

# O.P.P. Criminal Court Report and impaired driving definition

## Criminal Court Report

On January 10, 1989 at 10:30 a.m. the first session of Criminal Court was held for the year 1989 with Judge Roy Mitchell presiding.

Randy W. Baird of Schreiber was fined \$600 and prohibited from driving for one year after his guilty plea to an "Impaired Driving" charge.

Joseph Cebrario of Schreiber pled guilty to "Possession of a prohibited weapon" and was given an absolute discharge.

John Falzetta of Terrace Bay pled guilty to an Impaired Driving charge and was given a \$600 fine and also one year prohibition from driving.

Andrew Lauzon of Terrace Bay entered a plea of guilty to "Care or Control of a Motor Vehicle While Impaired" and was given a \$600 fine and prohibited from driving for one year. Lauzon was also charged with "Failing to Provide a Breath Sample" and was fined \$300.

Jean Guy Mercier of Schreiber pled guilty to "Impaired Driving" and "Assaulting Police" and was sentenced to 14 days in jail and a three year prohibited driving term.

Norman Starr of Heron Bay entered a plea of guilty to a "Possession of a Narcotic" charge. He was given an absolute dis-

charge.

All of the above charges were issued by the Ontario Provincial Police, Schreiber detachment.

## Question

Is "Impaired Driving" the same as "Driving Over 80 mg"?

The Criminal Code of Canada reads in Section 253, "Everyone commits an offence who operates a motor vehicle or vessel or operates or assists in the operation of an aircraft or has the care or control of a motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft whether it is in motion or not,

a) while his ability to operate the vehicle, vessel or aircraft is impaired by alcohol or a drug." (NOTE: This is impaired driving.)

b) "Having consumed alcohol in such a quantity that the concentration thereof in his blood exceeds eighty milligrams of alcohol in one hundred millilitres of blood." (NOTE: This is driving over 80 mg)

"Driving over 80 mg" is charged when the result on the Breathalyzer is over the limit (80 mg).

"Impaired Driving" is charged when a vehicle is/was weaving on

the roadway or being driven erratically, by a driver who is impaired by alcohol or drug. The Breathalyzer does not prove that someone is impaired, but it can prove that someone is "driving over 80 mg". A person may register 50 mg on the Breathalyzer and still be charged with Impaired Driving.

Police lay both charges of "Impaired Driving" and "Driving over 80 mg" and then at time of trial the Crown Attorney decides which one he will proceed on. The fine for both offences is the same.

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# Gypsies moving east - O.P.P. warns residents

Area Police Forces have recently received information that approximately 250 gypsies have left the West Coast Region of the country, in order to relocate in Southern Ontario, the Ottawa Region and Quebec.

It is a well established fact that these "nomads" are often involved in two types of crimes; namely, shoplifting and "home invasions".

In an effort to prevent these types of crimes, it was felt an explanation of how they operate could cut down the number of incidents involving these persons.

## 1. "Home Invasions":

Generally, one person (usually female) will approach a home feigning illness, requesting water, requesting to use a telephone, etc...

While this person is being tended to, others ransack the home and generally remove jewellery, silverware, money, etc...

## 2. "Shoplifting":

They operate as follows: One person will occupy the store keeper/clerk while others steal various items. Often the females will wear a booster type apron, usually hidden under the skirts. In the past, full size VCRs, camcorders, furs and numerous other large items have been stolen in this manner.

Generally, gypsies travel by vehicle in groups of three or four.

Should anyone observe these persons or be victimized by them, they should contact the local police agency immediately.

# Insurance board guidelines will probably increase car insurance

Rates likely to go up by \$60-\$75

By Dave Chmara

The Ontario Automobile Insurance Board (OAIB) is currently reviewing the way insurance companies determine their rates, and, after a number of public hearings and reviewing various proposals, the board is expected to reach a decision at the end of this month.

The Board has already held public hearings and made decisions concerning a uniform class plan, the way rates are determined, and industry profitability.

In reaching its decision on rate making methodology, the Board indicated a preference for ranges of rates rather than fixed rates in order to stimulate competition among the insurance companies, thereby permitting consumers a freedom of choice.

