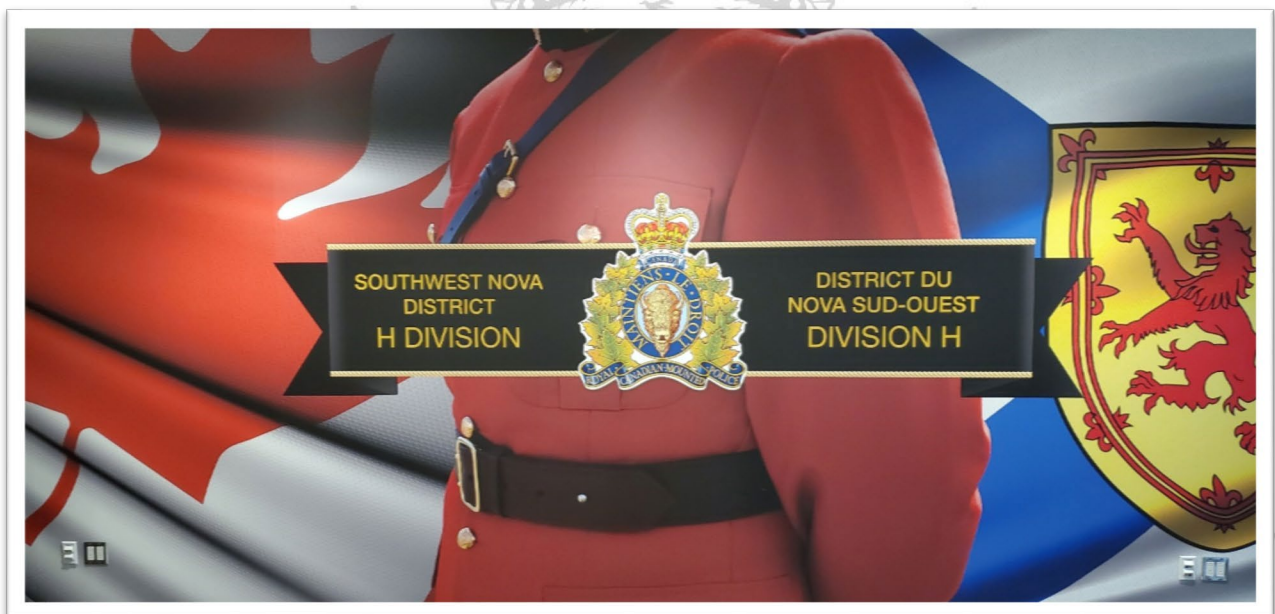


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# Kings Quarterly Policing Report Jan–Mar 2022



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## **Kings District Employees**

Inspector Kurtis Kamotzki, Kings District Commander.

Forty general duty constables police Kings District as first responders. These officers are supervised by 8 corporals, 2 sergeants, and 1 staff sergeant.

The Kings East School Safety Resource Officer is Cst. Jennifer Britton, and the Kings West School Safety Resource Officer is Cst. Jeff Wilson.

Our Kings District General Investigation Section members are Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Kelly McPherson, and Cst. Jody Whiteway.

Our Kings District Street Crime Enforcement Unit members are Cst. Jason Sehl of Kentville Police Service, as well as Cst. Josée Lagace and Cst. Ken Slade of Kings District RCMP.

The Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault investigator is Cst. Melissa Lee. This is a temporarily funded position.

The Kings District Community Policing and Victims Services Officer is Cst. Kelli Gaudet.

Kings District has 10 Detachment Service Assistants who perform administrative functions at the 3 Kings District offices.



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## **School Safety Resource Officers**

School Safety Resource Officers work as a resource to our local schools. Members provide presentations to every grade level from P-12 on current topics such as human trafficking, fentanyl, cybercrime, bullying, drug awareness and appropriate use of social media. Schools often request other presentations, which are customized to meet their needs. SSROs update the National SafePlan every year for each Kings County School. SSROs do the initial investigation in cases that stem from schools. SSROs also provide support for school events that occur after traditional school hours.

Cst. Wilson's service area is from Annapolis County line to Central Kings Rural High School, encompassing 11 schools. Cst. Britton's service area is from Coldbrook District School to LE Shaw Elementary, encompassing 12 schools.

Distracted driving presentations, human trafficking awareness presentations, and lock down safety drills have been ongoing at several schools throughout the reporting period.

