

High praise for pro truckers

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There's high praise for two professional truck drivers who blocked off traffic on Highway 401 April 20 to prevent a possible collision.

At approximately 11:45 a.m. April 20, OPP received a call of a vehicle traveling eastbound on Highway 401 in the westbound lanes, east of Port Hope. After traveling 14 kms, the vehicle then crossed the median and entered the eastbound lane just east of Nagel Road.

Two truck drivers blocked the highway near Lake Road in Cramahe Township allowing police to stop the vehicle and avoid a possible serious collision.

James Willis, 76, was arrested for dangerous driving and will appear in Cobourg court May 17.

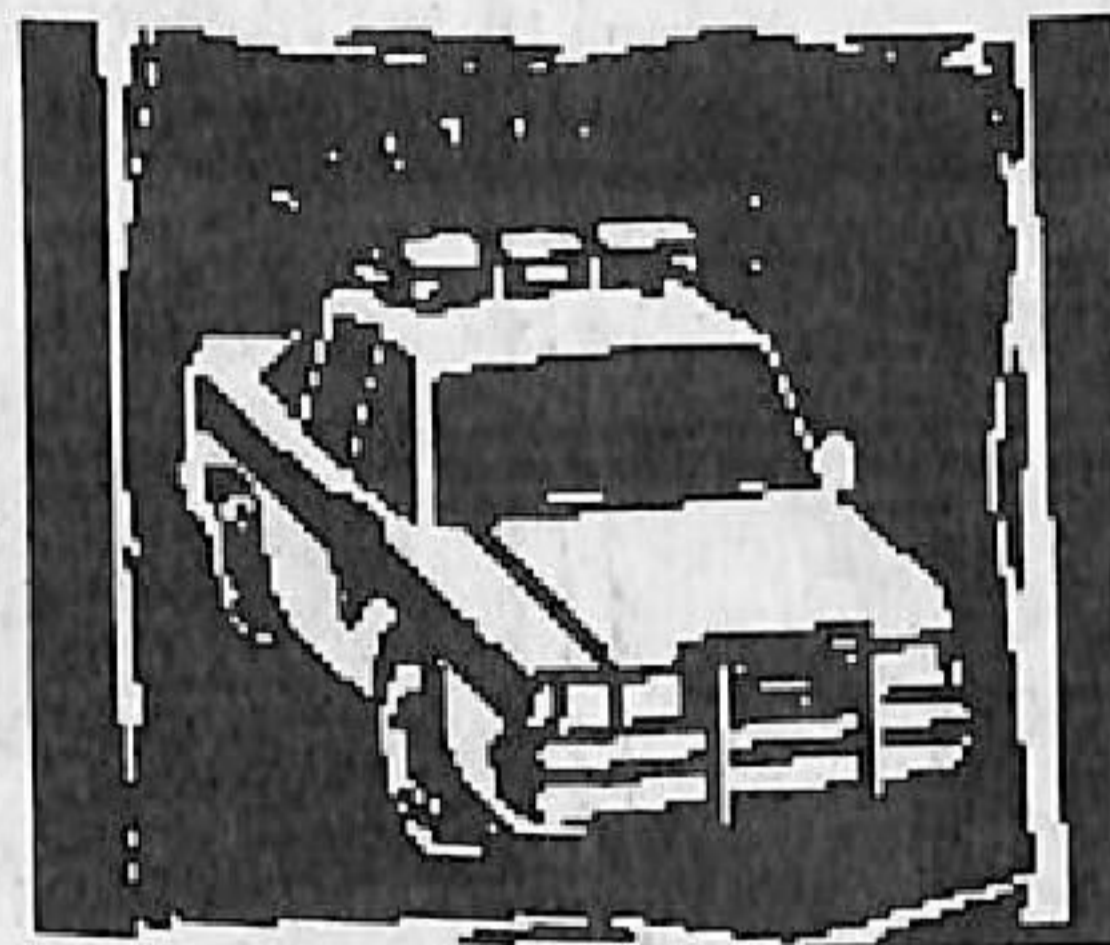
The Northumberland OPP have publicly thanked the truck drivers who assisted in the incident "ultimately preventing any injury to those traveling the area."

On Sunday, December 20, 1998, Merlin Gray was found dead, lying in a ditch on the Alderville First Nation Territory.

The Northumberland County Crime Unit and Ontario Provincial Police Criminal Investigation Branch, Major Cases, has conducted a lengthy investigation, and have determined the cause of death to be blunt force head trauma, complicated by hypothermia. Mr. Gray's death has been ruled accidental in nature and no foul play and no foul play is suspected.

Sixteen-year-old Christine Anne Phillips of Bewdley has been missing since Friday, April 23. She has last seen around 8 p.m. when she left her residence and got into an unknown vehicle driven by a female. Foul play is not suspected.

If you have seen or heard from Christine, please call Northumberland OPP at 1-800-310-1122. She is described as being five feet tall, 115



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pounds, brown eyes, brown shoulder-length hair in a ponytail, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, red T-shirt, a scarf around her neck and blue jeans.

