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# ***Berwick Policing Report February 2021***



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## **Kings District Employees**

Inspector Dan Morrow, Kings District Commander.

Forty general duty constables police Kings District as first responders. These officers are supervised by 8 corporals, 2 sergeants and 1 staff sergeant.

Kings East School Safety Resource Officer is Cst. Jennifer Britton.  
Kings West School Safety Resource Officer is Cst. Jeff Wilson.

Kings District General Investigation Section members are Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Shawn Cornelisse, and Cst. Jody Whiteway.

Kings District Street Crime Enforcement Unit members are Cst. Jason Sehl of Kentville Police Service, as well as Cst. Josee Lagace and Cst. Ken Slade of Kings District RCMP.

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault investigator is Cst. Melissa Lee. This is a temporarily-funded position.

Kings District Community Policing and Victims Services Officer is Cst. Kelli Gaudet.

Kings District has 10 Detachment Service Assistants who perform administrative functions at the 3 Kings District offices.

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## **School Safety Resource Officers**

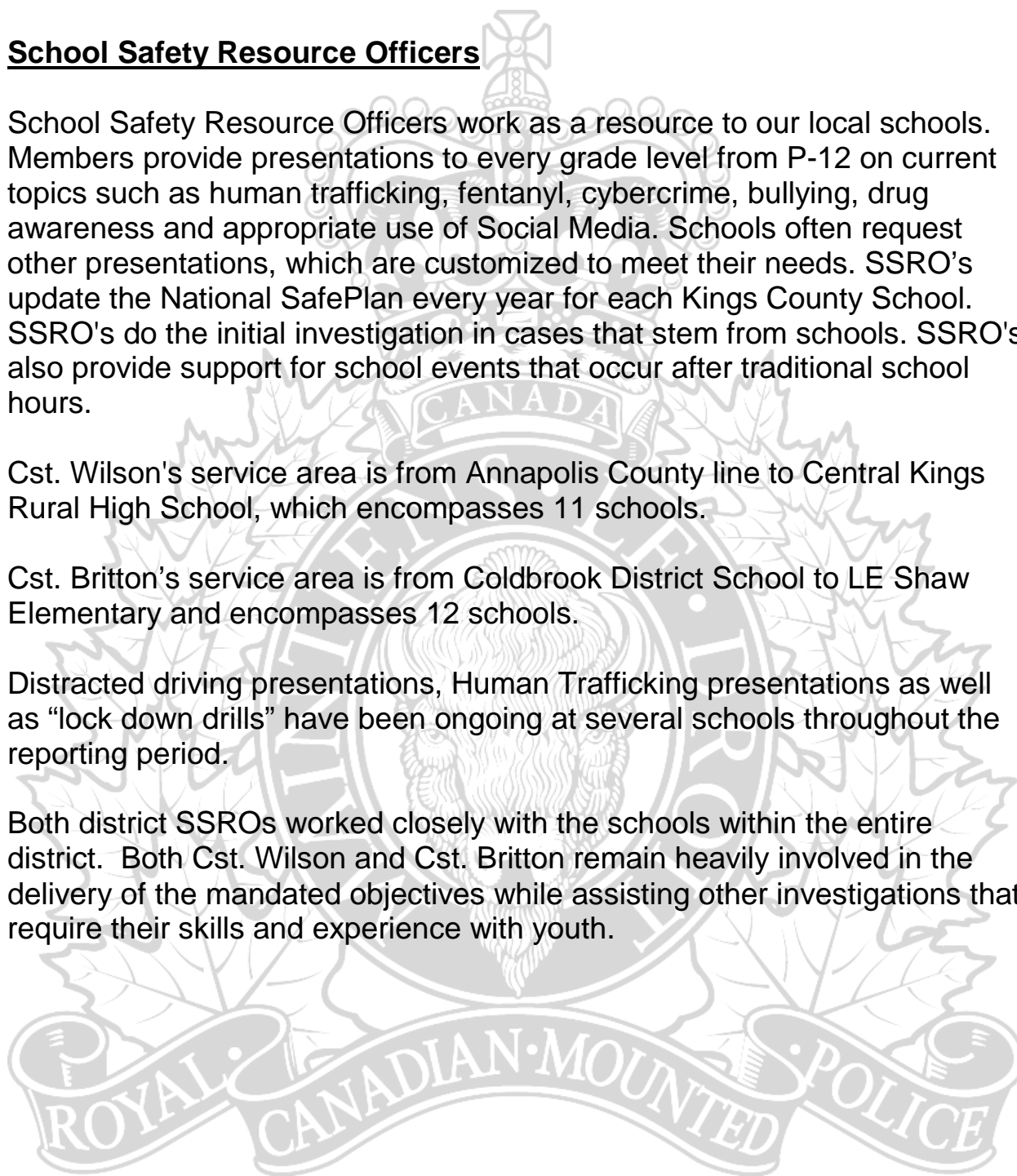
School Safety Resource Officers work as a resource to our local schools. Members provide presentations to every grade level from P-12 on current topics such as human trafficking, fentanyl, cybercrime, bullying, drug awareness and appropriate use of Social Media. Schools often request other presentations, which are customized to meet their needs. SSRO's update the National SafePlan every year for each Kings County School. SSRO's do the initial investigation in cases that stem from schools. SSRO's also provide support for school events that occur after traditional school hours.

Cst. Wilson's service area is from Annapolis County line to Central Kings Rural High School, which encompasses 11 schools.

Cst. Britton's service area is from Coldbrook District School to LE Shaw Elementary and encompasses 12 schools.

Distracted driving presentations, Human Trafficking presentations as well as "lock down drills" have been ongoing at several schools throughout the reporting period.

Both district SSROs worked closely with the schools within the entire district. Both Cst. Wilson and Cst. Britton remain heavily involved in the delivery of the mandated objectives while assisting other investigations that require their skills and experience with youth.