Both district SSROs worked closely with the schools within the entire district. Both Cst. Wilson and Cst. Britton remain heavily involved in the delivery of the mandated objectives while assisting other investigations that require their skills and experience with youth.



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## Highlights

### Top Ten Tips for Safe Winter Driving

1. **Pre-trip preparations.** Take the time to brush the snow from all of the windows, side mirrors, headlights and tail lights. Not having these items properly cleaned is dangerous for vehicle occupants and for everyone else on the road. Failing to do this is also something police can issue a ticket for. It's also important to clear the snow from the hood and the roof. If not, there is a very real chance it will blow off on the highway and create hazardous conditions for anyone travelling behind.
2. **Plan ahead.** Before heading out, check to see what the current road conditions are and what type of weather you should expect. In Nova Scotia, motorists can call 511 for a list of current road conditions, or they can find them online at [www.http://511.gov.ns.ca/map/](http://511.gov.ns.ca/map/) through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.
3. **Drive according to road conditions.** If the roads are slippery it will take more time and distance to stop. The simplest solution is to slow down. It is also important to leave a safe amount of distance between vehicles, especially on the highway. That way, in the event of an emergency stop, there will be more time to do so.
4. **Know the limits of your vehicle.** Many times, motorists driving four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive vehicles feel safer because of the improved traction and additional ground clearance. It's important to keep in mind that stopping ability is not improved. Four and all-wheel drive vehicles can reduce your chances of getting stuck, but they won't help you stop any better during slippery conditions.
5. **Weigh the importance of the trip against the current weather conditions.** When the weather is really bad, police often advise motorists to avoid traveling if possible.
6. **Tires.** When it comes to winter driving, good winter tires are one of the most important investments a motorist can make. The rubber used to make winter tires is specially designed for cold conditions. It's softer,



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which allows the tires to maintain better contact with the road. As well, the treads are designed to grip the road better by displacing slush and snow.

7. **Buckle up.** A seatbelt will help keep you in your seat if the car does slip on the roadways, and it will help protect you at the moment of impact.
8. **Contact capability.** Another safety device to take with you is a cell phone in case of emergency.
9. **Winter safety kit.** A winter emergency kit for your vehicle should include a cell phone, flash light and batteries, emergency food, bottled water, candles, blankets, booster cables, sand or kitty litter for traction, tow cables, and road maps.
10. **Vehicle maintenance.** Ensure your windshield wiper fluid is a winter variety that will not freeze, and keep it topped up. Have a mechanic check on the condition of the and if it's old, have it replaced. Keep the gas tank topped up with fuel.



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## Kings District RCMP Warns of Credit Card Scam

Kings District RCMP are warning the public of a recent scam that has been circulating through Kings County. An example of the current scam is when a scammer calls the victim representing themselves as a bank or often a security official with a bank. The scammer advises the victim that their credit card has been compromised and that a sum of money has been debited. The scammer then requests the victim to attend to local stores to purchase gift cards to attempt to confirm the store where the scammers made up fraud occurred.

In one case in Kings County a victim purchased \$16,000 dollars' worth of gift cards and then provided the gift card codes to the scammer.

Police are reminding the public to protect themselves against frauds in the following ways:

- Do not send money, gift cards, Bitcoin or anything else of value to someone you've never met in-person
- If you have a feeling that something is not right, it is best to trust your gut and stop communicating with that person
- A financial institution should never have to ask for banking information within the company

Scammers can be very persistent and convincing. If you have been defrauded, you are not alone. If you or a family member has fallen victim to a scam, report it to your local RCMP office, as well as the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) by phone at 1-888-495-8501 or online at [www.antifraudcentre.ca](http://www.antifraudcentre.ca).





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## Please Clear Vehicles of Snow and Ice

Kings District RCMP are committed to safe roadways. Recent weather has caused heavy snow and ice build up which may be difficult to remove from vehicles. Before motorists decide to use roadways, it is important that all snow and ice is cleared off their vehicle's.



Heavy condensed snow on the roof of a vehicle poses a hazard because as the interior of the vehicle warms, it creates a moisture barrier between the roof of the vehicle and the heavy snow or ice pile. As this pile begins to come loose and shift on the roof, a hard braking will dislodge the large mass of heavy snow onto the front windshield. The wipers will not be able to remove the snow, necessitating an immediate stop in the roadway and creating a danger for that driver and everyone around them. Flying ice and snow is also very dangerous to other motorists whose vehicle may be struck causing further visibility issues, dangerous reactions and damage to vehicles.

