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Fraudulent promotion scheme

South Simcoe Police are investigating a Fraudulent Promotion Scheme reported by a Cookstown area resident. The resident reported that he had received a letter apparently from a promotions company located in Madrid, Spain advising that he had won a European Lottery winning almost 1 million euro's (approximately \$1.5 million Canadian Dollars). In order to collect his winnings the

winner was to fill out a "Payment Processing Form" with all his personal information including name, address, occupation, birth date, bank name, account, transit numbers, next of kin and photocopy of passport or drivers licence. Once returned the money would be deposited to their account.

The Public are cautioned that this is a fraudulent scheme where if they

returned the form with the requested information instead of having money put in they would instead have their money electronically removed from their account. Persons should never provide personal information in response to a solicitation from an unknown or unconfirmed source, when requested by mail, telephone, or email.

If anyone receives what they believe to be a

questionable or fraudulent letter, email or telephone solicitation they can call PhoneBusters Toll Free at 1-888-495-8501 or check their website at www.phonebusters.com <<http://www.phonebusters.com>> .

PhoneBusters in a joint investigative agency operated by the RCMP, OPP and the Competition Bureau of Canada to investigate these fraudulent schemes.

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Impaired/Over 80

On Monday 5 March at approx. 12:50 am a South Simcoe Police Officer on general patrol observed a motor vehicle drive into a snowbank while northbound on Cty Rd 4 in Innisfil. The vehicle backed out of the snowbank and continued northbound, wandering across the centre line and then back onto the right shoulder of the road. The vehicle was stopped and the driver arrested for impaired driving. Test conducted revealed that the male had twice the legal limit of alcohol in his blood.

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Impaired Driving

On Friday March 2, at approximately 2:45 a.m. an officer from the South Simcoe Police Service stopped a Chev pick up on St. John's Road in the Town of Innisfil. The officer spoke to the male driver and

observed he was impaired from the consumption of alcohol. He was subsequently arrested for Impaired Driving and transported to the Barrie Police station where he provided two samples of his breath that were in excess of the legal limit. A 32 year old Innisfil male was charged with Impaired Driving and Over 80 mgs. He was also given a 90 day licence suspension. The male was held for a bail hearing as he was out on release for outstanding charges that were still before the courts.

Family Domestic

On Thursday March 1, at approximately 1:18 p.m. police responded to a 911 hang up call at a Bradford West Gwillimbury residence. Upon arrival, officers learned that a 21 year old male had been in a confrontation with his mother and sister. During the argument the male spat on his sister. As his mother attempted to call 911 he smashed the phone from the wall with his fist. When his sister left the residence he uttered a threat to her. As a result, the male was arrested and charged with Assault, Uttering Threats and Mischief.

Further investigation revealed his was on a Conditional Sentence Order for a previous criminal conviction.

Angus man charged with impaired

A motor vehicle being operated in an erratic manner at the Angus Plaza alerted Nottawasaga OPP last Sunday about 5 p.m.

Police determined the driver's ability to operate the motor vehicle was impaired by drugs.

Charged is David Hatton, 35 of Angus, with impaired by Drug Care or Control contrary to the Criminal Code.

Missing Fisherman on Lake Simcoe

South Simcoe Police were called by two fishermen visiting from Michigan, when a third fisherman got lost on Lake Simcoe, in a winter storm. The fishermen were separated from their friend, when high winds reduced visibility to a point where they could not stay together. The missing fisherman, 48 years old, was missing for several hours after dark on the Lake. Police on both sides of the Lake prepared to search the area near Lefroy on snowmobiles, with the assistance of the Innisfil Fire department's ice water rescue air boat.

The missing man was found by an officer in a police vehicle that had been set up near the shore with its roof lights active to guide the man to land.

The man was not injured and told police he had taken shelter in a fishing shanty. Police remind citizens to stay off the Lake when winter storms are approaching, and take cover on shore.

Five sent to hospital after Angus collision

Essa — Last Tuesday about 5:45 p.m. a two vehicle collision on Mill St. in Angus sent five to hospital.

OPP and the Essa Fire Department responded.