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## Highlights

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, Cst. Wilson spoke with CBC Kids regarding Youth CyberCrime on National level show for possible future airing. Investigational work at WKDHS, Aylesford St Mary's, Dwight Ross schools. Dismissal patrol at Berwick DS Schools zone. No violators. 1 ticket issued in Coldbrook for passing emergency vehicle without slowing or pulling over.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cst. Wilson spoke K-Rock regarding snow safety and kids. Mobile RADAR performed in Berwick main St. No violators. 3 Warnings issued for non speed offences.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed radar for school zone arrivals at Kingston and PRMS. No violators. Meeting with CBC Kids again. WKDHS COVID concerns with smoking area. School zone speeding ticket and 1 warning issued to students. RADAR East main Berwick, 1 warning, 1 ticket Hwy 1 South Berwick. 1 Ticket Maple st Waterville.

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson participated in follow up meetings with CBC Kids. WKDHS met with Principal re student driving behaviour for previous days' ticket and warning. CKRHS spoke to re: previous days' tickets warnings for driving. Investigational follow-up. RADAR performed around CKRHS and Waterville during dismissal. 1 ticket issued. RADAR south Berwick/Hwy 1, no violators.

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed investigational follow-up re cyber bullying. Assisted Cst. Britton at NKEC. Patrols of WKDHS.

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson attended online NS Youth Cybercrime Committee meeting. Investigational follow-up WKDHS and CKRHS.

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed investigational follow-up on several matters. Patrols during Cambridge dismissal, 1 ticket issued. Waterville speed enforcement conducted, no violators.

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On February 11<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson drafted several media releases and conducted investigational follow-up.

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson at WKDHS, PRMS, for investigational follow-up and restorative justice matter. Patrols of Berwick school zones, PRMS and Kingston schools.

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson prepared several media releases. Cst. Wilson assisted GD members due to storm and accidents.

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson performed investigational follow-up at CKRHS and WKDHS. Media interview with Chronical Herald.

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed investigational follow-up at WKDHS. Media release re: Wolfville Voyeurism file followed by interviews with ATV/CTV, CBC, Canada Free Press, Chronical Herald, Saltwire, Kings County Register. Safety message also released on next expected snowfall and clearing snow from vehicles.

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed school zone patrols of Pine Ridge, Kingston Elementary and PRMS. No violators. Investigational follow-up at WKDHS. Further media (CTV) interview. Patrols of Berwick school during dismissal and Berwick area. No violators.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Cst. Wilson dealt with student suicide attempt first response and follow-up with Health services and family. Cyberscan meeting, Restorative Justice meeting and various investigational follow-up. Follow up on unfounded report of weapon brought to a school.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Media release on counterfeit money, Break and Enter. Various investigational follow-up and operational assistance.

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed school zone patrols at Dwight Ross, École Rose, Pine Ridge and Kingston Elementary patrols for bus flashing light complaints. 1 ticket issued for speed. Media release prepared for Impaired file. Dismissal patrols at WKDHS, Kingston and PRMS. 1 ticket

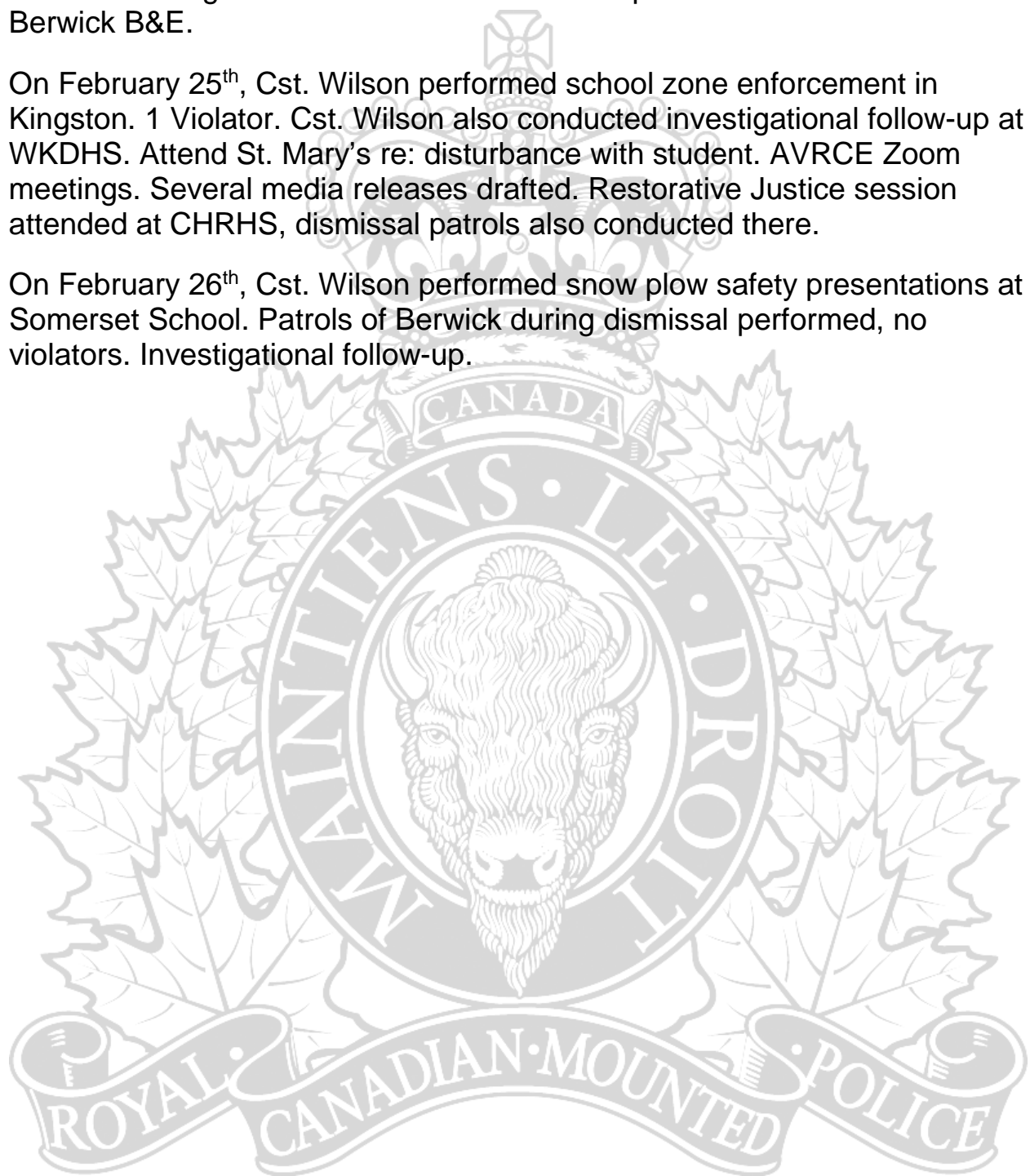


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issued. Investigational assistance and follow up. Media interview re Berwick B&E.

