

POLICE REPORT

A number of daytime break-ins in the Scots Line Road area of Haldimand Township on August 6 are under investigation by Northumberland OPP. Property missing from residences includes: IBM lap top computer, Hitachi VCR and jewelry.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Northumberland OPP or Crime Stoppers.

It was a busy weekend on the 401 for Northumberland OPP and Central Region 401 Traffic Unit. There were various accidents between Brighton and Port Hope.

At 5 p.m. August 8, westbound weekend traffic was very heavy with the occasional slow-down. Near Grafton, traffic began to slow and two vehicles were unable to stop. The first vehicle, a van, struck the rear of a Mercedes. The Mercedes went out of control and struck a westbound Volkswagen, then crossed the centre median rolling several times. A fourth vehicle travelling behind the car also lost control when braking and crossed the centre median, coming to a stop on the south embankment of the eastbound lanes.

The two occupants of the Mercedes, Christine Rotenberg, 51, and Sarah Rotenberg, 18, both of Toronto, were transported to Cobourg hospital, treated and released with minor injuries.

The driver of the van, Nieda Lubian, 35, of Italy, and the driver of the fourth vehicle, Kathirgamu Cheverlharan, 29, of Kingston, were both charged with follow too close.

Traffic eastbound was backed up for 30 kilometres and the 401 was reduced to one lane for 1.5 hours. Westbound was also congested for approximately 20 kilometres as motorists stopped to look.

Constable Bettina Schwarze

commends an unknown US tractor trailer tanker driver. The tanker, loaded with dangerous goods, was faced with the two vehicles that crossed the median. The professional truck driver, after breaking heavily, still faced the possibility of colliding with the vehicles but headed for the gravel shoulder. With his skill, he managed to stop the transport without collision, injury or unsettling his transport.

While travelling eastbound on Highway 401 Sunday, August 8, OPP Constable Bettina Schwarze observed a vehicle in the left lane interfering with traffic. When attempts were made to stop the vehicle, it halted in the passing lane.

The motorist was directed to pull over but instead proceeded eastbound. Several attempts were made over a six-kilometre stretch to stop the vehicle and were finally successful near Grafton.

Visuvalingam Ampalavanapillai, 62, of Scarborough, was charged with fail to stop for police, interfere with traffic and fail to keep right less than normal speed. He was cautioned about his slow speed and told the left lane is only for passing.

A short time later, Constable Schwarze located the same vehicle driving in the same manner. The driver was stopped a second time. As the motorist pulled out onto Highway 401, the driver forced two vehicles to take evasive action.

Further charges are pending.

August 3, a motorist travelling past the Brighton OPP detachment was concerned about being seen as he drank beer. He looked right at the detachment but, unknown to the motorist, OPP Constable Bettina Schwarze was on his left just pulling up to a stop sign.

Richard Byrnes, 44,

Scarborough, was charged with open liquor.

A single vehicle collision occurred in the eastbound lanes of Highway 401 on August 3. The driver lost control of his pickup truck and small trailer laden with approximately 2,500 pounds of 30-foot steel rods.

Due to the size and weight of the load, the vehicle had lost control of the vehicle. Speros Kanellos, 48, Trenton, was charged with insecure load.

On Friday, August 6, about 11:20 a.m., a 1984 Audi 5000 went out of control in the parking lot of the Comfort Inn at County Road 28 and Telephone Road, Hope Township. The Audi pushed a parked car side ways into another parked car and continued on to strike the east wall of the Comfort Inn. No one was injured.

The driver, Jennifer MacDonald, was charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle with over 80 mgs. She is scheduled to appear in Cobourg court August 30.

At 4:30 a.m. August 6, Northumberland OPP officers, with the assistance of the Central Region Canine Unit and Tactical Response Units from Barrie and Belleville, arrested a 41-year-old male. Warren Paul Verge, no fixed address, was arrested on a Corrections Canada Warrant for parole violation. Mr. Verge was located at a cottage on Rice Lake just west of Roseneath.

Warren Verge had been paroled from the Bath Institute after serving a three-year sentence for robbery. Correction Canada officers were scheduled to pick up Mr. Verge at the Cobourg OPP office later Friday morning, August 6.

At 5 a.m. August 6, a Hamilton Township resident just south of Bewdley awoke to find his vehicle had been stolen. The 1998 Chev half-ton pickup is gray in colour with an Ontario Licence plates FT4543.

The same day, a short distance from the above residence, a 1992 Volkswagen Jetta was found in a ditch. The vehicle had been stolen August 3 from the Chatham Kent area.

Northumberland OPP conducted RIDE checks in downtown Brighton Wednesday evening, August 4. Approximately 80 vehicles were checked and numerous warning were issues under the Highway Traffic Act.

Around 2:50 a.m. August 5, the driver of a 1990 Chevrolet car was given an Alcotest which he failed. Arrested and transported to the Brighton office for breathalyzer tests and charged with over .08 is Phillip Butz,

21, of Cramahé Township. He will appear in Brighton court September 1.

Be nice to Thelma

Thelma Ouellette of Colborne will be dining with friends. She was the winner of the Colborne LACAC and Colborne Rotary raffle benefitting the trees of Victoria Square fund.

The August 4 draw was for dinner for four at Cobourg's Mill Restaurant. Thelma had ticket Number 3 sold by Dave McGlennon.