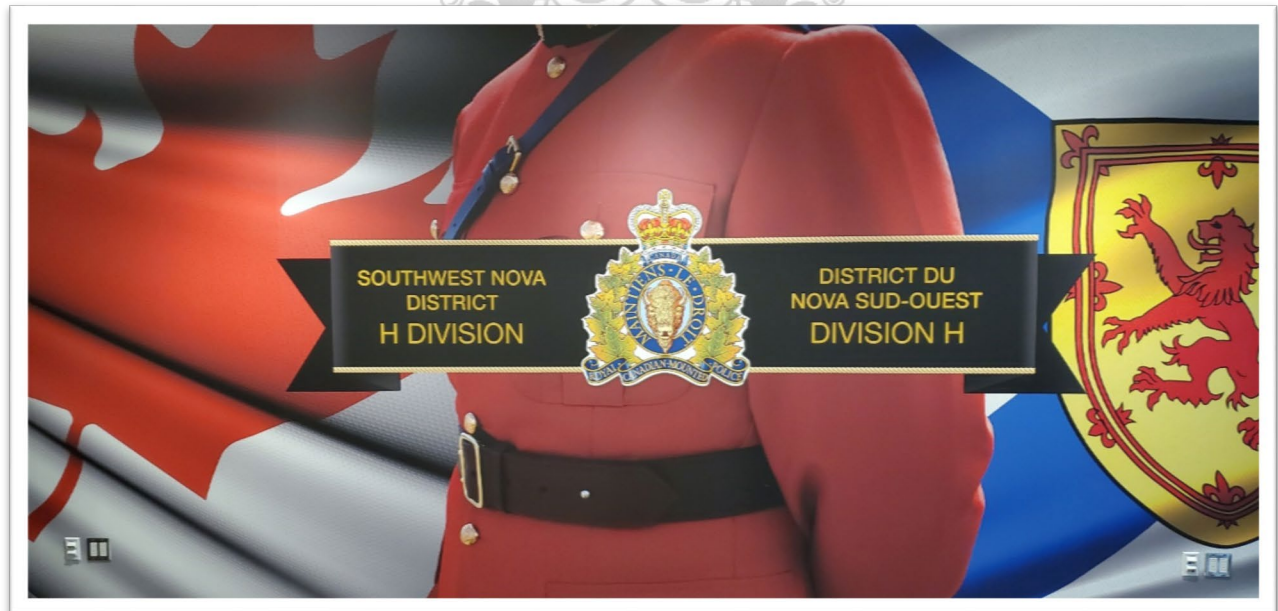


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# Wolfville Policing Report



**June - August 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.

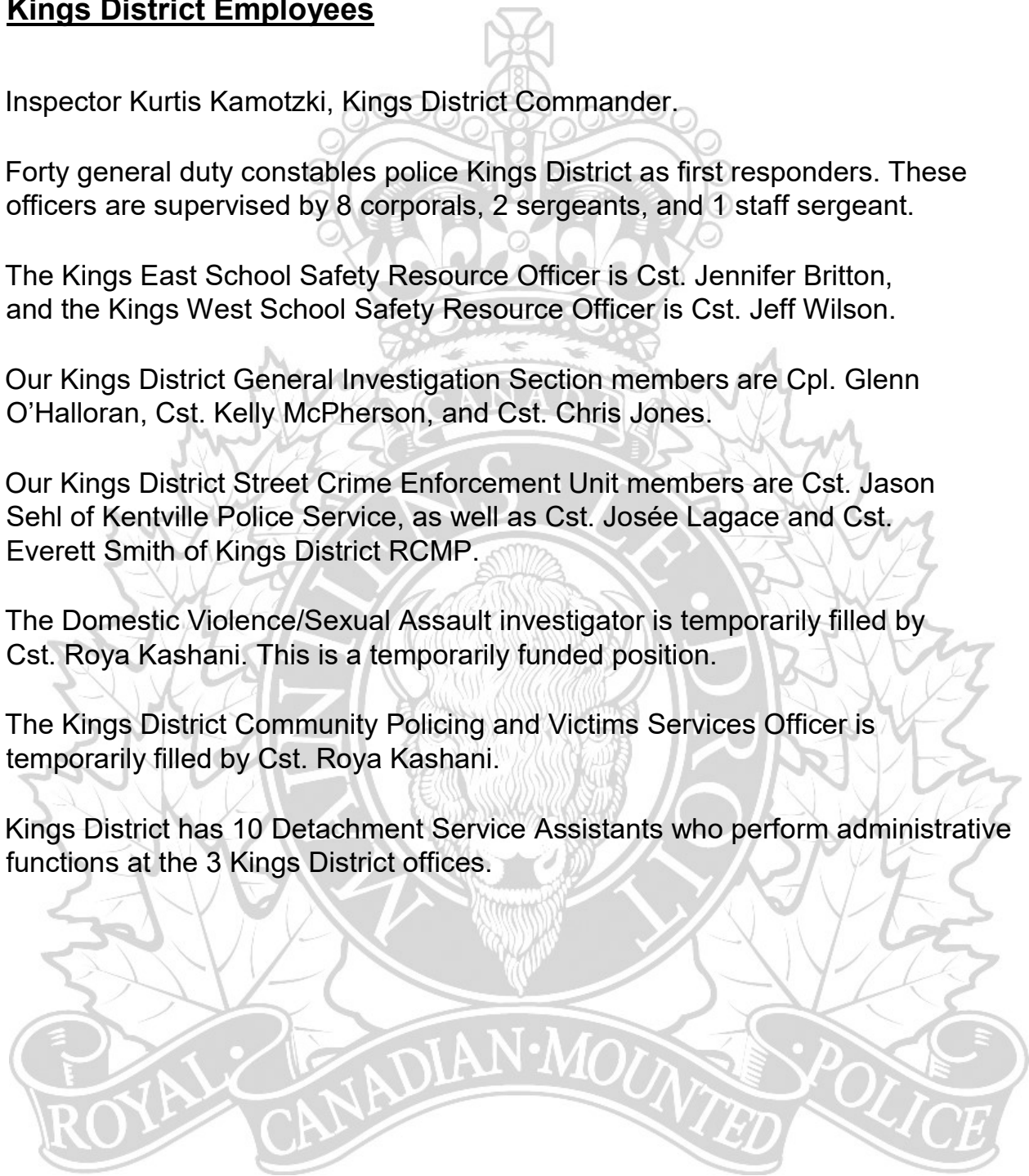
Our Kings District General Investigation Section members are Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Kelly McPherson, and Cst. Chris Jones.