On February 25<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed school zone enforcement in Kingston. 1 Violator. Cst. Wilson also conducted investigational follow-up at WKDHS. Attend St. Mary's re: disturbance with student. AVRCE Zoom meetings. Several media releases drafted. Restorative Justice session attended at CHRHS, dismissal patrols also conducted there.

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed snow plow safety presentations at Somerset School. Patrols of Berwick during dismissal performed, no violators. Investigational follow-up.



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## **Nova Scotia RCMP Release Annual Provincial Impaired Statistics for 2020**

As Nova Scotia's Provincial Police, road safety is a top priority. In an effort to keep citizens informed about enforcement on our roadways, the Nova Scotia RCMP is releasing statistics for all RCMP detachments in Nova Scotia for 2020 on drivers charged for driving impaired by drugs or alcohol.

In 2020, Nova Scotia RCMP charged 1,625 drivers with impaired related offences.

- 821 charged with Impaired Operation of a Conveyance by Alcohol
- 72 charged with Impaired Operation of a Conveyance by Drug
- 142 charged with Refusal of a Demand Made by a Peace Officer
- 590 issued driving suspensions for Operating a Conveyance While Having Consumed Alcohol.

Impaired driving investigations can be complex, especially when they involve both alcohol and drugs. This is why Nova Scotia RCMP officers receive a variety of training, and have several tools at their disposal.

Each day, RCMP members are working throughout the province to help keep the roads safer for everyone. Recently, a member in the Halifax area was recognized by their supervisors for going above and beyond. Cst. Scott Aldridge from Halifax District RCMP Traffic Unit charged 139 drivers in 2020 for impaired driving related offences. His contribution to road safety does not go unnoticed.

In Nova Scotia, there are approximately 250 RCMP members with training related to drug-impaired driving, 33 of whom are Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). Nova Scotia RCMP also has 427 trained breath technicians who are qualified to operate instruments that determine a driver's blood alcohol concentration.

Failure or refusal to comply with a demand made by a peace officer for a sample for testing sobriety can result in criminal charges that have the

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same penalties as impaired driving. There are range of fines and periods of driving prohibition for those convicted of driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Citizens are asked to call 911 immediately if you see a driver who is driving erratically or unsafely. Here are some signs of an impaired driver to watch for:

- Driving unreasonably fast, slow or at an inconsistent speed
- Drifting in and out of lanes
- Tailgating and changing lanes frequently
- Making exceptionally wide turns
- Changing lanes or passing without sufficient clearance
- Overshooting or stopping well before stop signs or stop lights
- Disregarding signals and lights
- Approaching signals or leaving intersections too quickly or slowly
- Driving without headlights, failing to lower high beams or leaving turn signals on
- Driving with windows open in cold or inclement weather

Once you call 911, you will be asked to provide the following:

- Your location
- A description of the vehicle, including the license plate number, colour, make and model
- The direction of travel for the vehicle
- A description of the driver if visible.

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## **RCMP Reminds Motorists to Stay Alert to Arrive Safely**

Nova Scotia RCMP is asking motorists to help keep everyone safe on the roads by staying alert and focused at all times behind the wheel.

This month, the Nova Scotia RCMP will be conducting checkpoints throughout the province to highlight the importance of being focused while driving. From cellphones to loud music to other passengers, there are many distractions that can compete for a driver's attention and affect their ability to drive safely.

"Driving distracted puts you and everyone on the road at risk and is one of the four casual factors of fatal and serious injury collisions", says Cpl. Michael Carter with Traffic Services. "It may seem like a low risk to quickly check your phone but when you find yourself needing to stop suddenly, every second counts."

From October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Nova Scotia RCMP charged 183 people with using a cell phone while driving. In Nova Scotia, the fine for using a cellphone while operating a motor vehicle is \$237.50. If convicted, four points are added to the driver's license. The RCMP will continue to target distracted drivers through enforcement in an effort to keep Nova Scotians safe on roadways. Here are some tips to help avoid distracted driving:

- Keep your cellphone out of reach. Reduce the temptation to use it by keeping it out of sight (for example, in a bag in the backseat) and turn the ringer off.
- Plan your route ahead of time. Before you get in the car, know where you're going and how you're getting there. If you use a GPS system, program your route prior to starting the car.
- Avoid eating and drinking while driving. If you need to take a drink, wait until you are stopped at a red light.
- Keep music or radio at a reasonable volume. Music should never be so loud that you would not be able to hear a siren, or the screech of brakes from another vehicle.

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- Offer help. If you're a passenger and notice the driver trying to use the phone, offer to send a text or make a call for them. You can also offer to help navigate the GPS.
- Talk to new drivers. Talk to the new drivers in your life about the importance of staying focused behind the wheel and the serious risks when driving distracted.

If you believe someone is driving in a way that is an immediate threat to public safety, please call 911 when it is safe to do so. Include as much detail as possible, such as the location, direction of travel, vehicle and driver description and license plate number.

### **RCMP Warns of Online Marketplace Scams**

In the last month, Halifax District RCMP have received several reports of online marketplace scams.

Several scams involved victims placing an ad online for various items (these have included clothes, electronics and instruments). The suspect poses as a buyer and asks the seller to send the items, promising that payment will follow. The seller sends the items but the payment never arrives.

