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Constable notices suspicious vehicle- results in the recovery of \$30,000

An investigation of a suspicious situation resulting in the recovery of \$30,000 worth of stolen goods began as a routine patrol by Terrace Bay Constable Bernie Chasse.

A large, five-ton rental truck was investigated which led to the arrest of four persons; three brothers and one cousin.

They were charged with three counts of break and enter, two which occurred near Montreal River Harbour, and one at the

Manitouwadge turn off on Highway 17.

Property recovered from the break and enters totals \$30,000, Terrace Bay Police told the *News*.

This led to more charges being laid; three for possession; one for possession over \$1,000 and two for possession under \$1,000.

The four were also charged with being in possession of instruments of shopbreaking.

Of the property recovered, \$25,000 of it was tires- large, transport tires.

Paul Arnold Collins, 20, of Garson, Ont., Alexander Clement Collins, 21, of Markstay, Ont., Walter Samuel Collins, 22, of North Bay, and Terry Donald Collins, 22, of Garson, were charged.

This investigation got its beginning from the watchful eye of Terrace Bay Police Constable Bernie Chasse. Good work!

Thunder Bay man dies at mine- third death at Minnova's Winston Lake

By Ken Lusk
The *News*

Another fatality at the Minnova Inc. Winston Lake mine now brings the total number of deaths there to three in about the same number of years.

Marco B. Caputi Jr., 27, of Thunder Bay, died en route to the McCausland Hospital after his arm was torn off at the shoulder in a conveyor belt apparatus.

The Schreiber detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated the accident and report it occurred at 3:55 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 1987.

The Schreiber detachment reports that Caputi was removed

from the scene of the accident by the Minnova Inc. ambulance.

He was transferred to a North Shore Ambulance Service ambulance about eight miles south of the mine.

Caputi was then attended to by Drs. Jan Raczkycki and Marc Marion.

Caputi was employed as a millwright with Dominion Bridge, head office in Winnipeg, Man.

An inquest into the accident is mandatory in mine fatalities but an exact date has not been set.

Dr. Keith Wilkes is the presiding coroner.

OPP say an inquest will probably be held early next year in Schreiber.

The accident is being investigated by the Schreiber detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police and Mr. Ted Blake, on behalf of the Ministry of Labour.

Superintendent of Employee Relations for Minnova Inc., John Smrke, could not comment in-depth about the accident.

He did tell the *News* that the inquest will determine the ultimate cause of the fatal mishap.

"It appears to us (Minnova Inc.) a worker inadvertently (got caught) in a conveyor," said Smrke.

Smrke was saddened by the worker's death but he is confident the mine will start to produce its concentrate early in the new year, as planned.

The accident did not occur in the concentrate complex but just adjacent to it, he said.

Work will continue through the commissioning stage (test of all components) to get ready to produce the concentrate.

Smrke said he "does not

expect an extremely long delay" due to this terrible accident.

Smrke added the Ministry of Labour asked Minnova Inc. to ensure that the mine is in complete readiness before the conveyors are again turned on.

On-site inspection

Smrke said the coroner (Keith Wilkes) was escorted through the site late Tuesday evening, the Ministry of Labour was on-site on the day of the accident, and the OPP investigation started on Monday as well.

Smrke said on Tuesday, the OPP continued their investigation and representatives from the ministry were on-site for the greatest part of the day.

Interviews with persons were conducted that day in order to piece together and re-enact the setting of the accident Smrke said.

Smrke told the *News* the mine's fatality rate is "out of what we want it to be- the fatality frequency is quite high for the size of the mine and the fact it is not in operation yet.

"We're not happy with what has transpired."

Smrke said the situation is out of Minnova Inc.'s reach because the worker who died is not a Minnova Inc. employee.

Caputi was employed by Dominion Bridge and the other two men who have been killed at Winston Lake were J.S. Redpath employees.

In 1985 a Redpath worker was killed when an eight-foot ceiling fell and crushed him.

On July 5, 1987, another J.S. Redpath employee died as a result of a fall in a shaft.

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Feeling tired?

Constable Bernie Chasse of the Terrace Bay Police Force stands amidst the tires that were recovered- \$25,000 worth. It was Chasse's keen sense that led to the investigation.



Merry Christmas from the *News*

The staff of the *Terrace Bay/Schreiber News* would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The next issue of the *News* will be on January 6, 1988. From left, Ken Lusk, editor, Julie Wright, advertising manager, Addie Beaulieu, circulation assistant, Tugger, the official *News* news hound, and Gayle Fournier, office/receptionist.

Inside this issue

The Township of Terrace Bay has a new councillor, Mike King, who was appointed on Monday, December 7, 1987.

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Special Notice

The *News* would like to remind everyone that in January, the cost of a newspaper will be rising from 35 cents to 40 cents per copy.

**Next
month:**

The Year in Review

Due to lack of space '1987- The Year in Review' will appear in January; don't miss it.