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

The Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault investigator is temporarily filled by Cst. Roya Kashani. This is a temporarily funded position.

The Kings District Community Policing and Victims Services Officer is temporarily filled by Cst. Roya Kashani.

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**

### **Be on the Lookout for Students Heading Back to Class**

It's that time again when parents, students, and educators are busy preparing for the first day of school. The Nova Scotia RCMP will also be preparing for busier roads and to remind motorists to slow down.

Each year, police receive reports of vehicles passing school buses and speeding in school zones. So, when school starts, RCMP officers will be out to make sure motorists are obeying the rules in areas where children are present. In Nova Scotia, you can be fined \$410 and lose six points off your license for failing to stop for a school bus.

Police are also reminding motorists that when driving in school zones during school hours, they must slow down and assume children are present. To help clarify the rules, when the speed limit is 50 km/h, motorists must slow to a maximum of 30 km/h when children are present. On weekends, evenings and holidays, motorists may drive the posted speed limit unless children are near.

Here are a few tips to help make the transition back to school safer for everyone:

- Stay focused on the road and be aware of what is happening around you.
- Slow down and be extra careful in school zones.
- Always stop for school buses.
- Always drive sober.
- Be courteous at school pick-up and drop-off times. Try not to block other cars or fire lanes.
- Approach crosswalks with caution and remember that pedestrians have the right of way.

We all have an important role to play to help keep everyone safe on the roads. For more back to school safety tips, follow us on Twitter at @RCMPNS (<https://twitter.com/RCMPNS>) and on Facebook at Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Nova Scotia (<https://www.facebook.com/rcmpns/>).

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## **Kings District RCMP Encourage Awareness of Catalytic Converter Thefts**

Kings District RCMP advise the public that over the summer months there has been a number of catalytic converter thefts in Kings County. In the past four weeks, Kings District RCMP have received a number of reports involving catalytic converters being removed from vehicles. The thefts have been in different areas of Kings County mainly from Berwick to New Minas. Many of the thefts involved vehicles left in parking lots, car dealerships and car pool areas.

Catalytic converters are part of the exhaust system and are found underneath the vehicle between the engine and muffler. Thieves are stealing catalytic converters due to their rare metals content (platinum, rhodium and palladium) found inside. Once stolen, these items are taken to junk yards or scrap dealers and exchanged for cash.

To avoid having catalytic converters stolen, Kings District RCMP encourage the following preventative measures:

- Park in well-lit areas and close to buildings and entrances when you are not able to park in a secured garage or building.
- Park in an area that has video surveillance.
- Set your car alarm to go off if it detects vibration.
- Engrave your vehicle identification number (VIN) on the catalytic converter.
- Report it to the police should you see anyone underneath a vehicle, either in a residential or business area, during off hours of the day or night.