On at least four occasions, victims have been defrauded after sending a deposit for a dog or puppy. In this scenario, the suspect posts an ad for the pet on an online marketplace. When the victim contacts the suspect, the suspect asks the victim to send a deposit. The victim sends the money and the suspect provides a fake address to pick up the dog. The suspect then stops communicating with the victim.

When considering making a purchase from an online marketplace, there are some things residents can do to help reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim:

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- If you're looking for a pet, consider adopting one from a reputable rescue organization or contacting a registered breeder with the Canadian Kennel Club.
- If the person is selling an animal, ask for the pet's veterinarian clinic and call to confirm that the pet is a patient there.
- If the person is claiming to be a breeder, ask for the breeder registration information. If they won't give it, this is likely a scam. If they do give it, verify the information.
- If you are looking for a purebred, do research to get a sense of what a fair price is for the breed. Think twice if someone is selling a purebred dog at a very low price.
- Ask for the seller's phone number. Call and ask specific questions about what the person is selling. If they don't give a phone number, it could be a sign of a scam.
- Ask for multiple photos of what the person is selling. Compare them to ensure the item is the same in all photos.

Anyone can be a victim of a scam, and it's important to view all potential purchases with a critical eye. If you believe you are the victim of a scam, contact your local police.

If you encounter a scam but you have not been victimized, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>.

### **New, State-of-the-Art RCMP Operational Communications Centre Set to Open**

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, Nova Scotia RCMP 911 Police Dispatchers will begin answering calls for service out of the new, state-of-the-art Operational Communications Centre (OCC) at RCMPNS Headquarters in Dartmouth.

Since 2018, the Nova Scotia RCMP has been planning this move to the modern space.

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"The Nova Scotia RCMP OCC is now among the most advanced communications centres in Canada," says Insp. Dustine Rodier, Officer in Charge of the OCC. "We now have an OCC that reflects the exceptional work of our 911 Police Dispatchers."

The centre uses the most up-to-date technology for enhanced service to Nova Scotians, and was built with employee wellness in mind. Employee feedback and best practices from across the country informed the centre's design.

Features include:

- Several layers of redundancy built into our systems.
- Next Generation 911 compatible systems that will support continued advancements in technology.
- Open concept layout for ongoing situational awareness.
- State-of-the-art situational boards for enhanced situational awareness.
- Top quality ergonomic workstations with built-in features to support employee health and wellness.
- Plenty of natural light.
- Multiple areas for employees to decompress after challenging calls.
- Full working kitchen for employees to gather and share meals.

"RCMP 911 Police Dispatchers help Nova Scotians every day, through the challenging yet exceptional work they do," says Assistant Commissioner Lee Bergerman, Commanding Officer of the Nova Scotia RCMP. "The new, modern OCC enhances our existing abilities to provide an extremely high level of service to the residents of Nova Scotia for many years to come."

The Nova Scotia RCMP have produced a video about the new OCC. It can be viewed on [Youtube](#) or [Facebook](#).

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## Annual Performance Plan

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Objectives of Kings District Annual Performance Plan are:



- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**  
To date, Kings District members have charged 90 people with impaired driving (10 for drugs, 7 with refusal to provide a breath sample), issued 25 roadside suspensions (3 for drugs), issued 1,708 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 200 check stops.
- **Reduction of Cybercrime in Nova Scotia**  
Community resource officers and Senior Safety Coordinator continue to educate students and seniors on Cybercrime.
- **Reduce Crime Against People**  
Members continue to conduct physical checks on offenders/accused who are on court ordered curfews or house arrest with the goal to prevent recidivism. 81 checks were performed this month.

## Calls for Service

In the month of February, Kings District responded to 1239 service calls. There were a total of 75 service calls in the Town of Berwick during this reporting period. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

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Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	February Berwick	February Kings
	2021	2021
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>		
Offences Related to Death	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	4
Assault	0	16
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	0
Criminal Harassment	0	4
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	0	5
Uttering Threats	0	8
<b>Property Crime</b>		
Arson	0	0
Break and Enter	1	7
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	1	1
Theft Over	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	2
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	0
Take MV w/o Consent	0	1
Theft Under	1	15
Shoplifting	0	10
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	4
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	1
Fraud	2	37
Identity Theft	0	1
Mischief	1	31
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>		
Possession	0	0
Trafficking	0	1
Import/Export	0	0
Production	0	0
Other	0	2



Type of Crime & Occurrence Type		February Berwick	February Kings
<b>Traffic</b>			
	Dangerous Op of MV	0	3
	Impaired by Alcohol	0	10
	Impaired by Drug	0	0
	Failure/Refusal	0	0
	Driving while Disqualified	0	5
	Fail to Stop or Remain	2	17
	Seatbelt Violation	4	11
	Intersection Violation	1	15
	Speeding Violation	10	100
	Insurance Violation	1	12
	Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	2
	Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0
	Collision - Fatal	0	0
	Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	4
	Collision - Reportable	1	36
	Collision - Non Reportable	0	20
	Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0
	Municipal By-laws	0	73
	Other Traffic Offence/Violation	20	192
	Other Traffic Related Duties	0	2
	Checkstop	4	33
<b>Other</b>			
	911 Call	1	26
	Breach of Court Order	0	11
	Liquor Act	0	11
	Mental Health Act	3	34
	Missing Person	0	49
	Municipal Bylaw - Other	0	21
	Other	11	233
	Suspicious P V P	1	16
	Trespass At Night	0	0
	HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	10
	HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	0
	QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0
	QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	6	40
<b>Total Founded &amp; SUI Occurrences</b>		<b>71</b>	<b>1140</b>
<b>Total Occurrences*</b>		<b>75</b>	<b>1239</b>

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## **Traffic Enforcement and Proactive Patrols Update**

Members continue to conduct patrols and are aware of the traffic complaints in the community. 387 patrols were conducted in Berwick for the month of February. Below are some of the highlights for February.

February 1<sup>st</sup>: Numerous day and night patrols of Berwick conducted. No violators noted.

February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick conducted. 2 tickets issued.

February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Extensive patrols of Berwick/101 area. 6 tickets issued. 1 warning.

February 4<sup>th</sup>: Extensive day and night patrols of Berwick conducted. No violators noted.

