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Driver charged with leaving accident scene

POLICE REPORT

Shortly before 10 p.m. August 24, a vehicle slammed into a hydro pole on County Road 38 just north of Campbellford in Trent Hills.

Police and ambulance responded and found a 1988 Plymouth Reliant totalled. The driver left the scene.

On August 25, police located the driver, a 50-year-old Port Hope man. He is charged with fail to remain and is scheduled to appear in Campbellford court October 24.

Two Brighton youths were walking home Saturday evening when they suddenly observed two Northumberland OPP cruisers parked in a lot on Ontario Street just north of the railway tracks.

The youths ran across the railway tracks at a level crossing but one male, 17, severely intoxicated, fell into a deep ditch. He was immediately arrested and found to be in possession of a quantity of marijuana.

He was charged with possession of a controlled substance. He is scheduled to appear in Brighton Youth Court October 1.

The second male, 18, was charged with having liquor while under 19 years of age.

Between August 19 and 21, a Lakeshore Road, Haldimand residence was entered by forcing a garage door. A Yamaha electric guitar and case plus a quantity of alcohol were taken.

A resident of Lawson Road, Brighton, returned home from a business trip to find the front door ajar.

Thieves had helped themselves to various items in the the home sometime between the evening of August 21 and the evening of August 23. Thieves entered by forcing the front door, and were in the home for some time as furniture and electronic equipment was removed. A large quantity of jewelry was also taken.

The investigation continues.

At 3:30 a.m. August 24, Northumberland OPP officers were dispatched to a complaint of loud noises at Brighton Public School. Upon arrival, officers crashed a sing-along hosted by four male adults. After a night of entertainment, the men retired to the front lawn of the school and started singing accompanied by guitars. The four men were charged with trespassing and issued \$70 tickets.

Three 18-year-old males and two 17-year-old youths, none of whom is an Alderville resident, were arrested for offences including forcible entry, obstruct police and cause disturbance.

Charges of dangerous driving, criminal negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle, and common nuisance are pending against the 18-year-old driver, a Cobourg resident.

Three adults and three youths face a variety of charges including forcible entry, mischief, obstructing a peace officer, causing a disturbance, consuming liquor under 19, and public intoxication.

At approximately 12:45 a.m. August 17, OPP observed a vehicle northbound on County Road 45 south of Roseneath. After the driver failed to dim his high beams and was observed operating the vehicle erratically, police attempted to stop the car. The vehicle was followed for nine kilometres over a period of six minutes before it was stopped with the assistance of a second police vehicle.

The driver was found to be sober but apparently distracted — either by the search for an address or by his female passenger.

A 35-year-old London man is scheduled to appear in Cobourg Provincial Offences Court September 16 to face charges of careless driving and failing to stop for police.

At 7:03 p.m. August 15, Northumberland OPP officers responded to a call for assistance from the Alwick/Haldimand Fire Department as a house fire on Masters Road.

The fire department arrived at the scene at 6:08 p.m. and found the structure engulfed.

Property owners Rod and Jane Smith of Oshawa were not in the residence at the time of the fire. Property and contents are valued at \$200,000.

Fire Marshal Jim McBride has been called in to assist with the ongoing investigation.

At 1:30 p.m. August 14, members of the Kawartha Combined Forces Drug Unit, OPP Street Crimes Unit and the Northumberland OPP executed a controlled drugs and substances search warrant at a Cramahe Township residence.

Inside 141 Bailey Drive, police located approximately seven pounds of dried marijuana, an indoor marijuana grow room, weigh scales and a large amount of cannabis resin. Twenty-five marijuana plants were also located outside the home in the back yard.

The occupants of the home were not home at the time of the warrant but were arrested a short time later.

Shortly before midnight August 23, two male youths from Brighton were located out for a walk by Northumberland OPP officers.

The two were charged with breach of probation. One was further charged with possession of a credit card obtained by crime. Both are scheduled to appear in Brighton Youth Court October 1.

Cramahe Township homeowners returned from work shortly after 5 p.m. August 23 to find their residence had been broken into. Suspects entered the County Road 2 home through a basement window. Once in the house, a large quantity of jewelry was taken. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers or Northumberland OPP.

On August 20, OPP members of the Kawartha Drug Unit and Northumberland OPP executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant at a residence on Glover Road near the village of Warkworth.

Inside, officers located a large indoor marijuana grow operation consisting of approximately 50 grow lights in the basement and upstairs bedrooms used for the growing of marijuana plants.

Police arrested an adult male and female from Brampton inside the home and have charged both with production of a controlled substance and theft of hydro as an illegal bypass was supplying power to the grow equipment. A large amount of seedling plans and dried marijuana was also seized.

Two Brampton individuals, ages 39 and 36, will appear in Campbellford court October 2. Investigation is ongoing this time.

Around 1 p.m. August 20, Northumberland OPP responded to a report of a vehicle/pedestrian personal injury at a coffee shop at Highway 401 and County Road in Brighton. A Dodge Neon reversing in the parking lot struck a 68-year-old pedestrian knocking him to the ground resulting in serious head injury.

The vehicle driver spoke briefly to the wife of the victim then left the area in his vehicle. The injured pedestrian, an Oshawa man, was tended by family members then transported by ambulance to Belleville hospital.

Subsequent investigation by police led to the location of a 19-year-old rural Brighton resident. The vehicle was seized by police and the driver faces criminal charges relating to the incident. The police investigation is ongoing.

Sometime between noon August 19 and the morning of August 20, an orange 1996 Husqvarna 12.5-hp riding lawn mower was stolen from a property located on Rush Road, Brighton.

A Cobourg motorist reported a near

A 31-year-old woman and a 42-year-old man, both of Cramahe Township, are charged with production of a controlled substance and possession of cannabis resin. They are scheduled to appear in Cobourg court September 9. The approximate value of the drugs and equipment is \$32,400.