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## Innisfil man found dead after robbing store

An Innisfil man was found dead in the snow in Parry Sound over the weekend.

Nduca Osuji Talbot, 24, went to Adams Grocery on Emily Street and demanded cash from the clerk. At one point he had threatened to use a gun, but did not produce one.

The male fled on foot after getting some cash. A short time later, police were dispatched to Mission Park on Emily Street in which there was a report of a deceased male in the snow.

The autopsy was completed Friday, but the cause of death was not determined.

## County ends hunting in Tottenham forest

**by Richard Blanchard**  
Simcoe County council has given its approval to ending hunting in its forest property south of Tottenham. County councillors voted March 1 to approve a recommendation from its

Corporate Services committee supporting the change.

New Tecumseth council passed a resolution in December asking for the closure of the tract to hunting. There has been widespread public opposition to the use of the

property for hunting because of its closeness to a built-up area and the use of the property for recreation uses.

Opposition to hunting in the tract increased after a resident was shot in the Patterson tract in Adjala-Tosorontio in the fall of 2006.

## South Simcoe Police

### Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking/ Highway Traffic Act

On Tuesday February 6th, 2007 in the Town of Innisfil at approx. 9:45 p.m. a South Simcoe Police Officer observed a motorist pass by him without his seat belt on. The officer pulled him over and questioned him about not wearing his seatbelt. The driver appeared agitated and gave a fictitious name and when asked his date of birth (DOB) he advised he couldn't remember it. The officer could detect a strong odor of Marijuana coming from the vehicle. The officer asked the male to step out of his vehicle. The officer asked the driver and lone occupant if he had marijuana in the vehicle. The male advised that there

was some on the passenger seat. When the officer looked in at the passenger seat he could see in plain view two very large clear plastic bags of a leafy substance. The male was arrested for obstruct police officer and possession for the purpose of trafficking. What surprised the officer next was the clear package sitting beside the marijuana. The officer also confiscated almost 2 kilo's of cocaine. A 26 year old Alcona man has been arrested and charged with numerous trafficking along with many highway traffic act offences.

### Assault with a weapon, assault police, utter death threats, obstruction of justice and mischief.

On the 9th of March at 12:31 PM while on general patrol, Police were flagged

down on Barrie Street in the Town of Bradford by the victim and his girlfriend. Police were advised at this time that moments before a suspect had pulled a knife on the victim. The victim stated that he was standing on Barrie Street with his girlfriend waiting for her to catch a bus. While waiting the suspect came around the corner of John Street East onto Barrie Street, walking his pit bull. The suspect was wearing the victim's jacket which was stolen approx one month earlier. The suspect approached the victim and threatened him with a knife. Officers commenced an investigation resulting in the arrest of a second suspect who was trying to intimidate the victim. The second suspect a 26 year old Bradford man was arrested at 7:30 PM and transported to the south division. The second suspect was charged with the offences listed above and held for bail hearing. The first suspect a 21 year old Bradford man is known to police and an arrest warrant will be issued.

### Structure fire 20th Side Road Town of Innisfil

On the 9th of March, at 12:33 PM an employee of Bell Canada was in the area just completing a service call when he was driving south on the 20th Sideroad. He observed smoke billowing from a residence. He immediately pulled into the driveway and approached the home. He knew there were people inside due to the vehicles parked in the driveway. He banged on the door and got the homeowners attention.

With his assistance, all managed to escape without injury and fled to the vehicles parked in the driveway. The citizen is a volunteer fireman with the Beeton Fire Dept and knew that he shouldn't attempt to fight the fire without the proper equipment or personnel.

Once the fire was extinguished, it was discovered that objects stored beside the wood burning stove in the garage had slowly melted and ignited causing the damage. Due to the observations and quick thinking of a citizen, the lives of 4 children (all under 7) and two mothers, along with the family pet, were saved.

The home sustained minor smoke and water damage and the garage sustained heavy smoke, water, and fire damage. Est. at \$25,000 damage.

### Bail violation

On March 12th, at approximately 4:00 PM South Simcoe Police Service received a call for assistance to advise officers that her daughters ex-boyfriend has been in violation of his bail conditions. South Simcoe Police commenced an investigation with the assistance of the Criminal Investigation Bureau and learned that the 23 year old ex-boyfriend had broken into the victims Bradford residence the night before. The 18 year old victim informed officers of an ongoing situation involving bail violations. Further investigation to follow along with an arrest warrant to be issued for the 23 year old boyfriend.