In Nova Scotia police can issue a summary offence ticket under Section 184(4) of the Motor Vehicle Act for driving a motor vehicle with obstruction on window or windshield. This ticket carries a fine amount of \$180 for a first offence, \$237.50 for a second offence and \$352.50 for a third or subsequent offence.

Simple actions like clearing snow and ice from vehicles can make a major difference for safe driving.



Road Safety is a priority for the RCMP, and drivers are reminded to make it their priority as well. If you see someone driving unsafely on our roads, report it by calling the RCMP at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267) or 911.

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## **Annual Performance Plan**

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Objectives of Kings District Annual Performance Plan are:

- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**  
To date, Kings District members have charged in excess of 56 people with impaired driving, issued 45 roadside suspensions for alcohol consumption, issued 1763 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 198 check stops.
- **Reduction of Cybercrime in Nova Scotia**  
Community resource officers and Senior Safety Coordinator continue to educate students and seniors on Cybercrime.
- **Reduce Crime Against People**  
Members continue to conduct physical checks on offenders/accused who are on court ordered curfews or house arrest with the goal to prevent recidivism.
- **Intelligence Led Policing Effort**  
In 2020/21, Kings District senior managers recognized a lack of intelligence led policing efforts within the district. This is a national strategic policing priority of the RCMP and as such, efforts to improve in this area have been made through training and mentorship. This improvement has resulted in an increase in drug-related and property crime-related investigations within Kings District.



## Calls for Service

From January to March, Kings District responded to 2805 service calls. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Quarterly Total
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>				
Offences Related to Death	1	0	1	2
Sexual Offences	6	5	10	21
Assault	20	26	32	78
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	1	2
Extortion / Intimidation	1	3	6	10
Criminal Harassment	1	3	6	10
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	3	11	8	22
Uttering Threats	4	13	8	25
<b>Property Crime</b>				
Arson	0	2	2	4
Break and Enter	4	5	11	20
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	1	0	1
Theft Over	0	1	1	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	2	3	5
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	0	4	4
Take MV w/o Consent	0	2	1	3
Theft Under	14	7	21	42
Shoplifting	14	14	24	52
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	2	1	3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	3	3	5	11
Possession of Stolen Goods	1	0	0	1
Fraud	22	19	21	62
Identity Theft	1	1	3	5
Mischief	30	32	39	101
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>				
Possession	1	0	1	2
Trafficking	2	11	2	15
Import/Export	0	0	0	0
Production	0	1	0	1
Other	0	1	2	3

<b>Traffic</b>				
Dangerous Op of MV	0	0	0	0
Impaired by Alcohol	7	11	9	27
Impaired by Drug	0	0	0	0
Failure/Refusal	1	1	2	4
Driving while Disqualified	3	1	5	9
Fail to Stop or Remain	3	15	11	29
Seatbelt Violation	13	1	0	14
Intersection Violation	4	8	10	22
Speeding Violation	46	38	59	143
Insurance Violation	1	4	5	10
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	1	0	1	2
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	1	0	1
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	3	14	6	23
Collision - Reportable	29	33	29	91
Collision - Non Reportable	30	21	24	75
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	1	2	2	5
Municipal By-laws	1	12	1	14
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	95	133	166	394
Other Traffic Related Duties	2	2	11	15
Checkstop	5	8	16	29
<b>Other</b>				
911 Call	21	25	26	72
Breach of Court Order	5	11	14	30
Liquor Act	2	8	17	27
Mental Health Act	36	44	52	132
Missing Person	24	43	52	119
Municipal Bylaw - Other	3	11	17	31
Other	195	224	267	686
Suspicious P V P	15	16	31	62
Trespass At Night	1	0	0	1
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	6	5	1	12
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	1	1	1	3
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	1	2	7	10
<b>Total Founded &amp; SUI Occurrences</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>2,619</b>
<b>Total Occurrences*</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>2,805</b>
<i>*Includes Unfounded and Unsubstantiated</i>				



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## **Significant Investigations**

This past quarter has been a relatively busy time district wide.

Members have been very busy with responding to various types of calls yet have continue to be proactive with traffic enforcement limiting the serious incidences.