Kings District RCMP are looking for information with regard to catalytic converter thefts. If anyone has information they are asked to contact the Kings District RCMP in New Minas at 902-679-5555, Wolfville at 902-543-3817 or Kings at 902-765-3317 or Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or text TIP202 + your message to 'CRIMES' (274637) or by Secure Web Tips at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca). Calls to Crime Stoppers are not taped or traced and if police make an arrest and lay charges based on a tip, callers qualify for a cash award.

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## Inter-District Cooperative Policing Efforts

Kings District is pleased to highlight that cooperation and coordination with neighbouring districts has been at an all-time high for the summer, especially between Kings and Annapolis, with both districts covering for each other during times of high call volumes.

Notably, when the entirety of Kings RCMP responded during the recent armed robbery in Greenwood, Annapolis District was happy and send some of their members to aid with coverage and it resulted in a quick apprehending of the unlawfully at large individual.

Cooperation between districts goes a long way in keeping the public safe and we appreciate the ability to call upon our neighbours for resources as necessary.

## Quarterly Comparisons

While this quarter has had more calls overall compared to the previous—an increase of only a few dozen—there are less occurrences in several notable occurrence types.

The last three months have seen decreases in traffic violations, assaults, drug-related files, and sexual offences. There has been a significant decrease in COVID-related calls, largely as a result of the relaxed guidelines.

However, Kings District has seen a slight uptick in both mental health calls and impaired driving offences over the summer. There have also been significantly more calls for mischief and those falling into the 'other' category.

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## **Annual Performance Plan**

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Objectives of Kings District Annual Performance Plan are:

- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**  
To date, Kings District members have charged 23 people with impaired driving, issued 11 roadside suspensions for alcohol consumption, issued 487 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 52 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**  
As this is a National Policing Strategic priority, Kings District officers continue to advance challenging investigations by cultivating and managing confidential human sources.

## Calls for Service

In the last quarter, Kings District responded to 3,480 service calls. There were 388 service calls in Wolfville during this reporting period. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls in Wolfville.

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	Jun	Jul	Aug	Quarterly Total
	2022	2022	2022	
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>				
Offences Related to Death	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	3	0	0	3
Assault	2	3	2	7
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	2	1	0	3
Criminal Harassment	0	2	2	4
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	2	1	0	3
Uttering Threats	1	2	3	6
<b>Property Crime</b>				
Arson	0	0	0	0
Break and Enter	1	0	2	3
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0	0	0
Theft Over	0	0	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	0	0	0
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0	0	0
Theft Under	4	2	3	9
Shoplifting	4	1	1	6
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	1	2	3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	1	0	1
Possession of Stolen Goods	1	0	0	1
Fraud	2	1	0	3
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0
Mischief	5	8	12	25
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>				
Possession	0	0	0	0
Trafficking	0	0	0	0
Import/Export	0	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0

<b>Traffic</b>				<b>0</b>
Dangerous Op of MV	0	0	0	0
Impaired by Alcohol	1	0	1	2
Impaired by Drug	0	0	0	0
Failure/Refusal	0	0	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	0	0	0	0
Fail to Stop or Remain	3	0	1	4
Seatbelt Violation	1	0	0	1
Intersection Violation	0	2	2	4
Speeding Violation	2	2	1	5
Insurance Violation	0	0	1	1
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	0	0	0
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	0	1	1
Collision - Reportable	0	1	0	1
Collision - Non Reportable	4	1	3	8
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0	0	0
Municipal By-laws	0	0	0	0
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	18	17	11	46
Other Traffic Related Duties	1	0	2	3
Checkstop	0	2	2	4
<b>Other</b>				
911 Call	3	5	4	12
Breach of Court Order	1	2	2	5
Liquor Act	0	4	4	8
Mental Health Act	6	8	12	26
Missing Person	1	0	0	1
Municipal Bylaw - Other	1	7	6	14
Other	36	36	47	119
Suspicious P V P	7	5	0	12
Trespass At Night	0	0	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	0	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	0	1	1
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Founded &amp; SUI Occurrences</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>362</b>
<b>Total Occurrences*</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>388</b>
<i>*Includes Unfounded and Unsubstantiated</i>				





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## **Significant Investigations**

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.

### **Indecent Act**

File # 2022-925558

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, Kings District RCMP were dispatched to a report of an indecent act at the Tim Hortons store on Commercial Street. Members made an immediate patrol to the store to find that the victim and suspect had both departed, identities were unknown. As a result of the investigation, the victim was later identified and interviewed. The victim was safe and provided the necessary services moving forward. A 68-year-old male suspect was later located, arrested and released on court documents for Kentville Provincial Court on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Kings RCMP Charge Impaired Man from Waterville**

File # 2022-1059444

Kings District RCMP have taken an impaired driver off the road in Berwick.