February 5<sup>th</sup>: Extensive patrols. RADAR conducted on Commercial, Main, Hwy 1. 7 MVA tickets issued, 3 OHV tickets and 3 warnings.

February 6<sup>th</sup>: Extensive patrols of Berwick area. Mobile RADAR conducted. 2 foot patrols of Rainforth Park. 1 Ticket issued.

February 7<sup>th</sup>: Checkpoint at 360 North Berwick. 2 tickets and 2 roadside screenings performed for alcohol. 3 other tickets issued during Berwick patrols.

February 8<sup>th</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Nothing of note.

February 9<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols conducted. Nothing of note.

February 10<sup>th</sup>: Berwick patrols conducted. Nothing of note.

February 11<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols conducted. Nothing of note.

February 12<sup>th</sup>: Stationary RADAR performed on Commercial. No violators. RADAR on Main during shift change, no violators. Intersection enforcement on Commercial and Main, no violators.

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February 13<sup>th</sup>: Extensive patrols and stationary RADAR performed Commercial, Orchard and Main St. No violators. 1 ticket on Hwy1

February 14<sup>th</sup>: Extensive patrols of Berwick. Mobile RADAR performed on Commercial, Main St. No violators. 1 foot patrol Rainforth Park.

February 15<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick area. Mobile RADAR performed on Commercial, Main St. and Hwy 1. 1 ticket, 1 warning.

February 18<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick. Nothing of note.

February 19<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick. Nothing of note.

February 20<sup>th</sup>: Extensive patrols of Berwick area. Several Mobile RADAR patrols performed on Commercial. No violators 1 impaired driver in Waterville.

February 21<sup>st</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick. Mobile RADAR conducted on Main, Commercial and Orchard. No violators. Joint checkpoint on Foster St and Rail bed with DNR. No violators.

February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Mobile RADAR conducted on Main, Commercial and Orchard.

February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Extensive patrols of Berwick. Stationary RADAR conducted on Maple. Foot patrol conducted on Commercial, Union, Foster and Rainforth Park. Mobile RADAR performed on Main, Commercial and Hwy 1. 6 tickets issued.

February 24<sup>th</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Nothing of note.

February 25<sup>th</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Foot patrol of Rainforth park, Nothing of note.

February 26<sup>th</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Nothing of note.

February 27<sup>th</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Nothing of note.

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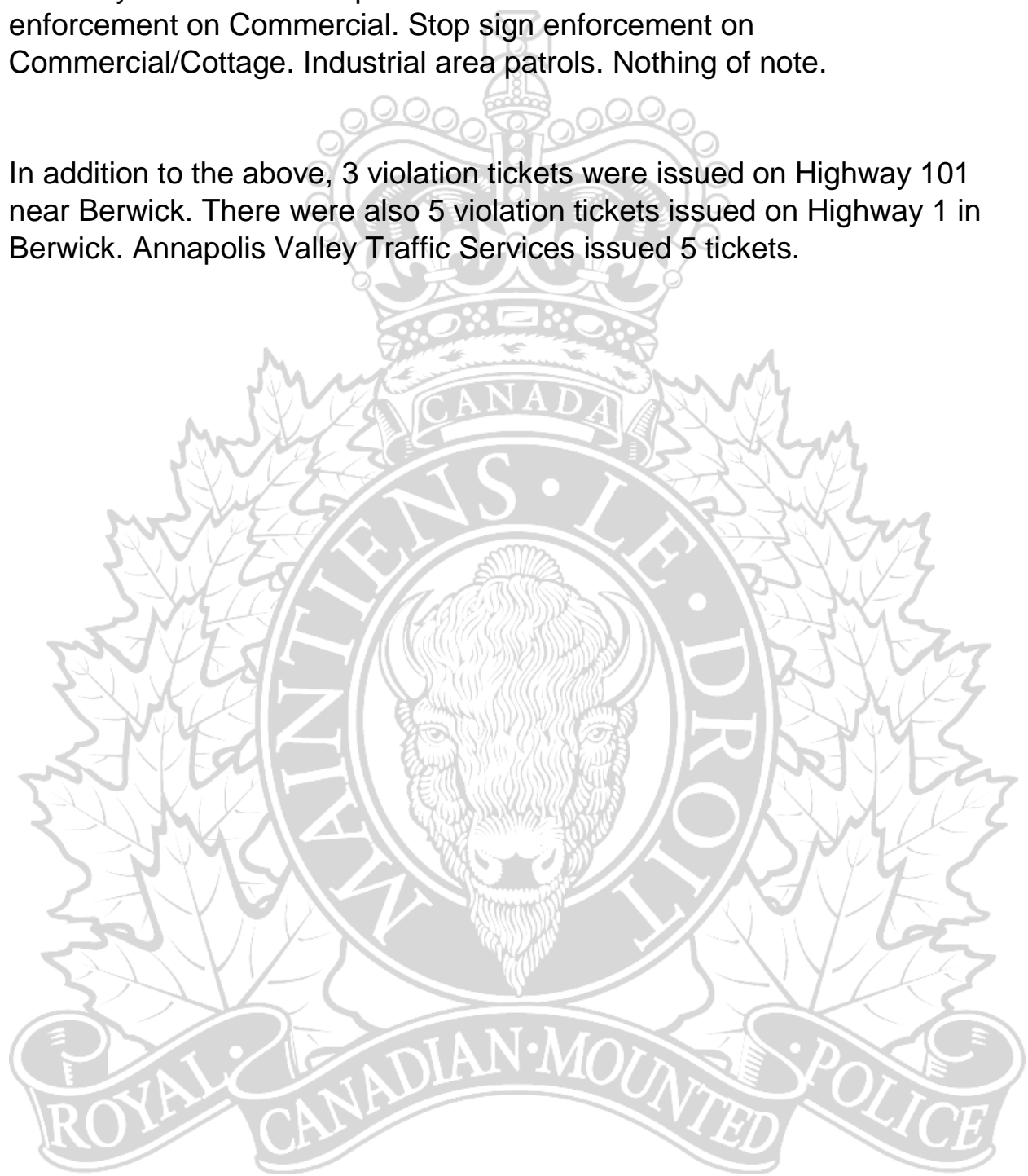
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February 28<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick conducted. RADAR enforcement on Commercial. Stop sign enforcement on Commercial/Cottage. Industrial area patrols. Nothing of note.

