



MESSAGE FROM SUPT. BRODY SMOLLET UNIT COMMANDER OF 12 DIVISION

I want to comment on a few issues that have occurred during the month of November. First, there was another shooting incident on Humber Blvd. involving 4 victims, none of whom received life threatening injuries. However, none of the victims has been cooperating with the investigating officers and this incident has not yet been resolved.

Also, there has been a dramatic increase in thefts from motor vehicles, with portable GPS systems being the most popular item stolen. As we move into the holiday season, this is an excellent time to remind everyone not to leave valuables visible in their vehicles. Remember, thieves will take anything of value and leaving items in view just entices them. Please lock items in your trunks or take them with you.

On Thursday November 4, 2008 we had our annual town hall meeting in the old council chambers at 2700 Eglinton Ave. West. There were about 30 members of the community at this event and information pertaining to domestic violence, traffic and general interest was presented. Members of the community had the opportunity to ask questions and discussions took place on a number of other topics.

Finally, I want to wish everyone the best for the holiday season.

I look forward to the challenges I face and to working with our community partners. 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:

YOUNG OFFENDER ARRESTED AFTER HE IS FOUND WITH A LOADED 40 CALIBRE PISTOL IN APT BUILDING STAIRWELL:

It is alleged that: the accused youth was found loitering in a Woolner Avenue apartment building stairwell by 12 Division officers during the evening hours of November 23rd. When they approached him, he appeared startled and attempted to conceal something from them in his clothing. On speaking to him, it became obvious to the officers that he had something concealed in his coat pocket and was very nervous. The accused agreed to let the officers search him resulting in them finding a loaded gun. He was placed under arrest and given a complete search at which time a quantity of Hash Oil was found. He was taken to 12 Division where he was investigated further, charged accordingly and held in custody pending a mandatory bail hearing.

Arrested: A Young Offender Who Cannot Be Named Due to Current Legislation – Young Offenders Act

Charges: Possession of a Restricted Firearm
Unauthorized Possession of a Restricted Firearm
Poss. of a Firearm Knowing It's Poss. Unauthorized
Carry Concealed Weapon
Weapons Dangerous



ANOTHER 16 YEAR-OLD ARRESTED ON WEAPONS CHARGES AFTER FOOT CHASE DURING WHICH THE SHOTGUN HE HAD DISCHARGED:

It is alleged that: on November 1st officers working in the area of Jane and Trethewey responded to a call for an armed hold-up on Jane Street just north of Lawrence Avenue. While searching the area of Jane and Trethewey, they observed the accused young man who fitted the description of the suspect running through the grounds of an apartment building complex. When they gave chase, he continued running and threw away a loaded sawed-off shotgun. The gun was thrown over a wall and fell onto the concrete driveway of an underground parking lot entrance. When it struck the ground, the gun went off but no one was injured and the gun was recovered. The accused continued running but was soon cornered in a nearby backyard and arrested without further incident. He was then taken to the station where he was investigated further and held in custody pending a mandatory bail hearing.

Arrested: A Young Offender Who Cannot Be Named Due to Current Legislation – Young Offenders Act

Charges: Possession of a Prohibited Firearm with Ammunition
Possession of a Prohibited Weapon Knowing It's Possession is Prohibited
Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm
Careless Storage of a Firearm
Weapons Dangerous
Common Nuisance



43 YEAR-OLD MAN ARRESTED AFTER HE BROKE INTO HOUSE AND WOKE UP THE HOMEOWNER WHO CALLED THE POLICE:

It is alleged that: on the night of November 24th, the accused entered a home on Lapp Avenue and entered the bedroom looking for items to steal. Unfortunately for him, the homeowner was asleep in bed but woke up and turned on the lights. The accused then ran out of the house into the back yard and, apparently undeterred but now in need of some liquid courage, made his way over to Avon Avenue. Once there, he broke into another house. The homeowner had called the police who arrived quickly and began to search the area for the thief. A short time later, the homeowner from the Avon Avenue address called police to say that she found a man in her house having a drink and told him to get out. He finished the drink then left via the back door. Officers from 12 Division who had arrived quickly, found him hiding in the back yard.

