



LANARK COUNTY OPP NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE **04 September 2008**

Almonte:

- 1) Between the 27th and 28th of August 2008 five electric ground lights were reported vandalized (broken) and the underground electric cable pulled out of the ground. The incident occurred at a residential property on Country Street.
- 2) A vehicle was entered overnight between the 27th and 28th of August 2008 on Jamieson Street. A tire gauge, small quantity of change, and a Nokia cell phone model 6085 and charger were stolen.
- 3) The diesel fuel from a truck was reported stolen after it was discovered the gas line had been cut and the diesel fuel drained. The incident occurred between the 01st and 3rd of September 2008 at a business property on Christian Street.
- 4) Two 16 yr-old females from Almonte were arrested and charged with possession of stolen property on the 03rd of September 2008 after police received a report of two suspicious females in a parking lot in the vicinity of Farm Street at 2:30 a.m.. The charges are in relation to area car thefts and the incident is still under investigation. The suspects remain in custody pending a bail hearing on the 05th of September 2008 and further charges are pending.
There have been numerous reports of car thefts over the last several weeks in Almonte and this is a great example where someone took the time to call police and it had a positive impact. Great job!

Beckwith Township:

- 1) A front commercial license plate from a vehicle was reported stolen on the 03rd of September 2008. The plate is believed to have been stolen overnight from a residential property on Richmond Road in the vicinity of Crooked Side Road, east of Franktown.

Carleton Place:

- 1) Police received a report of youth near the water tower in Carleton Place on the 29th of August 2008 at approximately 7:10 p.m. after an area resident heard "smashing sounds". Police attended the scene at which time the youth were spoken to. No damage was located however this is a good example of reporting suspicious activity. The water tower has been an area where vandalism has occurred in the past.

- 2) An unlocked vehicle was reported entered, and a wallet stolen on the 29th of August 2008. The incident occurred between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. while the vehicle was parked unattended on Bridge Street. A reminder to remove all personal belongings even if leaving the vehicle for a few minutes.
- 3) On the 30th of August 2008 a firecracker was discovered on a residential property where the daily newspaper was also discovered burnt. The incident occurred on Emily Street.
- 4) On the 31st of August 2008 the outer glass pane in a front door was vandalized (broken) between 3:00 p.m. and 6:40 p.m. at a residential property on Emily Street.
- 5) A pickup truck reported stolen on the 28th of August 2008 from a business property on Bruce Crescent, was located on the 02nd of September 2008 on Hughes Street by police. A 17 yr-old Carleton Place man is charged with possession of stolen property, and mischief.
- 6) A bag of garbage was reported set on fire on Bridge Street in the area of Albert Street. It was determined that the fire was set at approximately 11:40 p.m. on the 2nd of September 2008. Upon the fire department attending the scene, the fire had extinguished. Three suspicious males were observed in the area at the time of the incident, however it is unknown if they are involved. No descriptors were obtained.
- 7) A suspicious person report was made to police on the 03rd of September 2008 at 10:30 p.m. after two male youths were observed attempting to open car doors in a parking lot on Bell Street. They appeared to be traveling in a van and were gone upon police arrival. Description provided is one youth had short hair and was wearing a red hat, while the second youth had short hair and was wearing a light coloured t-shirt. Though not located, a great job of reporting suspicious activity.
- 8) A recycled bag of shredded paper was discovered to have burn marks on it on the 03rd of September 2008. The incident occurred overnight at a business property on Bridge Street where it appears someone attempted to light the bag on fire.

Central Frontenac Township:

- 1) A man was arrested and charged with impaired driving on the 30th of August 2008 on Price Road (runs off of Mountaingrove Road, just south of Hwy 7, north of Mountaingrove) after a suspicious vehicle was observed sitting stationary on Price Road. Police attended the scene, locating the vehicle and the driver was arrested and charged. Great job of reporting suspicious activity!
- 2) Four tires of a passenger car parked at the Eagle Lake Boat Launch (Turtle Bay Line, north of Parham) were discovered slashed on the 29th of August 2008. The incident occurred between the 26th and 29th of August 2008.

North Frontenac Township:

- 1) Marine Update: Crotch Lake was patrolled on the 30th of August 2008. Two boaters in separate incidents were charged with having open liquor on board, while a third and fourth boater were charged with fishing without a licence in separate incidents.
- 2) Between the 29th of August 2008 and the 01st of September 2008 a gas tank of a truck was siphoned by punching holes into the gas tank. The incident occurred while the vehicle was parked unattended at the Crotch Lake boat access. A similar incident was reported to police again on the 03rd of September 2008 where holes were drilled into a gas tank of a truck. The truck had been parked unattended at Crotch Lake during daylight hours on the 3rd of September.