On July 29<sup>th</sup> at approximately 7:20 p.m., Kingston RCMP officers were conducting a check stop on Main Street in Berwick when one officer witnessed an approaching motor vehicle stop and switch drivers. As a result of the incident the officer conducted a roadside check and utilized an Approved Screening Device (ASD) to measure the amount of alcohol in the driver's blood. The driver failed and was arrested for impaired driving. The driver was transported to the Kentville Police Service building for further investigation. While at the Kentville Police building the driver provided two samples of breath that were over the legal limit in the Province of Nova Scotia.

A 70-year-old male from Waterville will face charges on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration Over 80 mg%.

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## **Kings District RCMP have busy night with motorcycle collisions**

Files # 2022-1088750, 2022-1089170

Kings District RCMP responded to separate motorcycle collisions within 7 kilometres and 90 minutes of one another between Aylesford and Kingston.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at approximately 8:40 pm., Kingston RCMP responded to an address on Highway 1 in Aylesford when it was reported that a motorcycle had collided with a dog on the roadway. Police investigated the scene. A 51-year-old female driver was transported to Valley Regional Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. As well, the dog appeared to have non-life-threatening injuries and was left with the owner to follow up with a veterinarian.

Kings District RCMP remind dog owners they expected to take measures to keep pets on their property and away from roadways.

Later, at approximately 10:00 pm., Kingston RCMP responded to a single vehicle motorcycle collision on Highway 1 in East Kingston. Police attended and investigated the collision. Police determined that the motorcycle driver was unable to keep the vehicle to the right of the roadway causing the motorcycle and driver to crash into a ditch in a wooded area. A 43-year-old male was taken to Valley Regional Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Police are continuing to investigate. Police believe that alcohol was a contributing factor.

With the recent warm weather motorcycles are out in full force on Kings County roadways. Riding a motorcycle involves some risks making them more vulnerable in a crash. Kings District remind motorcycle operators to be aware, wear proper equipment and to know their driving ability. For other motorists, be courteous and look out for motorcycle especially in intersections.

Operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs and alcohol may have life altering and long-lasting consequences.



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## **Kings RCMP Locate Woman Lost in Greenwood Wooded Area**

File # 2022-1168817

Kings District RCMP located a woman who had reported herself lost just before midnight on August 17th.

At approximately 11:35pm., August 17th, Kingston RCMP attended a location on Bedford Rd., in Greenwood. The location is a wooded area with a network of trails. Police had received a 911 call advising the person was on a bicycle and become lost. Multiple police units resounded to the area. After a challenging search at night in the woods police were able to locate the lost women. The woman was not injured and was able to walk out of the locate.

Kings District RCMP would like to remind the public to plan ahead and research the area before using trails. Ensure that you are prepared with the proper survival kit and first aid supplies in the event of an emergency or poor weather. Pre-plan your route and advise someone of your plans; this is particularly important in areas where communication via cell phone and radio is limited.

## **Man Unlawfully at Large Charged in Armed Robbery**

Files # 2022-1200540, 2022-1200769

Kings District RCMP has charged a man, who was unlawfully at large, with robbery after a bank was robbed in Greenwood.

On August 23, 2022, at approximately 12:10 p.m., Kings District RCMP responded to a report of an armed robbery at a bank on Central Ave. in Greenwood. RCMP officers determined that a man had entered the bank, armed with a knife, and demanded cash from an employee. The man was provided with cash and he then fled the bank on foot.

While investigating the robbery, RCMP officers were made aware that the same man had been at a restaurant on Pickering Ln. in Greenwood, where he had failed to pay for the meal that he had consumed. The failure to pay for food had occurred a few minutes prior to the armed robbery.

A description of the man was provided by both the bank employee and the employee at the restaurant.

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At approximately 1:20 p.m., RCMP officers located the man on Laurentian Pl. in Kingston, where he was safely arrested. During a search of the man, incidental to arrest, officers located some of the cash that had been obtained in the robbery. The man was transported to the Kings East Detachment (New Minas) where he was held in custody overnight.

Ryan Taylor Wilband, 43, of Greenwood, has been charged with the following:

- Robbery;
- Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose;
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime;
- Theft under \$5,000

Wilband appeared in Kentville Provincial Court today and was remanded into custody. He will return to Kentville Provincial Court on August 31, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Wilband was also wanted for being unlawfully at large after he escaped from a provincial correctional facility.

**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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New Minas Detachment  
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