Arrested: BOTHELO Paulo, 43 years of Toronto

Charges: Break & Enter With Intent to Commit an Indictable Offence x 2
Prowl by Night
Possession of Burglars Tools
Possession of Property Obtained by Crime
Mischief x 2



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES:

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Traffic enforcement and safety is a priority of our Service and one of the core functions of all police officers. 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 attempt to ensure that each complaint is addressed and appropriate action is delivered.

This month I would like to take the opportunity to discuss winter driving conditions which often lead to collisions that could have easily been avoided with a little patience. In winter, road trips take longer so give yourself plenty of time to ensure you do not rush yourself. Also the results of bad aggressive driving habits such as excessive speed, abrupt lane changes, aggressive braking and more are magnified. Slow down and signal you intentions – remember we all SHARE the road.

When Visibility turns BAD... driving in blowing snow and whiteouts:

Slow down gradually and drive at a speed that suits the conditions. Make yourself visible by ensuring the full lighting system of your vehicle is turned on. Avoid passing, changing lanes and crossing traffic unnecessarily. Increase your following distance. You will need extra distance to brake safely. Stay alert. Keep looking as far ahead as possible. Reduce the distractions in your vehicle – do not use your cell phones or other electronic devices as your full attention is required. Keep your windows and mirrors clean. Use defroster and wipers to maximize your vision. Try to get off the road when visibility is near zero. Pull into a safe parking area if possible.

DON'T:

Don't stop on the travelled portion of the road. You could become the first link in a chain-reaction collision.

Don't attempt to pass a vehicle moving slowly or speed up to get away from a vehicle that is following too closely.

REMEMBER:

- Watch your speed. You may be going faster than you think. If so, reduce speed gradually.
- Leave a safe braking distance between you and the vehicle ahead.
- Stay alert. Remain calm and patient.

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- If visibility is decreasing rapidly, do not stop on the road. Look for an opportunity to pull off the road into a safe parking area and wait for conditions to improve.
- If you become stuck or stranded in severe weather, stay with your vehicle for warmth and safety until help arrives. Open a window slightly for ventilation. Run your motor sparingly. Use your emergency flashers.
- Be prepared and carry a winter driving survival kit that includes items such as warm clothing, non-perishable energy foods, flashlight, shovel, blanket, etc.
- Before you drive, as well as during your trip, check weather forecasts and road reports. If there is a weather warning or reports of poor visibility and driving conditions, if possible delay your trip until conditions improve.

Traffic Enforcement Activities:

This month, 12 Division officers investigated nearly 150 collisions where 22 individuals which were injured.

Operation "BE SEEN" – Pedestrian Campaign occurred between Monday November 10 and Sunday November 16, 2008. This was a traffic safety campaign to promote education of pedestrian safety within our communities. November has traditionally been the month when the greatest numbers of pedestrians are involved in collisions. During this month, there were 4 pedestrians throughout the City who died as a result of a Traffic Collision. In 12 Division, we were fortunate not to have any fatalities but on November 13th, 2008 a child was seriously injured in a collision on Eglinton Avenue near Scott Road. In most of these collisions, the pedestrian was found to be crossing the roadway at an improper location or disobeying a Traffic Signal. Please remember that whether you are a pedestrian, cyclist or motor vehicle operator, watch for other users of the road and if in doubt about moving, don't be impatient – wait until your action is safe to do.

Drinking and Driving:

Drinking and Driving is a major concern for our officers with one-sixth of all the Impaired Driving and Over 80 milligram offences occurring the City of Toronto for the past three months being individuals who reside in 12 Division.

