOA does provide protection against charges such as:

Possessing drugs for your own use;

Violating conditions of your parole, bail, probation or conditional sentence for a simple drug possession charge.

The GSDOA does not provide protection against charges for:

Trafficking illegal drugs;

Offences other than drug possession;

Any outstanding arrest warrants;

Violating conditions of your parole, bail, probation or conditional sentence for an offence that is not simple possession.

Need Help?

Many services in Ontario offer support if you are suffering from substance use disorder, including:

24.7 Crisis Support Peel Dufferin at 905-278-9036

ConnexOntario

Government of Ontario Health Services

Drug and Alcohol Helpline - 1-800-565-8603

For more details, visit opp.ca/overdose.

DRIVER ON PHONE ?FLEES? FROM POLICE: OPP

On Friday, April 16, at approximately 8:36 p.m., uniformed members from the Caledon OPP were on patrol in the area of Mayfield Road and Dixie Road in the Town of Caledon.

Police say they observed a driver of a silver SUV holding and using a hand-held communication device while driving.

?The officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop, however, the car in question failed to stop and fled the area.?

As a result of the police investigation, the driver of the suspect vehicle was identified. Arjun Khara, 30, of Oakville, was arrested and charged with:

Flight from peace officer, and

Drive - hand-held communication device

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 24, 2021 to answer to the charges. The charges have not been proven.

While you are driving, including when you are stopped in traffic or at a red light, it is illegal to:

use a phone or other hand-held wireless communication device to text or dial - you can only touch a device to call 911 in an emergency;

use a hand-held electronic entertainment device, such as a tablet or portable gaming console;

view display screens unrelated to driving, such as watching a video; and

program a GPS device, except by voice commands.

SEMI-TRACTOR DRIVER CHARGED

On Saturday, April 17, at approximately 2:19 a.m., uniformed officers from the Caledon OPP located a white semi-tractor in the ditch in the area of Old School Road and Airport Road in the town of Caledon.

?The driver was observed within the cab of the truck,? say Police. ?Upon further investigation, police formed a suspicion the driver was operating a motor with excess blood alcohol and made an Approved Screening Device demand, which resulted in a ?fail' reading. The driver was arrested for Operation while Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration over 80 mg, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment, where further breath tests were conducted.?

As a result, Manjit Singh, 40, of Brampton, has been charged with Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration 80 mg plus. The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 24 to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

Drivers of commercial vehicles must not have any presence of alcohol and/or a drug in their system when driving a commercial vehicle. If a commercial driver has alcohol or a drug in their system, they will face serious penalties, including licence suspensions and administrative monetary penalties.

Commercial vehicle drivers (classes A to F) have a zero- tolerance sanction for drugs and alcohol impairment when behind the wheel of these types of vehicles:

Those that require a class A to F licence;

One requiring a Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration (CVOR);

Road-building machine.

TWO ARRESTED FOLLOWING ?SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY? CALL

On Wednesday, April 14, at approximately 11:53 p.m., uniformed members from the Caledon OPP Detachment responded to reports of a suspicious vehicle on Treeview Crescent in the Town of Caledon.

?The complainant indicated that earlier in the day the local residents had alerted them about suspicious activity in the neighbourhood,? say Police. ?Later that night, the complainant saw a rental truck occupied by two individuals they did not recognize, parked on a dead-end street for some time. They found the activity suspicious and immediately called the police.

?The responding officers located the rental truck and its occupants and conducted an investigation. The officers located break in tools, as well as drugs inside the vehicle.?

As a result, two individuals were arrested and charged with the following offences:

Jason Barber, 32, of Toronto:

Possession of break in instruments;

Failure to comply with release order;

Possession of a schedule I substance - opioid, and

Possession of a schedule I substance - methamphetamine.

The accused was held for a bail hearing and will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on a later date to answer to the charges. The charges have not been proven.

Ismael Medeiros, 39, of Brampton:

Possession of break in instruments;

Possession of a schedule I substance - opioid, and

Possession of a schedule I substance - methamphetamine.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on June 28, 2021 to answer to the charges. The charges have not been proven.

The investigation is ongoing. Caledon OPP is asking the residents of the above neighbourhood to check their security cameras for suspicious people, vehicles or activity. If you have any information or video surveillance footage in relation to this investigation,

please call the Caledon OPP Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or 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 \$2,000 upon an arrest.