In addition to the above, 3 violation tickets were issued on Highway 101 near Berwick. There were also 5 violation tickets issued on Highway 1 in Berwick. Annapolis Valley Traffic Services issued 5 tickets.



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## **Significant Investigations:**

### **Voyeurism Charges:**

**2021-105145** – Kings District RCMP and the Kings District General Investigative Section have charged a New Minas man with Voyeurism.

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, Wolfville RCMP received a complaint from two female tenants who discovered a modified mirror in their bathroom. Kings District RCMP, Kings District General Investigative Section (GIS) and Southwest Nova Forensic Identification Unit conducted an extensive investigation of a property on Blomidon Terrace and discovered that modifications were made to the mirror and wall behind it to allow for viewing through an adjacent room. Police determined that the offence(s) took place between January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

A 55-year-old male of New Minas, has been charged with Voyeurism. He is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Anyone who feels they could be a victim, or has concerns about someone else who could be a victim, is encouraged to contact Kings District RCMP at 902-679-5555 in New Minas and 902-765-3317 in Kingston. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca), or use the P3 Tips App.

### **Stunting x2:**

**2021-192527, 2021-197081** – On consecutive days, two people, a 20-year-old Kentville man, and a 19-year-old New Glasgow man have been charged with Stunting while operating their vehicles in rural Kings County between February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

On February 12<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3:15 p.m., a member of Kings District RCMP on Hwy. 221, near Canning spotted a car travelling at a high rate of

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speed. The officer activated the radar and measured the speed at 120 km/hr in a 70 km/hr zone, 50 km/hr over the speed limit. The officer stopped the car and charged the male with Stunting under the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act.

On February 13<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3:50 p.m., a member of Kings District RCMP on Ridge Road, near Wolfville, spotted a car travelling at a high rate of speed. The officer activated the radar and measured the speed at 130 km/hr in an 80 km/hr zone, 50 km/hr over the speed limit. The officer stopped the car and charged the man with Stunting under the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act.

The fine for stunting in Nova Scotia is \$2,422.50.

Speed is one of the major causes of serious injury and fatal collisions on our roads. Road safety is a priority for the RCMP and drivers are reminded to make it their priority as well. If you see someone driving unsafely on our roads, please report it by calling the RCMP at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). If you believe it is an emergency, call 911.

### **Firework misuse:**

**2021-194149** – On February 12<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 9:17 p.m., Kings District RCMP responded to a complaint of gunshots in the area North Alton. When police arrived, they determined the noise was the result of fireworks being used as part of a birthday celebration. Police were met by a 50-year-old man from Kentville, with serious injuries to his face caused by a firework. The man was transported by EHS to the hospital.

Kings District RCMP is reminding citizens to take safety precautions and follow directions closely before using fireworks. Improper handling of fireworks when consuming alcohol can be dangerous and cause significant injury and property damage. Anyone planning to set off fireworks should consider notifying their neighbors in advance as they have the potential to

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disturb the peace in residential areas. They can also be a violation of noise by-laws in many jurisdictions.

For more information on fireworks safety, including the handling, preparing or setting off of fireworks, visit:

<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/explosives/fireworks/9905>.

### **Counterfeit Investigation:**

**2021-236173 – Update:** The suspect in the investigation into counterfeit money used at a convenience store on Main St. in Kingston on February 22<sup>nd</sup> has been identified. Further updates will be provided as warranted. Thank you to the public for their shares and retweets on social media.

Kings District RCMP is asking for public help to identify a suspect in a counterfeit money investigation.

On the morning of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, a man visited a convenience store on Main St. in Kingston and used a counterfeit \$50 Canadian bill to make a purchase.

Surveillance video shows the suspect as a tall man, between 35 and 45 years old, with a long reddish brown beard and moustache wearing a black winter toque, a grey Adidas zippered sweater and a black shirt.

The bill has distinctive blue markings, which the suspect folded down as he passed the bill to the staff of the store. The serial number on the bill is LGQ03229158.

Kings District RCMP is reminding local merchants and their employees to examine and verify any currency that is given to them, and to report any suspicious bills to their local RCMP detachment. For more information on detecting counterfeit bills and what to do if you receive one, visit the Bank

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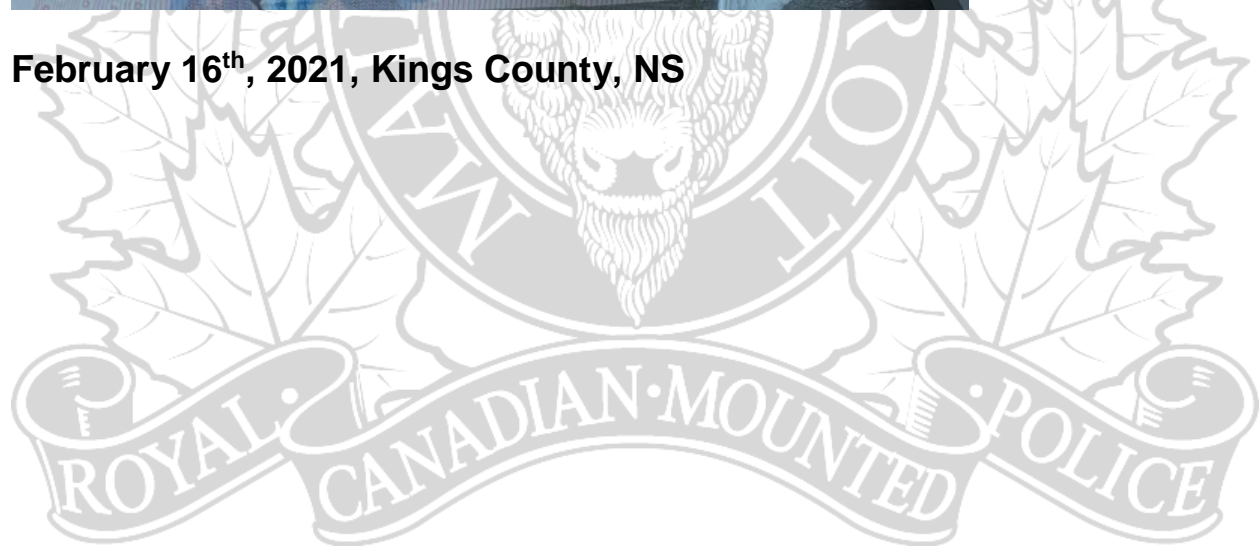
(<https://www.bankofcanada.ca/banknotes/counterfeit-prevention>) about counterfeit prevention.

