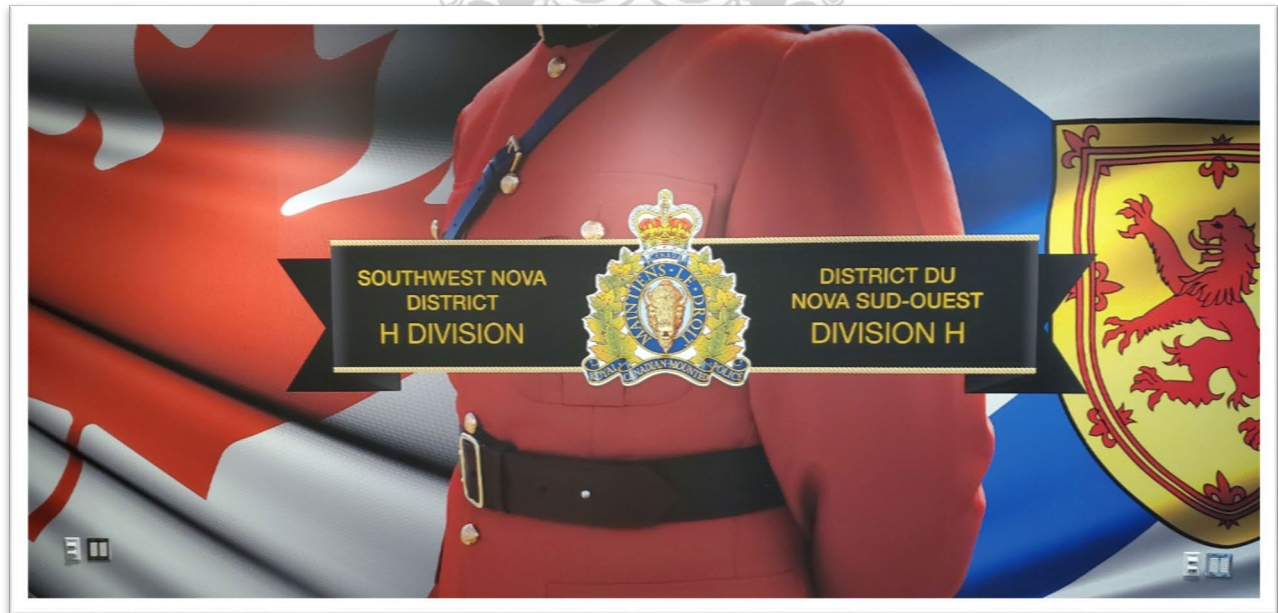

Wolfville Policing Report



April - June 2023
Kings District RCMP



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Kings District Employees

S/Sgt. Ed Nugent, acting Kings District Commander.

Forty general duty constables police Kings District as first responders. These officers are supervised by eight corporals, two sergeants, and one 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. Andrew Waters of Kentville Police Service, as well as Cst. Brian Green of Kings District RCMP, and one temporary vacancy.

The Kings District Community Policing and Victims Services Officer and Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault investigator is temporarily vacant.

Kings District has ten Detachment Services Assistants who perform administrative functions at the three Kings District offices.



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.