### **Kings District RCMP Seeking Assistance in Locating Coldbrook Teen Police file: 2022-228114**

Kings District RCMP is seeking assistance in locating a missing Coldbrook teen not heard from since 11:00pm on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Leah Orde, 14, has not been seen since Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> after leaving her home on Ashley Dr. in Coldbrook. Police believe she may be in the Digby area.

Leah Orde is Caucasian, 5' tall, and is approximately 160 lbs. Orde is described as: stocky build, short brown hair and blue eyes and has a nose piercing. Orde was last seen wearing a black hoodie, tan pants, black sneakers with a black backpack.

Although foul play is not suspected, police are concerned for Orde's safety. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of Leah Orde is asked to contact Kings District RCMP at 902-679-5555 or 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). Should you wish to remain anonymous, you can also contact Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or text TIP202 + your message to 'CRIMES' (274637) or submit tips by Secure Web Tips at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca). Calls to Crime Stoppers are not tapped or traced and if police make an arrest and lay charges based on a tip, callers can qualify for a cash award.

### **Kings District RCMP Seeking Assistance in Locating Greenwood Teen Police file: 2022-136028**

Kings District RCMP is seeking assistance in locating a missing Greenwood teen. Austin Whynot, 17, has not been seen since Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at his home in Greenwood. Whynot left his home for Middleton and was supposed to be picked

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up on Main St last night. Whynot did not attend the pickup location. Information obtained by police indicates he may still be in the Middleton area.

Austin Whynot is Caucasian, 5'10" tall and is approximately 174 lbs. Whynot has long light brown hair and blue eyes. It is unknown at this time what items of clothing he may be wearing.

Although foul play is not suspected, police are concerned for Austin Whynot's safety. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of Austin Whynot is asked to contact Kings District RCMP at 902-765-337 or 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). Should you wish to remain anonymous, you can also contact Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or text TIP202 + your message to 'CRIMES' (274637) or submit tips at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca). Calls to Crime Stoppers are not tapped or traced and if police make an arrest and lay charges based on a tip, callers can qualify for a cash award.

### **Public Aids Kings District RCMP in Locating Impaired Kingston Driver Police file: 2022-144821**

Kings District RCMP have arrested an impaired driver after responding to a call from a concerned community member.

At 5:40 pm. on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kings District RCMP responded to a call of a possible impaired driver believed to be somewhere on the roadways near Kingston. Kingston RCMP located the vehicle on Central Ave. in Greenwood.

The driver of a vehicle displayed signs of impairment. The driver was arrested and transported by police to the Kingston RCMP office for further investigation. While at the RCMP office the driver provided two samples of breath. The sample readings were 140 mg% and 140 mg%, well over the legal limit in the Province of Nova Scotia.

A 53-year-old Greenwood man will face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration equal to or exceeding 80 mg%.



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The 53-year-old man has been released from police custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

If you believe someone is driving in a way that is an immediate threat to public safety, please call 911 when it is safe to do so. Include as much detail as possible, such as the location, direction of travel, vehicle and driver description and license plate number.

Kings District RCMP would like to thank concerned community members who report impaired drivers to police.

### **Public Aids Kings District RCMP in Locating Impaired Morristown Driver Police file: 2022-199809**

Kings District RCMP have arrested an impaired driver after responding to a call from a concerned community member.

At 3:00 pm. on February 16<sup>th</sup>, Kings District RCMP responded to a call of a possible impaired driver believed to be on Sturk Rd. in Morristown. RCMP patrolled the area and were able to locate the vehicle on Sturk Rd.

The driver of the vehicle displayed signs of impairment. The driver was arrested and transported by police to the Kingston RCMP office for further investigation. While at the RCMP office the driver provided two samples of breath. The sample readings were 260 mg% and 260 mg%, well over the three times the legal limit in the Province of Nova Scotia.

A 47-year-old Morristown man will face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration equal to or exceeding 80 mg%.

The 47-year-old man has been released from police custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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### **Kings District RCMP Charge Impaired Driver after Berwick Collision Police files: 2022-77178, 2022-77194**

Kings District RCMP have arrested an impaired driver after a two-vehicle collision on Highway 1 in South Berwick.

