



MESSAGE FROM SUPT. BRODY SMOLLET UNIT COMMANDER OF 12 DIVISION

As many community members may be aware, 12 Division continues to have serious problems relating to gun violence in 2009, a trend that appears to have carried over from 2008. So far this year 12 Division has had three homicides, two resulting from shootings and one from a stabbing incident. Two of the murders also have a relationship to local "booze cans".

In addition to these murders, we have also seized a number of firearms during other investigations and these have included loaded handguns and rifles. At one location during the execution of a search warrant, officers also seized a 1 meter long alligator that was being kept as a pet.

While the crime situation in 12 Division is by no means out of control, we are implementing a number of strategies that should assist in providing additional uniform presence in problem areas, identifying suspects, targeting problem addresses and generally providing a feeling of security for the community. These efforts will continue as needed for the remainder of 2009.

While the beginning of 2009 has not been good as far as violent crime is concerned, we must all remember that crime rates in 2008 were substantially lower than in 2007 and we must all do our part to ensure that this trend continues. Efforts on the part of the police, when combined with assistance from the local community have always been more effective than just having one half of the equation working. For this reason, I want to remind everyone that we all have a part to play and we should work together to keep this community safe.

If you need to speak to me, I can be reached at 416-808-1213.

Remember, your neighbourhood is our neighbourhood!



ARRESTS OF THE MONTH:

2 MEN & WOMAN ARRESTED ON DRUGS & WEAPONS CHARGES AFTER POLICE RAID THEIR NASHVILLE AVENUE APARTMENT:

On January 28th, officers executed a search warrant on the accused's apartment after several weeks of investigation involving drug trafficking. It is alleged that during the search, officers located a loaded handgun and ammunition concealed under a mattress in one of the bedrooms. Both parties were arrested and taken to 12 Division where they were charged accordingly and held in custody pending a mandatory bail hearing.

Arrested: AQUINO-SANCHEZ Erik, 24 years of Toronto
SCOTT Alisha, 23 years of Toronto
MEJIA Jesus, 22 years also of Toronto

Charges: Trafficking in Cocaine x 3
Possession of Proceeds of Crime x 4
Possession of Marijuana
Careless Storage of a Firearm x 2
Unauthorized Poss. of a Firearm x 2
Possession of a Restricted Firearm with Ammunition x 2
Unauthorized Poss. of Prohibited Ammunition x 2
Poss. of a Firearm Knowing its Poss. is Unauthorized
Poss. of a Firearm Obtained by Commission of an Offence
Poss. of a Firearm Contrary to Prohibition Order

MAN & 2 WOMEN ARRESTED AFTER RAID ON THEIR EGLINTON AVENUE APARTMENT WHERE DRUGS, CASH & WEAPONS SEIZED:

On January 18th, officers attended the accused address where they executed a search warrant after a lengthy investigation. The officers arrested the three accused, one of whom was a young offender and it is alleged that the officers found a quantity of crack cocaine, a large amount of cash and several guns and ammunition. All were taken to 12 Division where they were investigated further, charged accordingly and held in custody pending a mandatory bail hearing.



Arrested: **ANDALL** Devon, 18 years of Toronto
LAMBERT Lyvon, 18 years of Toronto
A Young Offender Who Cannot be Named

Charges: Possession of a Prohibited Firearm with Ammunition x 3
Careless Storage of a Firearm & Ammunition x 3
Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence x 1
Trafficking in Cocaine x 3
Robbery x 1
Possession of Proceeds of Crime x 3
Poss. of Ammunition Contrary to Prohibition Order x 1
Poss. of a Firearm Knowing Its Serial Number Removed x 3
Poss. of a Firearm Knowing Its Poss. Unlawful x 3

1 MAN ARRESTED ON WEAPONS & DRUG CHARGES AFTER A SEARCH WARRANT IS EXECUTED ON HIS LAWRENCE AVE. APT:

On January 15th officers executed a raid on the accused's apartment, it is alleged that they found a quantity of drugs, a large amount of cash (over \$10,000) and a semi-automatic handgun. He was taken into custody and transported to 12 Division where he was investigated further, charged accordingly and held in custody pending a mandatory bail hearing.

Arrested: **BURGHER** Jason Barrington, 24 years of Toronto

Charges: Possession of a Restricted Firearm with Ammunition
Careless Storage of a Firearm & Ammunition
Poss. of a Firearm Knowing Its Serial Number Altered
Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm
Possession of a Firearm Obtained by Crime
Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking
Possession of Proceeds of Crime
Poss. of a Firearm Knowing Its Poss. is Unauthorized



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES:

Divisional Traffic Sergeant:

Sgt. Michael Mersereau #3942

Phone: 416 808-1224

Traffic Complaints Officer

Phone: 416 808-1215

<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/d12/>

Traffic enforcement and safety is a priority of our Service and one of the core functions of all police officers. Traffic Response Unit officers are assigned to pay special attention to problem areas including high accident locations, aggressive driving and community complaints as well as providing general traffic enforcement within the division. If you have a driving complaint that you would like to report, you can contact my office or attend at the station to have a report submitted. I will ensure that each complaint is addressed and appropriate action is delivered.

