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# Theft ring bust nets three from Innisfil

**By Chris Simon**  
Nearly \$500,000 in stolen trailers and vehicles were recovered during a huge police bust last week. Several branches of the Ontario Provincial Police, along with the South Simcoe and Barrie police services uncovered a major cargo trailer theft operation, which spanned across Central Ontario, last week. The investigation lead to

the arrest of five people, including three Innisfil residents. The investigation, known as Project Recreational Use, recovered several vehicles and equipment, including 36 cargo trailers, a truck, motorcycle, snowmobile, camper, construction trailer and various tools stolen from construction sites. The investigation revealed that a fictitious

company, Haul-All Trailers, was being used to sell stolen cargo trailers to the public. Falsified and forged documents were used to register the vehicles with the Ministry of Transportation. The suspects also allegedly made fake Vehicle Identification Number plates, to conceal the identity of the stolen trailers. Stolen vehicles from the Greater Toronto Area were

sold in Central Ontario, and vice versa. The vehicles were sold at flea markets, motor cross and snowmobile events, and through buy and sell magazines. Several purchasers were aware they bought stolen property, at prices substantially lower than market value. In one case, a buyer paid \$6,000 for a \$50,000 vehicle.

Three Innisfil residents have been charged in the bust. Greg Horn, 40, was charged with three counts of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000. Larry Lapage, 33, and Scott Clement, 40, were each charged with one count of possession of property. Angus resident Tyler Liscum, 38, was charged with two counts of

possession of property, while Oro-Medonte resident John Graham, 38, was charged with three counts of possession of property, and one count of unsafe storage of firearms. The investigation is continuing, and more arrests are expected. Anyone with information can call South Simcoe police at 436-2141 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

## Man arrested after punching teenager

On Friday February 29, South Simcoe Police were contacted about an alleged assault. Both the victim and the accused are known to one another. It appears the accused, a 22-year-old Bradford man, attended to the victim's house to deal with an outstanding issue. The accused was upset at the time and the victim, a 19-year-old Bradford man, advised that he didn't wish to talk to the accused in his state of mind. The victim asked the accused to leave his property and closed the door. The accused then started to kick the door and the victim again opened the door to get the accused to leave and to stop damaging his parent's property. Once the door was opened wide enough, the accused hit the victim in the face several times. The accused then left the property. Police contacted the accused and was later arrested and released with conditions. He has a court date in April.

## Former marina property entered

South Simcoe Police are investigating a break and enter that occurred at the former Big Bay Point Marina sometime between 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 and 9 a.m. Feb. 28. Unknown suspects entered the property after removing a padlock off the front gate. Once inside the property, the suspects entered a construction trailer and removed some tools. Anyone with information about this occurrence is asked to contact South Simcoe's North Division at 436-2141, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com).

## Coin box nearly cracked

On Monday February 25, unknown suspects attended a car wash on Dissette Street in Bradford and attempted to cut the lock on the coin operated car vacuum located on the premises. They were unsuccessful in gaining entry to the coin box. The investigation is continuing.

# Family fraud and farm thief flies

## South Simcoe Police

**Snowmobile taken from Alcona residence**  
Sometime between Feb. 22 and 28, unknown suspects removed a snowmobile from the rear of a St. John's Road residence in Alcona. The snowmobile is described as a blue 2001 Yamaha SRX. Anyone with information about this theft is asked to contact the South Simcoe Police North Division station at 436-2141, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com)

**Woman charged after two vehicle collision**  
A 59-year-old Bradford woman has been charged with careless driving following a two vehicle collision which occurred on Bridge Street in Bradford on Thursday morning. Police report that the woman was following a second vehicle which had slowed down in traffic. She was unable to stop her car in time and rear-ended the second car. No one was injured in the collision.

**Man found unconscious in car**  
On Feb. 27, police were called to a Bradford residence when a man was discovered in a running car and was unresponsive. Ambulance, fire and police attended and the man was awakened. The 66-year-old Bradford man was examined by ambulance attendants and was then arrested by police for impaired care and control of a motor vehicle. The man provided samples of his breath at the police station and was further charged with over 80 milligrams. The man was released with a March court date and a 90 day licence suspension.

**Transponder, lap top adaptors taken from vehicle**  
Police are investigating a theft from a residence on Lee Avenue in Bradford that occurred sometime overnight on Feb. 25. The homeowner reported that his vehicle, which was parked in the driveway, was entered during the night and a 407 transponder and

several lap top adaptors were removed. **Domestic assault alleged**  
On Sunday March 2 at 10:15 p.m. police responded to an assault allegation at a Gilford residence. Investigating officers arrested a 43-year-old man for assaulting his wife. The accused was transported to the police station where he was later released on a promise to appear. **Fraud all in the family**  
On Friday February 29, a 26-year-old Aurora woman was arrested at her workplace in Newmarket. She was charged with fraud and personation relating to a complaint received from a family member, which indicated the accused had impersonated her in September 2007. The accused, by pretending to be the family member, was granted a credit card. The accused then used this credit card to charge numerous purchases to the family member in York Region. The accused now faces 18 counts of fraud and one count of personation relating to this incident. She will be appearing in a Bradford court in April. **Poultry farm broken**

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On Sunday March 2, police received a call from an alarm company advising that an alarm was activated at a poultry farm on Innisfil Beach Road. Uniformed officers along with the South Simcoe Canine Unit attended the scene, and found that an entry had been gained through the front door. It appears that the suspect pried the door with a crow bar or large screw driver. Once inside, the individual was caught on tape prying open the cash box and removing the money inside. The individual is described as a white man, between five feet, eight inches and five feet, nine inches tall, with receding short dark hair. He was wearing sunglasses, and is between 45 and 50 years old. The man was wearing dark running shoes with reflective strips, and a bomber style jacket which appeared light in colour. It was unknown how much money was missing at the time. The individual appeared to have a vehicle waiting on the road. If anyone has information about this occurrence, they can contact police or Crime Stoppers.