At 5:20 pm. on January 19<sup>th</sup>, Kings District RCMP attended a two-vehicle collision on Highway 1 in South Berwick. There were no injuries to the drivers of the vehicles. One passenger was transported by EHS to local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

A driver of a vehicle involved displayed signs of impairment. The driver was transported by police to the Kingston RCMP office for further investigation. While at the RCMP office the driver provided two samples of breath. The sample readings were both 190 mg% which is well over twice the legal limit in Nova Scotia.

A 23-year-old Moshers Corner man will face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration equal to or exceeding 80 mg%.

The 23-year-old man has been released from police custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The collision resulted in a multi-agency response with EHS and Berwick and District Fire Department attending along with police. Kings District RCMP would like to thank those who attended and provided assistance.

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If you believe someone is driving in a way that is an immediate threat to public safety, please call 911 when it is safe to do so. Include as much detail as possible, such as the location, direction of travel, vehicle and driver description and license plate number.

## **Kings District RCMP Locate Impaired Driver in West Brooklyn**

**Police file: 2022-79519**

Kings District RCMP have arrested an impaired driver after responding to a call from a concerned community member.

At 10:20 am. on January 20<sup>th</sup>, Kings District RCMP responded to a call of a possible impaired driver believed to be somewhere on the roadways near Wolfville. The vehicle was located on West Brooklyn Rd. in West Brooklyn.

The driver of a vehicle displayed signs of impairment. The driver provided a sample of breath roadside on an ASD (Approved Screening Device), which they failed. The driver was transported by police to the New Minas RCMP office for further investigation. While at the RCMP office the driver provided two samples of breath. The sample readings were 180 mg% and 170 mg%, over twice the legal limit in Nova Scotia.

A 57-year-old West Brooklyn man will face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration equal to or exceeding 80 mg%.

The 57-year-old man has been released from police custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

If you believe someone is driving in a way that is an immediate threat to public safety, please call 911 when it is safe to do so. Include as much detail as possible, such as the location, direction of travel, vehicle and driver description and license plate number.

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## Highway 101 Traffic Stop Leads to Drugs & Contraband Cigarette Charges

**Police file: 2022-45430**

The Valley Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit (VISCEU) along with the Kings District RCMP have charged a person in relation to a traffic stop on Hwy 101 near exit 10.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 5:30 pm, a traffic stop was conducted on a motorist on Highway 101 at exit 10 near Wolfville. Police conducted a roadside investigation resulting in the driver being arrested for possession for the purpose of trafficking (schedule I drug). A sizable number of contraband cigarettes & schedule I drugs defined by the Canadian Drugs and Substances Act were seized.

Through their investigation police obtained judicial authority to enter the driver's residence where a sizeable amount of cocaine, over 200 cartons of contraband cigarettes and a sum of money were located and subsequently seized. Harold Francis Marriott, 63, of North Kentville, NS is facing the following charges:

- Possession for the purpose of trafficking Schedule 1 drug- 2 counts- Canadian Controlled Substances Act
- Selling of tobacco products and raw leaf tobacco – Criminal Code of Canada
- Three charges in relation to tobacco under Nova Scotia's Revenue Act
- One charge in relation to tobacco under Canada's Excise Act

Marriott has been released and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to face these charges.

The investigation utilized resources throughout Kings County including members from Valley Integrated Street Crimes Enforcement Unit (VISCEU) Kentville Police Service and, Kings District RCMP.

Valley Integrated Street Crimes Enforcement Unit (VISCEU) is comprised of Kings District RCMP and Kentville Police Service Members.



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## **Kings District RCMP Looking for Assistance Identifying Person of Interest**

Kings District RCMP are looking for assistance from the public to identify a person of interest.

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Kingston RCMP received a complaint from a grocery store on Main St in Kingston, NS. The store reported that on February 6<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 3:45, a person committed theft by leaving the store without paying for a sizeable amount of grocery items.

Kingston RCMP recently received CCTV images that display the person of interest. The person is believed to be a Caucasian female and is described as having longer light brown hair, a peach coloured jacket, decorative top and teal coloured pants.



Kings County merchants have been plagued with recent thefts where a brazen thief collects merchandise and then leaves the store without payment. Kings District RCMP are looking for information from the public that may lead to the identification of this person.

Anyone who has information is encouraged to contact Kings District RCMP in Kingston, 902-765-3317 or New Minas at 902-679-5555. Should you wish to remain anonymous, please call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca), or use the P3 Tips App.