Anyone with information, or who recognizes the man in the photo, is asked to contact the Kings District RCMP in Kingston at 902-765-3317.

Information can also be provided anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by downloading the secure P3 Mobile App, or by Secure Web Tips at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca)



February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Kings County, NS



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## **Kings County Road Safety**

With an ongoing focus and dedication to roadway safety Kings District RCMP had a productive week of enforcement the first week of February. Members from the Kings District RCMP along with Southwest Traffic Services - New Minas charged 113 people within the communities and roadways of Kings County. RCMP utilized several Provincial Acts and regulations while patrolling Kings County.

Southwest Traffic Services – New Minas wrote a total of 37 charges under Nova Scotia's Motor Vehicle Act in Kings County. The following is the culmination of charges: 13 for using a cellphone or device while operating a motor vehicle on a highway, 14 speeding violations, and 2 failures to wear a seatbelt.

Kings District RCMP members wrote a total of 54 charges under Nova Scotia's Motor Vehicle Act. The following is the culmination of charges: 17 speeding related offences, 2 fail to stop at a stop sign, 3 failures to wear a seatbelt, 3 driving without insurance, 2 driving while revoked, suspended or cancelled, 2 operating without a valid license, 9 registration and licence plate violations and 7 failures to obey a traffic sign. Kings District RCMP wrote 3 charges under the Vehicle Inspection Regulations, 3 under the Off Highway Vehicle Act, 9 Liquor Control Act charges for illegal possession of liquor and 2 littering charges under Nova Scotia's Environmental Assessment Regulations.

Road safety is a priority for the RCMP and drivers are reminded to make it their priority as well. If you see someone driving unsafely on our roads, please report it by calling the RCMP at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). If you believe it is an emergency, call 911.



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## **Break and Enter, Theft of Vehicle:**

**2021-205859** – Two youth were in cells overnight after a vehicle that was stolen in Wilmot was driven off the road on Brooklyn Street in Auburn. Kings District RCMP were called to a single vehicle collision on February 15<sup>th</sup> just before 11pm. When police arrived on scene they located two male youth in the vehicle. The youth were arrested and taken to the Kingston RCMP office. The police investigation lead to a break and enter at an auto repair shop on Hwy 1 in Wilmot. Suspect(s) were able to obtain a key to the vehicle and drove away from the business. Some time later the vehicle was involved in the collision on Brooklyn St.

A 15-year-old male youth from Greenwood has been charged with break and enter and theft of a motor vehicle. The youth has been released from police custody and will attend Youth Justice Court in Kentville on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

A 17-year-old male from Greenwood has been charged with break and enter, theft of motor vehicle, 3x fail to comply with condition on release order and failure to comply with sentence or disposition. The youth has been released on conditions and will appear in Youth Justice Court in Kentville February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Kings District RCMP as asking that anyone with information in relation to this incident to please call the Kingston RCMP at 902-765-3317 or Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or text TIP202 + your message to 'CRIMES' (274637) or by Secure Web Tips at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca). Calls to Crime Stoppers are not taped or traced and if police make an arrest and lay charges based on a tip, callers qualify for a cash award.



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### **Break and Enter:**

**2021-210405** – Kings District RCMP is asking for public help to solve a break and enter to a convenience store on Commercial St. in Berwick.

At 1:45 a.m. on February 17<sup>th</sup>, Kingston RCMP responded to an alarm from the store. The suspect fled prior to police arrival, but can be seen on video gaining entry to the store by smashing the glass front door. The suspect is then seen jumping over the front counter, rummaging through a drawer, and using a garbage can and garbage bags to carry merchandise out of the store. The suspect stole a quantity of cigarettes.

After leaving the store, the suspect got into the passenger side of a blue Nissan or Mazda vehicle, leaving the area eastbound toward Waterville at a high speed.

The suspect was wearing a light colored hoodie, darker colored jacket with a white stripe down the arms, black underwear, sneakers and lighter colored pants.

Anyone who has information on this incident is asked to contact Kings District RCMP in Kingston, 902-765-3317. Should you wish to remain anonymous, please call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477), submit a secure web tip at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca), or use the P3 Tips App.

### **Driving with Obstruction on Windshield:**

**2021-211102** - Kings District RCMP have charged a New Minas man after he was observed operating his vehicle with snow and ice on the front windshield. A Kings District RCMP member while on patrol on Commercial Street in New Minas observed a significant obstruction of ice and snow on the driver's front windshield. The motorist was charged under the Motor

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Vehicle Act for driving motor vehicle with obstruction on windshield. The charge is Section 184(4) and carries a fine of \$180.00.

Kings District RCMP want to remind the public it is an offence under Nova Scotia's Motor Vehicle Act, to not properly clear your vehicle of ice and snow. This applies not only after a storm but every time you get into your vehicle to assure yourself and other motorists safety on the roads. As the driver of a vehicle it is your responsibility to clear lights, license, windshields and windows AND the top of your vehicle so that vehicles are as safe as they can be in winter conditions.

If you believe someone is driving in a way that is an immediate threat to public safety, please call 911 when it is safe to do so. Include as much detail as possible, such as the location, direction of travel, vehicle and driver description and license plate number. IF not an emergency call 902-679-5555 for New Minas RCMP or 902-765-3317 for Kingston RCMP.