On April 25, around 1 p.m., Northumberland OPP received a report of a break, enter, and theft at a Brighton Township residence. The break-in had occurred during the past seven days. Stolen was a man's gold ring with 11 diamonds in a square pattern, a man's 14-karat gold engagement ring with 16 diamonds and a ladies' gold dinner ring with diamonds in a star-shaped pattern. The rings are valued at \$2,000. Credit cards were also stolen.

Between 2 a.m. and 9 a.m. April 24, a 1985 Hyundai was stolen from a residential driveway in Hope Township. The vehicle has a standard transmission and is blue with Ontario plates WHS381. The residence is located just north of Hope Township.

On April 23, a 14-year-old female from Seymour Township was charged with possession of stolen property.

She had a cell phone, which had been stolen from a vehicle in Cobourg the previous week. She will appear in Brighton Youth court May 18.

Overnight April 23-24, a 1990 Polaris all-terrain vehicle was stolen from a Seymour residence. The transmission had been taken out of the vehicle for repair. It appears the machine was pushed down the road, then loaded onto a vehicle towed away as it would not run. The ATV is red.

On April 23, around 7 p.m., a 12-year-old child called Northumberland OPP to report a domestic situation. A 35-year-old male from Campbellford has been charged with assault after allegedly slapping his 38-year-old commonlaw spouse. The victim did not require medical attention. The male will appear in Campbellford court May 5.

Around 2:45 a.m. April 24, Northumberland OPP officers checked a vehicle parked beside a creek in Lakeport, Cramahe Township. A search of the vehicle produced approximately 4.5 grams of marijuana. Charged with possession of a controlled substance is Wayne Smith, 22, Castleton. He will appear in Cobourg court June 7.

Around 11 p.m. April 23, Northumberland OPP were on routine patrol in Haldimand Township when they located a Mazda parked at a campground gate. The driver of the vehicle was given an Alcotest and registered a warning. A search of the vehicle was conducted and approximately 6.4 grams of marijuana was seized.

Charged with possession of a controlled substance is Renaldo DeCarlo, 28, Georgetown. He will appear in Cobourg court May 10.

Northumberland OPP received a call from a citizen who was following an impaired driver on Highway 401 around 2 a.m. April 25. Police located the vehicle approximately six kilometres east of County Road 25 in Haldimand Township. The driver of the 1990 Dodge pickup was located walking on the shoulder of the highway.

James Weller, 33, Trenton, was arrested and charged with impaired driver, over .08 and assault police. While Mr. Weller was being transported to Cobourg detachment for Intoxilyzer tests, he spit on the arresting officer which resulted in the assault police charge.

Mr. Weller was also under suspension for unpaid fines. He was held in custody for bail hearing in Cobourg April 26.

Around 4 a.m. April 25, Northumberland OPP were on routine patrol in Haldimand Township when they checked a vehicle parked at a campground. The vehicle was running and the headlights were on. The driver failed an Alcotest.

Larry Bryden, 37, Kingston, was arrested for care and control of a motor vehicle while impaired. He was taken to Cobourg detachment for Intoxilyzer tests which he failed to provide. He was charged with impaired and failing to provide a breath sample. He was held in custody pending an April 26 bail hearing.

Overnight April 22, a storage trailer in Hamilton Township was broken into by cutting off a lock. A rototiller was stolen.

Between 3 p.m. April 19 and 10 a.m. April 25, a cottage on White Island, Rice Lake, Alnwick Township, was broken into. A lock was cut off to gain entry into a storage area. Stolen

was a John Deere riding lawn mower, a Turf Runner riding lawn mower and an Agrico weed sprayer.

Stolen property is valued at \$3,100. The mowers were wheeled to the rear of the island where the fence was cut and the items were loaded onto a boat.

Around 2:30 p.m., April 25, while patrolling back roads in Haldimand Township, a 1999 GMC pickup was stopped and checked. Open liquor was seized from the vehicle and the driver was given an Alcotest which he failed.

He was transported to Cobourg for breathalyzer tests. James Hartford, 53, Cobourg, has been charged with over .08 and operate a motor vehicle with open liquor. He will appear in Cobourg court May 17.

Around 9:30 a.m. April 24, Northumberland OPP attended a vehicle collision on Carman Road in Brighton Township. A 1987 Pontiac driven by Chi Nicole Morrison, 25, RR#5, Colborne, was westbound on Carman Road. A 1987 Olds Cutlass driven by Brian Banister, 36, Bowmanville, was eastbound, entered the westbound lane and struck the Morrison vehicle head on.

Ms. Morrison sustained a broken ankle, broken sternum and facial lacerations and was taken by ambulance to Trenton Hospital and later transferred to Kingston Hospital for surgery. Her 18-month-old daughter was in a child seat located in the rear seat of the vehicle and was not injured.

Brian Banister was arrested at the scene and a search produced a small quantity of psilocybin (magic mushroom). He was transported to Campbellford detachment for breathalyzer tests. He will appear in Brighton court May 26 charged with impaired cause bodily harm, over .08 and possession of a controlled drug.