## **Hwy 101 Traffic Stop Leads to Drugs and Contraband Cigarette Charges File Number: 2022-45430**

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Wolfville, NS - The Valley Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit (VISCEU) along with the Kings District RCMP have charged a person in relation to a traffic stop on Hwy 101 near exit 10.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 5:30 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted on a motorist on Highway 101 at exit 10 near Wolfville. Police conducted a roadside

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investigation resulting in the driver being arrested for possession for the purpose of trafficking a schedule I drug. Police seized a sizable number of contraband cigarettes and schedule I drugs defined by the Canadian Drugs and Substances Act. Through their investigation, police obtained judicial authority to enter the driver's residence where a sizeable amount of cocaine, over 200 cartons of contraband cigarettes, and a sum of money were located and subsequently seized.

Harold Francis Marriott, 63, of North Kentville, NS is facing the following charges:

- Possession for the purpose of trafficking Schedule 1 drug- 2 counts- Canadian Controlled Substances Act
- Selling of tobacco products and raw leaf tobacco – Criminal Code of Canada
- Three charges in relation to tobacco under Nova Scotia's Revenue Act
- One charge in relation to tobacco under Canada's Excise Act

Marriott has been released and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court March 29th, 2022 to face these charges.

The investigation utilized resources throughout Kings County including members from Valley Integrated Street Crimes Enforcement Unit (VISCEU) Kentville Police Service and, Kings District RCMP. Valley Integrated Street Crimes Enforcement Unit (VISCEU) is comprised of Kings District RCMP and Kentville Police Service Members.

### **Multi-Agency Investigation Leads to Numerous Charges for Kentville Man File Number: 2022-208705**

April 4th, 2022, Kentville, NS - A Kentville man is facing charges after local police worked in partnership in a lengthy drug investigation. Kentville Police Service, Valley Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit (VISCEU), Criminal Intelligence Service Nova Scotia (CISNS) and Kings District RCMP General Investigative Section (GIS) all played important roles in the multi agency response regarding a residence on Mountain View Rd. in Kentville.

On February 23rd local police received judicial authority to enter a residence on Mountain View Rd. As a result, a Kentville man was arrested. At the residence



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police located approximately 66.3 grams of cocaine, a sizeable quantity of cash, 2 BB handguns, 1 BB long gun, 1100 contraband cigarettes and various drug paraphernalia.

Scott Aker, 55, of Kentville, NS is facing the following charges:

- Sec 5(2) Controlled Drug and Substances Act Possession Purpose of Trafficking Cocaine
- Sec 88(1) Criminal Code of Canada X3 – Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Sec 91(1) Criminal Code of Canada x3 – Unauthorized Possession of Firearm
- Sec 92(1) Criminal Code of Canada x3 – Possession of firearm knowing possession is unauthorized
- Sec 86(2) Criminal Code of Canada – Careless Use of Firearm
- Sec 121.1(1) Criminal Code of Canada- Selling Tobacco
- Excise Act - Possessing Illegal Tobacco
- NS Revenue Act X2 – Possess tobacco with no tax paid and possess tobacco not bearing prescribed mark

Aker has been released and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court April 20th, 2022 to face these charges.

The investigation utilized resources throughout Kings County.

Valley Integrated Street Crimes Enforcement Unit (VISCEU) is comprised of Kings District RCMP and Kentville Police Service Members.

### **Sudden Death of Youth in Rockland File Number: 2022-391508**

On March 29, 2022 at approximately 7:30 p.m., EHS called to report that a Rockland youth was deceased following cardiac arrest. The youth was in bed when EHS arrived but quickly deteriorated and could not be resuscitated.

At this time, RCMP believe that the death did not involve foul play. The investigation is ongoing.

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**Internet Extortion Scam via Facebook**  
**File Number: 2022-377927**

On March 26<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8 p.m., RCMP received a call about an ongoing extortion over Facebook. An individual had provided intimate images to a stranger online, who had posed as someone interested in a relationship with the complainant. The subject of the complaint then saved a copy of the images and threatened to share them if the complainant did not provide monetary compensation.

RCMP members explained the nature of this common scam to the complainant, who agreed to stop communicating with the extortionist and not send them money. As the involved scam account was determined to be fake, there was no way to trace the subject of the complaint, and the occurrence was concluded.

**Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report or any other community matters, please feel free to contact the undersigned.**

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