



## GANANOQUE POLICE SERVICE

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# MEDIA RELEASE

## News items for the period between January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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Officers of the Gananoque Police Service investigated 43 occurrences during the seven day period ending February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This included 7 criminal occurrences, 2 motor vehicle collisions and 5 calls to 911 for assistance. Officers issued 4 Provincial Offence Notices.

### January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 the Gananoque Police Service received a report of a theft and a possible assault with a weapon on a 26 year old female at a King Street address. The investigation is ongoing.

### January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 the Gananoque Police Service received a report of mischief to a vehicle. Vehicle was keyed, damaging the paint sometime overnight at the rear of a Brock Street address. No suspects at this time.

Police are requesting anyone with any knowledge about this crime to contact police or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Information that is provided is confidential and you will not be required to identify yourself. Crime Stoppers pays a monetary reward for information that leads to an arrest of a suspect.

### February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 Gananoque Police Officer while on patrol observed vehicle travelling on King St East with an expired vehicle permit. Officer conducted traffic stop and upon further investigation learned the 22 year old male driver of vehicle to be a suspended driver. Male was issued a Part III Summons for Drive While Under Suspension under the Highway Traffic Act and is to appear in court at a later date. Male was also issued a Provincial Offences Notice for Drive motor vehicle – no validated permit.

Charged person: Sean MCKINNON, age 22 years of Gananoque, Ontario  
Charges: HTA Section 53(1), Drive While Under Suspension

### **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 officers of the Gananoque Police Service while conducting a traffic stop, observed a 19 year old male known to have a warrant issued for his arrest by OPP. As a result male was arrested and transported to Gananoque Police Service to be turned over into OPP custody.

### **February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Gananoque Police Service received a report of a fail to remain on Victoria Avenue. Officers attend and observed that two vehicles parked at the roadside had been struck by another vehicle which had left the scene. An investigation was conducted in which police located the suspect vehicle and driver. A 21 year old male was charged with Impaired Operation and Over 80MGS under the Criminal Code and released on a Promise to Appear and a MTO drivers licence suspension. The male was also charged with Fail to Remain, Fail to Report Accident and G2 licence holder – BAC above zero.

Charged person: Kenneth MACINTYRE, age 21 years of Gananoque, Ontario  
Charges: CCC Section 253(a), Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle  
CCC Section 253(b), Over 80 MGS

### **February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Officers responded to a report of a shoplifter at a Stone Street North business. An investigation was conducted in which police were able to identify the 48 year old male responsible and return the stolen item to the business. A trespass notice was issued against the male.

### **February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Officers of the Gananoque Police Service received a call of an unwanted male attempting to enter a John St address. Officers located a 36 year old male and arrested him for being intoxicated in a public place. Male was transported to Gananoque Police Service where he was lodged until sober. Male was issued Provincial Offences Notice for being intoxicated in a public place.

### **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**

Members of the Gananoque Police Service with assistance from members of PROJECT ISLANDER executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant on a Tanner Street residence for illicit drugs. As a result of the execution of the search warrant a 44 year old female was arrested and charged with numerous Controlled Drugs and Substances Act offences that included possession for the purpose of trafficking in cocaine, cannabis marihuana and oxycodone. The female was also charged with having Possession of a controlled substance that included Psilocybin (mushrooms) and Methamphetamine. Further, charges are expected to be laid under the Food and Drug act once analysis of other drugs seized, is completed by Health Canada.

During the search officers seized 16 one gram bags of individually packaged cocaine, 246 grams of cannabis marihuana, 82 oxycodone pills, 2.7 grams of Psilocybin, 1.6 grams Methamphetamine and 159 pills that fall under the Food and Drug Act that were being sold by the accused without a prescription. \$800.00 dollars in Canadian funds and various items of drug paraphernalia was also seized from the residence.

The street value of the drugs seized is estimated at \$6,500 dollars depending on the demand for the prescription pills which can be much higher in value.

The accused was released on a promise to appear and will attend court at a later date to answer to the charges.

Charged person: Rhonda DIOTTE, age 44 years of Gananoque, Ontario

Charges: CDSA Section 5(2), Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (3 counts)

CDSA Section 4(1), Possession Schedule Substance (2 counts)



**Items seized from search warrant on Tanner Street residence.**

### **February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

Members of the Gananoque Police Service with assistance from members of PROJECT ISLANDER executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant on a Elm Street residence for illicit drugs. As a result of the execution of the search warrant a 26 year old male was arrested and charged with two Controlled Drugs and Substances Act offences that included possession for the purpose of trafficking in cocaine, and cannabis marihuana. As a result of the search a 22 calibre firearm and ammunition for a shotgun was located unsecured inside a room

within the residence. It was later found that the male does not have the proper documentation to possess the firearm or ammunition and further charges are pending as a result of these findings.

During the search, officers seized 23 grams of cocaine and 31 grams of Cannabis Marihuana, a 22 calibre rifle, shotgun ammunition and \$475.00 in Canadian funds.

The street value for the drugs seized is estimated at \$2200.00 dollars.

The accused was released on a promise to appear and will attend court at a later date to answer to the charges.

Charged person: Michael THOMPSON, age 26 years of Gananoque, Ontario  
Charges: CDSA Section 5(2), Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (2 counts)

PROJECT ISLANDER is a Joint Forces Drug Enforcement initiative that include members of the Gananoque Police Service, Brockville Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police.

### **S.T.E.P. (Specific Traffic Enforcement Program)**

Drivers are reminded for the month of February, the three traffic enforcement initiatives police will be focusing on are:

- Red Light – Fail to Stop, Section 144(18)HTA carrying a fine of \$325
- Disobey Stop Sign – Fail to Stop, Section 136 HTA carrying a fine of \$110
- Drive While Crowded, Section 162 HTA carrying a fine of \$110
- 3 demerit points will be recorded on conviction for all 3 of the offences

In response to resident emails to police, officers will be looking out for drivers with a pet sitting on their laps. Police remind drivers that driving with a pet such as a dog is not only dangerous to others, but also to the pet. This is because the animal could interfere with their control of the motor vehicle, particularly in an emergency collision / avoidance scenario.

Consider a screen divider to keep pets in the cargo area of SUV's, or a doggie seatbelt harness to secure your furry friend. Note that all airbag-equipped seating positions are potentially fatal to animals should the airbag deploy.

### ***January Statistical Results***

Police issued a total of 8 cautions and charges for Drive With Windshield Obstructed and Drive Motor Vehicle While Using Handheld Communication Device.

Residents are encouraged to continue emailing the police with their traffic enforcement concerns.