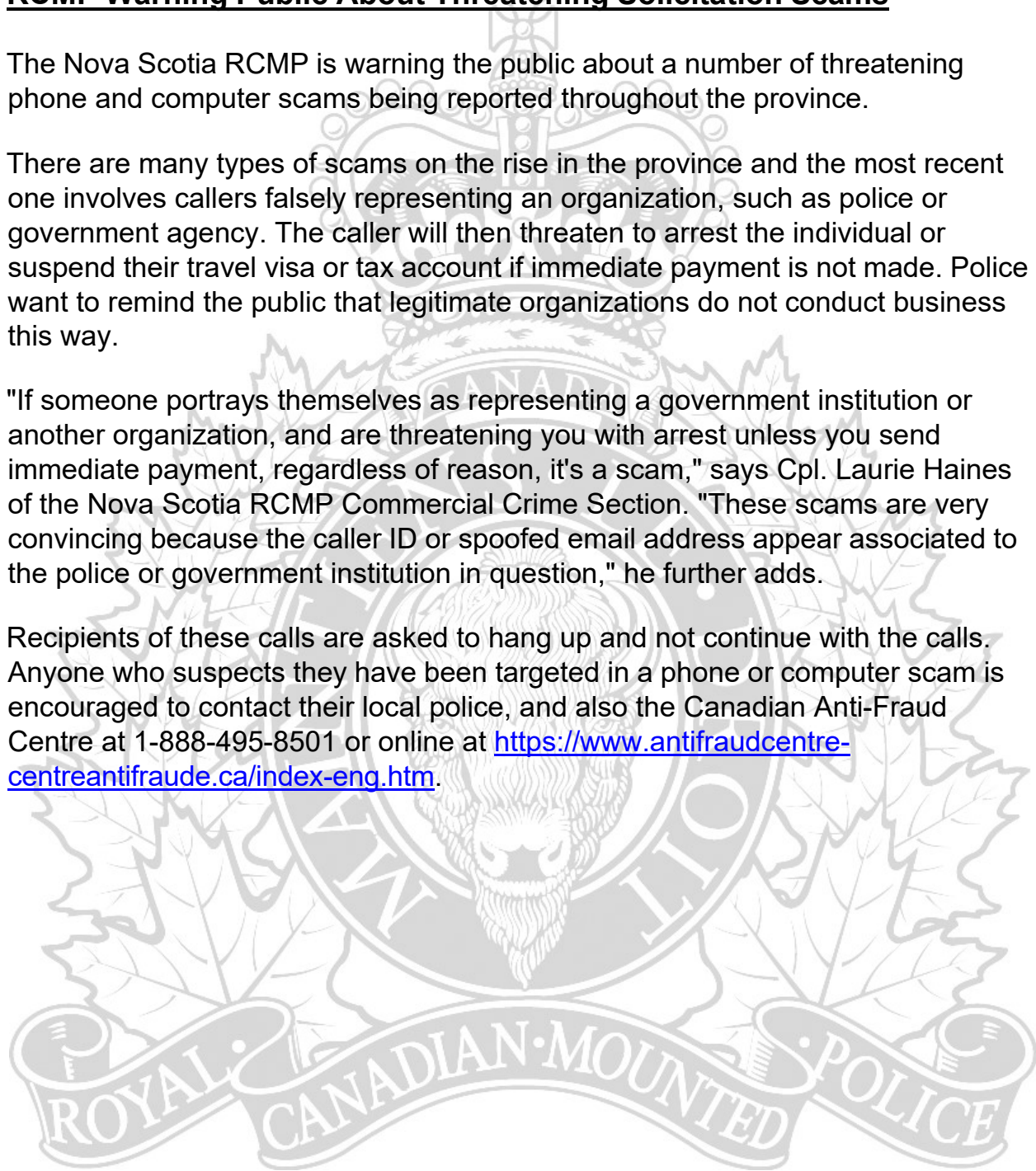
RCMP Warning Public About Threatening Solicitation Scams

The Nova Scotia RCMP is warning the public about a number of threatening phone and computer scams being reported throughout the province.

There are many types of scams on the rise in the province and the most recent one involves callers falsely representing an organization, such as police or government agency. The caller will then threaten to arrest the individual or suspend their travel visa or tax account if immediate payment is not made. Police want to remind the public that legitimate organizations do not conduct business this way.

"If someone portrays themselves as representing a government institution or another organization, and are threatening you with arrest unless you send immediate payment, regardless of reason, it's a scam," says Cpl. Laurie Haines of the Nova Scotia RCMP Commercial Crime Section. "These scams are very convincing because the caller ID or spoofed email address appear associated to the police or government institution in question," he further adds.

Recipients of these calls are asked to hang up and not continue with the calls. Anyone who suspects they have been targeted in a phone or computer scam is encouraged to contact their local police, and also the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or online at <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>.



RCMP 150 Celebration at Apple Blossom Festival

On May 23rd, 2023, the RCMP marked 150 years of service to the public and Canada. An Act of Parliament established a “Mounted Police Force for the North-West Territories” on May 23rd, 1873. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police was officially formed as it is known today in 1920 through the absorption of the Dominion Police by the Royal North-West Mounted Police.

The RCMP has continued to grow ever since, providing policing services in 8 provinces and 3 territories, 150 municipalities, and 600 Indigenous communities through more than 750 detachments from coast to coast to coast. In order to mark this momentous occasion, Kings District RCMP welcomed all to a free RCMP 150 BBQ at Waterfront Park in Wolfville between 4-6pm on Saturday, May 27th. We had a fantastic turnout!



RCMP 150 Community BBQ

Saturday, May 27th
4:00-6:00 pm

Wolfville Waterfront Park
Hosted by Kings District RCMP

Harbourside Drive, Wolfville, N.S.
an Apple Blossom event

Please join us for

- hot dogs
- hamburgers
- refreshments
- bouncy castle
- music
- giveaways
- much more!



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Wolfville School Pre-Primary Visit to New Minas Detachment

On June 8th, 2023, New Minas RCMP detachment was pleased to provide a tour to a group of eleven excited pre-primary students from Wolfville School. The kids eagerly met several on-duty officers, explored different areas of the building, checked out the inside of the police cars, and enjoyed a snack outside afterwards.