Luc Saulnier, 27 of Quebec, was driving a 2003 Subaru Impreza northbound on Mill when a 2000 Toyota Echo driven by Benjamin Dunnet, 24 of Base Borden entered onto Mill from Fraser and the two vehicles collided.

Saulnier along with two occupants, 24-year-old Leo Nadeau of Edmonton and 27-year-old Sabastien Albert of Cold Lake Alberta were all transported by ambulance to Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie and non-life threatening injuries.

Dunnet was transported by ambulance to RVH with non-life threatening injuries. His passenger Lawrence Greenlaw, 47 of Base Borden, was airlifted to RVH and later transferred to Sunnybrook Health Science Centre in Toronto and is in stable condition.

Mill St. from Margaret to King was closed for several hours to allow for the Technical Traffic Investigation.

Four charged in Barrie murder

Four men have been charged in the killing of a Barrie man, found in a snowbank in Oro-Medonte last Friday.

Barrie Police allege that 31-year-old Richard Boxall was assaulted in Barrie, knocked unconscious, wrapped in a blanket and dumped by the side of Ridge Road.

It was there he was found by a snow plow driver in the early hours of Friday. Boxall died Monday morning.

Troy MacLean, 27 and Shawn Anthony Amos, 35, were initially charged with aggravated assault and attempted murder. Those charges have since been upgraded to murder.

Also charged with murder are Scott Dakins, 21, and John Preston, 37.

The four will appear in bail court.

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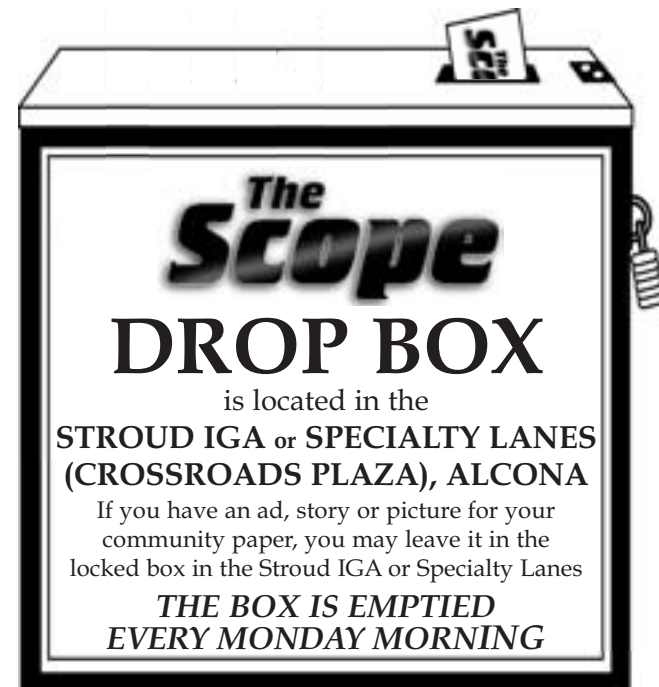
Cocaine Possession

On Saturday March 3, at approximately 9:15 p.m. police stopped a motor vehicle on Kate Avenue in the Town of Innisfil to investigate it for unauthorized plates. While investigating the vehicle the officer observed the passenger to be a male he had arrested and charged earlier in the year. He was also aware that the male had a curfew of 9:00 p.m and was to abstain from the consumption of drugs. The male was arrested for breach of his conditions, but began to resist. Two officers had two wrestle with the male in order to take him into custody. Once in custody the officers investigated further and learned there was a warrant for his arrest for a missed court appearance.

While searching the male, the officers located a large quantity of suspected crack cocaine and a quantity of cash on his person. As a result a 39 year old Bradford resident was charged with a total of 7 drug and Criminal Code offences. He was held for a bail hearing on March 4th.

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New OPP HQ heading to Alliston area

by **Richard Blanchard**

The new building for the Tecumseth OPP detachment will be located in the Alliston area.

Essa mayor Dave Guergis told council Wednesday night that the OPP

has always wanted the new headquarters located in the Alliston area.

"I understand that the Alliston location was always the preferred site by the OPP but I understand that the

press release neglected to mention the relocation," he said

Guergis said that he still favoured a location around County Road 10 and Highway 89 which would serve Alliston and Essa residents.