Drummond/North Elmsley Township:

- 1) A report of a suspicious vehicle with five males in it was reported to police on the 30th of August 2008 at 12:15 a.m. The vehicle was reported to have entered Mal's Campground located on Ferguson Falls Road, just south of Lanark at which time the males attempted to steal canoes from the beach. The males fled after being observed by campers and were last observed traveling eastbound on Ferguson Falls Road. No descriptions obtained.
- 2) On the 3rd of September 2008 a passenger car was reported damaged overnight after someone attempted to pry open the passenger door. One of the car windows was also broken. This incident occurred on County Road 43 in the vicinity of Glenview Road, east of Port Elmsley.

Lanark Highlands Township:

- 1) A yellow kayak was reported stolen to police on the 29th of August 2008. The incident occurred at approximately 11:35 p.m. on the 29th at a residential property on Lavant Mill Road in the vicinity of Airport Road (runs off of South Lavant Road, which runs west off of County Road 511, south of Robertson Lake). The kayak was observed being stolen by an unknown person who placed it in a half ton pickup truck.
- 2) A mailbox was reported vandalized (burned) after remnants of what is described as a Molotov cocktail was located inside. The incident occurred at a residential property on the 11th Concession A Lanark, east of Lanark (runs off of Ferguson Falls Road near Hwy 7).

Montague Township:

- 1) A suspicious person was reported to police on the 31st of August 2008 at 10:40 p.m. after an unknown male was observed walking up a driveway at a residential property on Rosedale Road North, northeast of Smiths Falls. Police attended the scene and confirmed the residence was secure and that the male had left the area. Another good example of reporting suspicious activity.
- 2) On the 02nd of September 2008 a bear was reported in the area of Highway 43 and Hutton Road (runs off of Hwy 43, south of Smiths Falls). Please note if you are having issues with bears in the area, there is a number/website listed below with valuable information in how to deal with nuisance bears.

- 3) A custom hydraulic dump utility trailer described as black and white in color, 6' X10' in size with white spoke wheels was reported stolen on the 2nd of September 2008. The utility trailer was stolen between the 01st and 2nd of September 2008 from a residential property on Matheson Drive (runs east from Smiths Falls).

Mississippi Mills Township:

- 1) A dark blue New Holland LS25 riding lawnmower was reported stolen on the 31st of August 2008. The item was stolen within the previous three days from a residential property on Ridge Road (north of Almonte, runs north off of Martin Street North to Panmure Road).
- 2) A suspicious vehicle was reported to police on the 02nd of September 2008 after several persons were observed leaving the vehicle parked on Ramsay Concession 8 (runs north from County Road 29, just east of Carleton Place) on the 01st of Sept. Police subsequently contacted the registered owner and determined it had broken down and plans had been made to have it removed. Another good example of reporting suspicious activity regardless that there was no criminal activity.

Tay Valley Township:

- 1) Marine Update: Big Rideau Lake was patrolled on the 30th of August 2008. Five boaters total in two separate incidents were charged with having open liquor on board, while two other boaters in separate incidents were charged with having insufficient safety equipment on board (no sound signalling device, buoyant heaving line).
- 2) Marine Update: Otty Lake was patrolled on the 31st of August 2008. A boater was charged with insufficient number of life jackets on board and warned regarding other infractions.
- 3) A residence was reported broken into on the 31st of August 2008 on Merkley Road in the vicinity of Narrows Lock Road East (south of Black Lake, southwest of Perth). Several items including a Kayak, chainsaw, and lawnmower were reported stolen. No further details at this time.
- 4) A suspicious vehicle was reported to police on the 02nd of September 2008 at 8:50 p.m. after a pickup truck was observed parking at the end of a driveway for 15 minutes on Christie Lake Road. The truck described as an older Chevy with a loud muffler was last observed heading south on Glen Tay Road towards Scotch Line.
- 5) Between 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. unknown person(s) attended a church property located on Stanley Road in the vicinity of Narrows Lock Road (southwest of Perth), and damaged the lawn by driving on it. The grass was subsequently torn up by their actions.

Phone Numbers for Reference:

9-1-1 for an emergency

1-888-310-1122 – OPP 24 hr toll free

1-800-222-TIPS (8477) – Crime stoppers or www.tipsubmit.com

1-800-268-4686 – MTO Road Information.

4-1-1 – Directory Assistance

1-866-514-2327 (MNR bear reporting centre, trouble with nuisance bears)

www.bears.mnr.gov.on.ca (MNR website regarding bears)

1-888-495-8501 – Phone Busters (to report fraud scams / helpful tips to protect yourself)

www.phonebusters.com (Phone Busters website)

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) (MNR enforcement)

www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/enforcement (MNR website for enforcement)

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