In 2008, 12 Division underwent some changes in organization of the response to traffic concerns. The Service priority of Traffic Safety was heightened and an increase in the quality of response to collision and investigation was initiated. For this year, we have now added to the Traffic Response Unit by having a dedicated Traffic Complaint Officer. This officer will be responsible to servicing the needs of the community through traffic enforcement, responding to chronic traffic-related complaints and taking part in Service-wide and Divisional traffic initiatives. This officer will also be available to communicate with community groups, business, schools and local politicians.

Using information gathered from the community and various government safety organizations, this officer will evaluate areas of concern to determine if there are issues which cause the identified problem, educate drivers who abuse their driving privileges and enforce the rules of the road as necessary.

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Further, in order that we can efficiently respond to Traffic Complaints, we have recently added to our station's Web page (<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/d12/>) a link in order that you can fill out a Traffic Complaints Form. Once received, the Traffic Complaints Officer will endeavour to take action as soon as possible to resolve the problem.

In 2008, there were 2,157 collisions within the boundaries of 12 Division. Most of these collisions (1325) were property damage-related and 345 collisions where at least one person was injured. Tragically, four individuals lost their lives as a result of a motor vehicle collision. Being only human, accidents do occur but we would like to reduce those numbers by continuing our effort to promote safe practises for drivers and pedestrians alike. Another disturbing statistic is that 452 of those collisions were 'fail to remains' in which a driver failed to take responsibility for his/her driving actions. Be responsible and here's.....

'What to do After an Auto Accident'

STEP 1 Stop. If your vehicle is involved in an accident and you don't stop, you may be subject to criminal prosecution.

STEP 2 If anyone is injured, if the total damage to all the vehicles involved appears to be MORE than \$1,000, or if you suspect that any of the other drivers have committed a *Criminal Code* offence (such as driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol), call 911 and follow the instructions given to you by the emergency operator. Police will arrive as soon as possible.

Do not try to move anyone injured in the accident — you may aggravate their injuries!

If no one is injured and total damage to all the vehicles involved appears to be LESS than \$1,000, Police units may or may not be dispatched to the scene. If local police do not attend the scene of the accident, they will instruct you to report to a Collision Reporting Centre

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within 24 hours if vehicle can be driven. If the vehicle requires a tow, it must go directly to a Collision Reporting Centre from the accident scene before going to any garage for repairs.

Collision Reporting Centres are police facilities created to assist motorists in reporting motor vehicle accidents. At the reporting centre, you will be assisted in completing a police report, and damage to the vehicle will be photographed.

There are a three Collision Reporting Centres in Toronto:

1) **North Collision Reporting Centre** – 113 Toryork Road, Just North of Weston and Finch

Open Daily: 6:30 am – 1:30 am

2) **East Collision Reporting Centre** – 39 Howden Road, just west of Birchmount and Lawrence

Open 24 hours a day, daily

3) **West collision Reporting Centre** – 855 Oxford Street, just south of Gardiner expressway and Islington Avenue. Open Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 9:00 pm

STEP 3 If it is safe to do so, move your vehicle to the side of the road out of traffic. If your vehicle cannot be driven, turn on your hazard lights or use cones, warning triangles or flares, as appropriate.

STEP 4 Write down the names, addresses, and telephone and driver's licence numbers of all of the other drivers, the licence plate numbers of the other vehicles, as well as the names and addresses of the registered owners of the vehicles, and the insurance information for each of the other vehicles.

STEP 5 Also obtain the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of passengers and witnesses.

STEP 6 Jot down specific details about the scene of the accident, using the accident worksheet provided

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Remember: As difficult as it may seem, it is important that you remain calm. Do not argue with other drivers and passengers. Save your story for the police. Do not voluntarily assume liability, take responsibility or promise to pay for damage at the scene of the accident. Be careful of unauthorized tow truck operators pressuring you to have your vehicle towed, demanding immediate payment for the tow, or attempting to take your vehicle to a garage or body shop of their choice. They may try to use the confusion of the moment to intimidate you into allowing your vehicle to be towed. If you feel you are being pressured, ask the police for the name of an authorized tow truck operator and have your vehicle towed to a Collision Reporting Centre or a police compound until you can talk to your insurance company.

Whether you choose to go to a Collision Reporting Centre or have Police come directly to the scene, do not leave the scene and ensure that you exchange complete information with all parties involved. Remember, driving is a privilege — not a right.

January Traffic Enforcement Activities

During January there were 138 collisions of which 32 collisions resulted in individual being injured.

