

## IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver involved in a two-vehicle collision with impaired operation.

On July 26, 2024, shortly after 4:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a two-vehicle collision on Mayfield Road, near McLaughlin Road, in the Town of Caledon, say Police. Minor injuries were reported. During the investigation, officers formed grounds that one of the drivers' ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

As a result of the investigation, Sherpartap Singh, 25, of Brantford, was charged with:

Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 15, 2024, to answer to the charge. The driver's licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

The charge has not been proven.

If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: [www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving](http://www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving).

## OPP TO HOST RECRUITMENT EVENT FOR WOMEN

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is hosting a recruitment event to further support women on their journey to becoming police officers.

OPP's Women's Symposium is being held on August 17, 2024, at OPP General Headquarters (GHQ) in Orillia.

The OPP hosts interactive recruitment events periodically and throughout the province to support individuals who are interested in becoming police officers, say Police. OPP Women's Symposium will focus on eliminating and demystifying some of the perceived barriers that women (including those who are cis, trans, assigned female at birth and non-binary) may face when considering a career in policing.

After receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback and requests for additional events following OPP Bound, Women's Edition, the OPP Women's Symposium will provide participants with the opportunity to hear from and interact with women in various ranks within the OPP. The event concludes with a shuttle run and will allow participants to prequalify their fitness level for their application.

The event will take place Saturday, August 17, at OPP's General Headquarters at 777 Memorial Avenue, Orillia.

Anyone interested in attending must pre-register. Attendees must adhere to the cancellation policy, dress code and instructions on the registration page. Parking will be available onsite.

For a full list of upcoming recruitment events, visit [opp.ca/events](http://opp.ca/events).

## **INCREASED REPORTS OF ?GRANDPARENT SCAMS?**

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is warning the public that there has been an increase in reports of emergency/grandparent scams. The scammers target vulnerable persons and seniors by playing upon their emotions and fear of a loved one being hurt or in trouble.

?In the typical emergency scam, the victim will receive a frantic phone call from someone claiming to be a grandchild or loved one,? say Police. ?The caller will explain that they are involved in some sort of mishap like a car accident or are having trouble returning from a foreign country and need money right away. The scammer will often insist that the victim does not tell anyone. The call could also involve someone claiming to be a law enforcement official, lawyer, or bailiff.

?Be careful what you post online. Scammers can use details shared on social media platforms and dating sites. They can search your online accounts to find real names, real interests, real phone numbers and when you are going to be home or away. ?

Be aware of some warning signs:

Urgency ? The scammer always makes the request sound very urgent, which may cause the victim to not verify the story;

Fear ? The scammer plays on the victim's emotions by generating a sense of fear. For instance, they may say, ?I am scared, and I need help from you.?

Secrecy ? The scammer pleads with the victim not to tell anyone about the situation, such as, ?Please don't tell Dad, he would be so mad.?

Request for Money ? Money can be requested by money transfer or in some cases the scammer sends someone to your home to pick up the payment.

To avoid becoming a victim, check with another family member or trusted friend to verify the information before sending money or providing credit card information by phone or e-mail.

If you or someone you know may have been the victim of an 'emergency' scam, or any other scam report it to the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) at [www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca](http://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca).