

## Three drinking and driving charges in Caledon last week

Caledon OPP officers are still finding people driving after having had too much to drink.

There were three people charged last week, and one of them was caught at a festive Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) spot check.

That took place Dec. 1 shortly after 4 p.m. Police were running spot check in the area of King Street and Winston Churchill Boulevard in Terra Cotta when they saw the driver of a vehicle trying to evade their check. Officers went after the vehicle and pulled it over. Upon speaking to the driver, they determined he was under the influence of alcohol, so they administered a breath test, which he failed. The 51-year-old man from Brampton was charged with driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in his system.

In other incidents, a 56-year-old man from Caledon was arrested Dec. 4 after an officer stopped him in the area of Mayfield Road and Torbram Road at about 1 a.m. The officer determined the man was under the influence, so he demanded a breath sample. He failed the roadside test and was charged with driving with more than the legal limit.

The following day, a 57-year-old Caledon man was stopped in Bolton at about 1:40 p.m. after police were informed of a possible impaired driver in a parking lot. Officers located the suspect vehicle exiting the Beer Store parking lot. They conducted a vehicle stop and determined the driver was under the influence. He was arrested and charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle and driving with more than the legal limit.

Caledon officers ran 27 spot checks last week in various locations around town.

In addition to the one charge, 15 people were asked to provide breath samples and passed. There were two three-day licence suspensions handed out and three drug possession warnings.

Police are reminding motorists that impaired driving means driving while one's ability is affected by alcohol or drugs. It is a crime under the Criminal Code of Canada. If convicted, drivers can lose their licences, be fined, or spend time in jail. The vehicle does not even have to be moving; a person can be charged if they are impaired behind the wheel, even if they have not started to drive.