On Monday January 26th – Friday January 30th, 2009; Operation Safe-Commute traffic campaign occurred where officers focused on aggressive driving, traffic signal violations, misuse of High Occupancy Vehicle lanes, illegal parking and general traffic gridlock.

On Saturday January 17th, 2008, Traffic Officer's attended Beiras Driving School to lecture and answer questions in regards to accident avoidance and Impaired Driving. If you have a Community Event and wish to have one of our Traffic officers attend please contact Traffic office.

As for Drinking and Driving, several more individuals were arrested this month.

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Of note:

On Saturday January 10th, 2009 at 4:02 a.m., Robert LUDLOW (30 years old) was driving on Jane Street without headlights on and swerving within the lanes of traffic. The vehicle was stopped by police. The officer noted the odour of an alcoholic beverage and other signs of impairment and arrested. Breath tests were taken and the driver was charged with Impaired Driving and Drive and Drive over 80 Milligrams.

On Sunday January 11th, 2009 at 2:48 a.m., Wilfred CERRUD MORNE (60 years old) was involved in a single motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Yore Road and Trethewey Drive. The driver had just crashed his motor vehicle into a barrier. Officers attended and observed the driver to have slurred speed, incoherent and the odour of alcohol on his breath. He was arrested for Impaired Driving and taken for Breath Tests resulting in readings of 191 and 181 milligrams of Alcohol. Driver was charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80 Milligrams.

On Friday January 30th, 2009 at 12:38 a.m., Mandie MARTELL (35 year old female) was observed operating her car at a high rate of speed on Old Weston Road at St. Clair Avenue. Several attempts were made by officers to stop her but the driver ignored the officers and continued driving. Eventually officers were able to stop the driver on Rogers Road near Keele Street. The officers noted the obvious signs of impairment and she was arrested for Impaired Driving. She taken for breath tests but refused to provide any breath samples. She was then charged with Impaired Driving and Refuse Breath Samples.

Note these drivers now are suspended from driving for 90 days on top of their criminal charges.

Remember

- Drinking and driving is a gamble that you just can't win.



COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT:

Our officers are very involved in our neighbourhoods. Here are a few of the activities in which they have participated in during the four weeks. CRU officers have issued 350 Provincial Offences Tickets, arrested 19 people and investigated approximately 557 others. Most recently they attended several addresses with a local Liquor Inspectors and they have laid 84 charges covering liquor offences against the people operating the respective premises. They have also attended 5 public meetings or community events, 74 school visits; they also paid special attention to separate areas involving 40 activity checks where there have been community complaints.

Since the beginning of the year, CRU officers have issued 350 Highway Traffic Act tickets and investigated approximately 557 people for varying reasons with 19 people being arrested. The CRU will also continue to pay special attention to licenced premises, after hour's clubs, and booze cans within 12 Division. Their efforts since the beginning of the year have resulted in 84 Liquor Licence Act charges being laid. In other areas of concern they arrested 1 person for prostitution activities, made 14 drug arrests and investigated & arrested 5 people for robbery and in relation to weapons offences so far this year there have been 2 charges laid.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER COMMENTS:

INTERNET SAFETY

Today the internet lets you shop, bank, and even interact with friends around the world, all from the comfort of your own home. And because it is so easy and convenient, people often get lulled into a false sense of

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security. The unfortunate reality is that as internet use grows, the number of criminals who use online means to commit crimes is also growing.

When using the internet it is important to safeguard your personal information. Here are some steps you can take to ensure your personal information is secure:

- When online, know who you're dealing with and be aware of potential security leaks. You wouldn't give information to just anyone in the off-line world, apply the same common sense discretion online.
- Change your passwords regularly, use hard to guess passwords (e.g. using a combination of letters and numbers), and never share your password with anyone – not even close family.
- Install and frequently update proven anti-virus software and also maintain a firewall to guard against unwanted on-line access to your computer.
- Look for a company's privacy policy or link to its privacy statement when you visit its website. Pay attention to what information the company gathers, how it's used, and with whom it is shared.
- Use caution if you receive e-mail from a business or person requesting personal information or directing you to websites that request your password, social insurance number, or other highly sensitive information. If unsure of the legitimacy of the request, call the organization for verification.
- When using social networking sites, limit the information you share publically, avoid posting your phone number, address, date of birth and only accept friend requests from people you know.
- File sharing websites are popular with online criminals and should be avoided. Legitimate downloading sites have security measures in place to protect your personal data and are a much safer option.

Remember if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Here is a list of community-based activities for the month of February that officers from 12 Division will attend. If you would like a Toronto Police Service representative from 12 Division to attend your community event, please contact 12 Division at 416-808-1200 and ask for the Community Response Staff Sergeant.

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Weston PCP Meeting @ 1901 Weston Rd. 7:00 PM	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Police Community Partnership Mtg. 7:00pm @ 1884 Davenport Rd.	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting @ 12 Division 7:30pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28