As for profitability, the Board identified the rapidly rising cost of claims as the single most important factor contributing to the need for increases in premiums. About 80 cents of every premium dollar is paid out to settle claims.

After hearing all the evidence, the Board will set private passenger automobile ranges of rates for

1989.

Terry O'Neill of Terrace Bay Insurance Ltd. said although the Board is expected to set rates at the end of January, insurance companies will not be able to fully implement the changes for several months, possibly until June 1989.

In early December, the Board received a report called the Mercer proposal which calls for an increase in rates of 35 to 40 per cent. The report was commissioned by the Board but is not binding. The Mercer proposal is intended by the Board as a reference point for analysis and comment by participants in the hearings.

But O'Neill doesn't expect insurance rates to increase by the amount the Mercer proposal suggests. O'Neill said the maximum rate increase would more likely be around 13 per cent, which relates to a \$60 to \$75 increase for most drivers.

The most likely group which will see insurance increases are female drivers under the age of 25 and the most likely group to see rates drop will be male drivers under the age of 25.

One reason the OAIB is reviewing insurance rates is the method by which they are currently determined. Age, sex, marital status, handicap and family status are currently major factors in determining insurance rates.

Once a decision on new rates is made, these factors will play no role in determining insurance rates.

O'Neill mentioned some of the components which will now play a role in determining the new insurance rates. Among these are: the area lived in, driving record of the individual, the amount of mileage driven in a year, and the number of claims made on an insurance policy.

O'Neill explained why rates in the North are not substantially lower than in the southern parts of the province. Although there is less traffic and population, the cost of repairing cars involved in accidents is significantly higher in the north due to the smaller number of car repair outlets. Because there are so few car repairers, there is less competition and costs are therefore higher.

The Board invites the public to express their views by making either written or oral submissions.

Members of the public are encouraged to call the Board at 1-800-668-0128, or to direct letters to 5 Park Home Avenue, 4th Floor, North York, Ontario, M2N 6L4.

## Thunder Bay Psychic

Dan Valkos

will be in Terrace Bay on Saturday, February 18th

To book a private reading Call: Red Dog Inn 825-3285

## Ontario Hydro invites contractors to submit tenders for:

Janitorial Services for the Ontario Hydro Service Centre, Walker's Lake Road, Schreiber, Ontario from 01Feb89 to 31Jan90.

A site visit will be conducted on Tuesday, 24Jan89 at 01:00 p.m. Only tenders received from vendors who have attended this site visit will be considered.

Tenders will be received up to 4:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, 31Jan89 at 34 N. Cumberland St., Thunder Bay, Ontario P7A 4L5

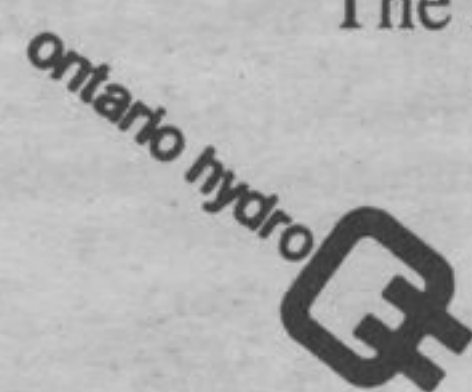
Tendering documents may be obtained

FROM:  
Room 716  
34 N. Cumberland St.  
Thunder Bay, Ontario

WRITE:  
Ontario Hydro  
Attn: V.I. Chenier, Room 716  
34 N. Cumberland St.  
Thunder Bay, Ontario  
P7A 4L5

PHONE:  
(807) 343-3461

Further details are contained in the tendering documents. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.



## The Corporation of The Township of Terrace Bay



### Notice to all Residents of Terrace Bay Involved in the Snow Removal Service for 1988-89

The Township of Terrace Bay regrets the problems that have arisen with the snow removal program due to the volumes of snowfall which we have received in the past months.

We would like to remind our citizens that under the contract, snow is to be plowed from driveway surfaces only and we would ask for your patience with the amounts of snow we have to contend with.

Should this continue to be a problem for you and you wish to discontinue the service, please contact the Township Municipal Office.

William L. Mitchell A.M.C.T. (A)  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



Happy Birthday  
Super Dave!  
Welcome to the Dirty 30's!  
January 20th