## Crime of the Week - B&E at A&W

Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka and the Barrie Police Service are requesting the assistance of the public in helping to solve a break and enter to the A&W in Georgian Mall.

Sometime through the night of Feb. 10th - 11th unknown persons broke into the business causing damage to the door. The culprits removed the safe that contained a quantity of cash from the office and left a crowbar behind.

If you have any information regarding the possible identity of the person(s) responsible for this or any other crime and wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court. Your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

## Crime Stoppers Stats for February

During the month of February 2007, Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka received 156 calls. These calls assisted the police in the clearance of eight cases, including Theft, Mischief, Weapons, Narcotic and other Provincial Statute offences.

These investigation resulted in 12 arrests, 47 charges, the recovery of \$22,295 worth of property and seizure of \$312,700 worth of illegal drugs.

When the community and the police work together, results can be obtained. Callers to Crime Stoppers never have to identify themselves and if the case proves to be successful, you are eligible for a cash reward. We encourage anyone with information about a crime that has occurred to call 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

### Crime Stoppers Statistics as of february 28th, 2007

Calls received: 37,650  
Arrests: 3,124  
Cases cleared: 4,990  
Property recovered: \$9,281,218  
Drugs seized: \$36,324,422  
Rewards paid: \$231,240

## Alliston resident in serious condition after crash in Grey County

### by Richard Blanchard

A 16 year old Alliston girl is in critical condition with a broken pelvis and head injuries at a London hospital after a two car accident in West Grey township Friday afternoon.

The teen was broadsided in an accident when she turned from Glenelg Road 23 onto Grey Road 4 last Friday afternoon. Both vehicles ended up in a neighbouring snowbank. The driver of the second vehicle, a 68 year old Priceville, resident was taken to Durham hospital.

## Erratic driving leads to charges

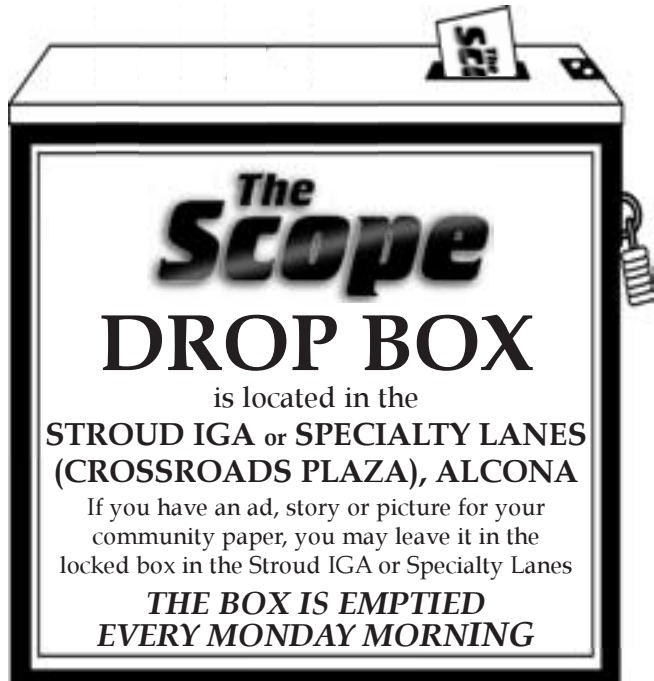
A motorist was northbound on Hwy. #11 at 2am Thursday morning near Line 1 of Oro-Medonte and witnessed a vehicle collide with the guard rail, then observed the occupants of the vehicle push the car behind a snowbank. Thinking this was unusual, he called the OPP.

Barrie OPP officers arrived at the scene, along with two tow truck operators. The driver and passenger of the vehicle advised the officer of a third party "that as driving". The officers looked for the "third party".

At this time the pair laughed about the third party in the presence of the tow operators, indicating to them that there was no third party.

The officers arrested the pair, and Krista Bolton, 23, of Bradford was charged with Obstruct Police, Careless Driving and a Liquor Licence Act offence. John Parker, 24, of Bradford was charged with Obstruct Police.

Both have an April 30th court date.



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