On Saturday November 1st, 2008 at 2:46 a.m., Vladimir SIRGHI (21 years old) was travelling on Jane Street and lost control near East Drive, eventually coming into contact with a garage door. The accused, a holder of G2 licence and currently before the courts for a previous 'Drive Over 80 milligrams' offence, was arrested for Impaired Driving. He provided sample of his breath with reading of 154 milligrams and 145 milligrams. The accused was also charges with 'Drive over 80 Milligrams' and held for a Bail Hearing.

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On Sunday November 2nd, 2008 at 1:40 a.m., Nathaniel MOHAN (23 years old) was initially northbound on Weston Road near Gunns Road where he sideswiped another motor vehicle and immediately fled the scene. The accused entered Avon Avenue and then collided further with a Hydro pole and transformer. This second collision resulted in over \$100,000.00 in damage to several homes in the area. The accused was arrested for Impaired Driving, Possession of Marijuana and Failing to Stop at a Scene of an Accident. The accused provided samples of his breath with reading of 215 and 214 milligrams respectively. A further charge of 'Driver Over 80 milligrams' was also added.

On Wednesday November 5th, 2008; Gordon FAIRBAIRN (44 years old) was north bound on Weston Road, drove into oncoming traffic colliding with a TTC Bus and then went into a concrete wall. The driver attempted to flee the scene but was located by officers and arrested for Impaired Driving. The accused provided breath sample with readings of 160 and 150 milligrams. A 'Drive Over 80 Milligram' charge was added as well as several other criminal charges. The accused was held for a bail hearing.

On Saturday November 22nd, 2008; George ILIEV (58 years old) was Westbound on Trethewey Drive when he collided with a parked vehicle near King Georges. The accused was arrested for Impaired Driving. He provided breath samples of readings of 148 milligrams and 140 milligrams of Alcohol. The accused was further charged with 'Drive Over 80 milligrams'.

On Thursday November 6th, 2008, two more individuals were arrested as part of our ongoing RIDE program. Jose MARROQUIN (41 years old) produced readings of 183 and 183 milligrams and Roland WEST (44 years old) produced readings of 105 and 102 milligrams. Both were charged with 'Drive Over 80 Milligrams'.

On top of these criminal charges, these individuals currently have a 90-Day driver's licence suspension as well. Another four individuals were issued with 12-hour suspensions for having concentration of alcohol over 50 milligrams.

Drive safely and be patient and as we enter the Christmas season. If you are going to Drink, don't Drive – plan ahead and arrange for a designated driver or take a Taxi.



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 223 Provincial Offences Tickets, arrested 14 people and investigated approximately 358 others. Most recently they attended several addresses with a local Liquor Inspectors and they have laid 24 charges covering liquor offences against the people operating the respective premises. They have also attended 20 public meetings or community events, 34 school visits. They also paid special attention to separate areas involving 56 activity checks where there have been community complaints.

Since the beginning of the year, CRU officers have issued 2293 Highway Traffic Act tickets and investigated approximately 4010 people for varying reasons with 256 people being arrested. The CRU will also continue to pay special attention to licenced premises, after hours clubs, and booze cans within 12 Division. Their efforts since the beginning of the year have resulted in 663 Liquor Licence Act charges being laid. In other areas of concern, they arrested 6 people for prostitution activities, made 81 drug arrests and investigated & arrested 19 people for robbery and, in relation to weapons offences, so far this year there have been 41 arrests made.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER COMMENTS:

The holiday season will soon be upon us and it can be a very busy time for shoppers as well as criminals. The following are a few Crime Prevention Tips to follow for both your own safety as well as peace of mind.

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- Do not carry large amounts of cash, take only what is necessary;
- Carry your wallet in a pocket or on your person not in your purse;
- Place all purchases in the trunk or concealed area out of sight of opportunistic thieves;
- Always try to park in well lighted busy areas of the street or parking lot;
- Try to shop with a friend or in a group as to detour would-be pick pockets or purse snatchers who prey upon lone shoppers;
- Lastly, always be alert and aware of your surroundings as to avoid any nasty surprises.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Here is a list of community-based activities for the month of December 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.



December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			