New Minas RCMP were delighted to have them and answer questions, and look forward to another potential visit next year!



Annual Performance Plan

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024. Objectives of Annual Performance Plan include:

- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**
Since April 1, Kings District members have charged 17 people with impaired driving, issued 8 roadside suspensions for alcohol use, issued 404 traffic enforcement charges, and conducted 38 check stops.
- **Crime Prevention – Property Crime**
Kings District senior managers are holding and/or attending public meetings in several County communities to hear and address residents' concerns about thefts and vandalism. Enforcement efforts continue across the County of Kings, with two arrests made on June 15 2023 within an hour of a complaint of theft in Avonport. Members continue to conduct physical checks on offenders/accused parties who are on court ordered curfews or house arrest, with the goal of preventing recidivism.
- **Community Engagement – Municipal/Indigenous Governments & Stakeholder Groups**
Kings District's dedicated First Nations Policing officer continues to build relationships and mutual trust and understanding in local communities. As noted above, Kings district senior managers have committed to meeting and engaging personally with concerned community and stakeholder groups to address issues.
- **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

From April through June, Kings District RCMP responded to 273 service calls in the Town of Wolfville. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	Apr	May	Jun	Quarterly Total					
	2023	2023	2023						
Crimes Against Persons					Traffic				0
Offences Related to Death	0	0	0	0	Dangerous Op of MV	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	2	0	2	4	Impaired by Alcohol	0	1	1	2
Assault	0	3	5	8	Impaired by Drug	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0	0	Failure/Refusal	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	Driving while Disqualified	0	2	0	2
Extortion / Intimidation	2	1	1	4	Fail to Stop or Remain	0	1	0	1
Criminal Harassment	0	0	1	1	Seatbelt Violation	0	0	0	0
Indecent Harassing Comm.	0	1	1	2	Intersection Violation	2	0	0	2
Uttering Threats	0	0	4	4	Speeding Violation	2	3	1	6
Property Crime					Insurance Violation	1	0	0	1
Arson	0	0	0	0	Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	0	0	0
Break and Enter	1	0	0	1	Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0	0	0
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0	0	0	Collision - Fatal	0	0	0	0
Theft Over	0	0	0	0	Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	0	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	Collision - Reportable	1	1	2	4
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	1	0	0	1	Collision - Non Reportable	1	3	2	6
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0	0	0	Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0	0	0
Theft Under	3	1	0	4	Municipal By-laws	2	0	0	2
Shoplifting	1	0	0	1	Other Traffic Offence/Violation	16	14	12	42
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	1	0	1	2	Other Traffic Related Duties	0	2	3	5
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	Checkstop	3	2	2	7
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	0	0	0	Other				
Fraud	2	3	3	8	911 Call	2	3	1	6
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	Breach of Court Order	0	0	0	0
Mischief	6	6	0	12	Liquor Act	3	2	3	8
Drug Enforcement					Mental Health Act	3	11	2	16
Possession	0	0	0	0	Missing Person	0	0	0	0
Trafficking	0	0	0	0	Municipal Bylaw - Other	7	5	3	15
Import/Export	0	0	0	0	Other	13	12	20	45
Production	0	0	0	0	Suspicious P V P	4	4	4	12
Other	0	0	1	1	Trespass At Night	0	0	0	0
					Wellbeing Check	4	3	2	9
					Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	85	85	78	248
					Total Occurrences*	93	94	86	273



Significant Investigations

RCMP Charge Man in Relation to Acadia University Threats Investigation

Files: 2023-789894, 2023-920355

Kings District RCMP charge man in relation to an investigation of threats at Acadia University.

On June 6, 2023, Kings District RCMP received a report of a threat of a possible shooting at Acadia University. The threat was received in an email by Acadia University Safety and Security. RCMP officers learned that the threat of was being circulated on a social media platform and indicated that a shooting would occur at Acadia University in the fall of 2023.

As the investigation unfolded, RCMP officers received numerous tips from the public and information related to the threats. Through the use of judicial authorizations, RCMP officers identified a suspect.

On June 23, Kings District RCMP, with assistance from RCMP Digital Forensic Services, executed a search warrant at a home on Minas Crescent in relation to the investigation. During the search, RCMP officers located and seized electronic devices including a hard drive, computers, a 3D printer, and a cellular phone. No firearms were located.

Later that same day, Colby Watts, 20, of New Minas, turned himself in at the New Minas RCMP Detachment. Watts has been charged with Personation with Intent and was released on conditions by a Justice of the Peace. Watts will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on August 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Kings District RCMP would like to thank the public for their assistance and for calling in tips that helped advance the investigation.

The investigation remains ongoing.

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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