### **Weapons and Drug Charges:**

**2021-244943, 2021-240694** – Kingston RCMP have charged a Wilmot man with weapons and drug offences following a disturbance.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 10:40 a.m., Kingston RCMP were contacted about a disturbance outside an organization on Main St. in Kingston. It was reported that a man had been yelling from inside a vehicle at two women who were standing outside. The man then fled the scene.

As a result of an investigation, police learned that the suspect had breached his undertaking and was arrestable. Police immediately began searching for the suspect.

On February 24<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8:03 a.m., an off duty member of Middleton Detachment spotted the suspect walking along Hwy. 1 in Wilmot. The officer reported this to dispatch and on-duty officers from Kingston

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Detachment immediately responded to the scene, where they arrested the accused without incident. The accused was found to be in possession of a pellet handgun, methamphetamine and counterfeit money.

A 37-year-old male, of Wilmot, was remanded to custody and will appear today in New Minas Provincial Court. Dorey is facing the following charges:

- Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose
- Possession of Counterfeit Money
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Two counts of Failure to Comply with an Undertaking

The investigation is ongoing.

### **Impaired Operation:**

**2021-237789** – A Waterville man has been charged with impaired driving after stopping to help a motorist who had put their vehicle into a ditch.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m., Kings District RCMP were conducting a check point on Maple Street near Berwick. An officer observed a vehicle turn around before the checkpoint. The officer pulled the vehicle over a short distance later. The motorist however underestimated the shoulder of the roadway causing the vehicle to slid into the ditch. A passing motorist stopped and offered to tow the vehicle out of the ditch. Police detected a smell of liquor of the breath of the motorist that had stopped. The motorist failed a roadside screening test and was arrested for impaired driving. The vehicle driver was then taken to the Kings District RCMP office in Kingston for further breath samples. The motorists breath samples were 220 and 210 mg%.

The vehicle driver was later released and is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. The accused, a 51-year-old man from Waterville, is facing charges of Impaired Operation of a

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Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance While Over 80 mg%.

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### **Numerous Thefts Suspect Arrested:**

**2021-183349, 2021-212582, 2021-222786, 2021-245866** – Kings District RCMP have arrested and charged a person believed to be responsible for numerous thefts at New Minas businesses.

On February 10<sup>th</sup> and February 17<sup>th</sup>, police responded to two separate shoplifting incidents at the same business. A welder was stolen in each incident. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, police responded to a third theft at a second business where a substantial amount of tools were stolen. Video surveillance from the stores showed the same suspect leaving the stores without paying. The suspect was driving a white Chevrolet Impala.

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, another theft occurred at the second business and a substantial amount of tools were stolen. A store employee obtained photos of the white Chevrolet Impala's licence plate and police began searching for the vehicle. At approximately 2 p.m., police located the suspect vehicle which fled at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was located a short time later abandoned on Old Cemetery Rd. A male suspect was located a short distance from the vehicle on Hwy 101. He was arrested without incident.

A 57-year-old male, of Dartmouth, is charged with the following:

- Theft Under \$5,000 x 5
- Possession of Stolen Property x 2
- Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle

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He is in custody for parole violation and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

### **Serious Motor Vehicle Accident:**

**2021-257705** - At 5:24 p.m. on February 26<sup>th</sup>, Kings District RCMP responded to a multi-vehicle collision between Exits 10 and 11 on Highway 101. When police arrived at the scene, they determined that one vehicle pulled out to pass a transport truck, and struck two oncoming vehicles. The driver of one of the oncoming vehicles was transported to hospital with minor injuries, while the remaining vehicle occupants were treated at the scene and did not require hospitalization.

The cause of the collision remains under investigation. Highway 101 was closed for approximately two hours and has since re-opened.

### **GPS/Driver Incompatibility:**

**2021-262957** - On February 27<sup>th</sup> at approximately 7:30 p.m., Kings District RCMP were called to a snowmobile trail near Aylesford Lake. The lone occupant had been driving a car and followed her vehicle's GPS directions to turn off a road and onto the trail. After driving approximately 5 km down the trail, the car got stuck and the driver called 911.

Police located the driver inside the vehicle with no injuries. A tow company was contacted to remove the vehicle from the trail.

Kings District RCMP understands that it can be difficult to navigate unfamiliar routes and is reminding residents to use caution when following GPS instructions. It is also helpful to have a vehicle emergency kit in the event residents become stranded. For a list of what to include, see

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GetPrepared.ca's list at

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/sfttps/tp201012-en.aspx>.

### **Break and Enters:**

**2021-257040** - On February 27<sup>th</sup>, RCMP attended the Chain Lake Road area of East Dalhousie to investigate a call to multiple break and enters. Two addresses were identified as being broken into. The first residence appeared to have been entered through a door. The second residence a window had been smashed to allow entry to the inside. Police believe a chain saw may have been taken and that the suspects may have attempted to steal a vehicle parked inside the basement garage of the first residence. It appeared suspect(s) had gone through the residences leaving them disturbed as well as damaged in the process of gaining entry. Southwest Nova Forensic Identification Section is assisting with the investigation.

RCMP is offering some tips to keep seasonal homes free of thieves this winter:

- Remove all valuables from your cottage (including firearms);
- Lock / secure all doors and windows;
- Ensure all windows are covered by closing curtains or blinds;
- Ensure all out buildings (e.g., garage or shed) are secured. Remove valuables;
- Don't leave tools and items outside that could be used to break into your cottage. This includes ladders;
- Ensure that your cottage is visited on a regular basis. Consider using a trail camera;
- Ensure your property is well lit, with motion sensors and timers on lights;
- Install an alarm system with a local contact person if you don't live nearby.

We encourage community members to call to report suspicious activity and help to reduce property crime. Taking note of details such as a vehicle

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description, a license plate number, or a description of a driver can be a big help and lead to the recovery of stolen property and charges against those responsible. Kings District RCMP are looking for information about these crimes and ask the public to contact New Minas RCMP at 902-679-5555 or Kingston at 902-765-3317. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca), or use the P3 Tips App.

**Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report or any other community matters, please feel free to contact the undersigned.**

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