

PRESS RELEASE FROM FEBRUARY 26, 2017 TO MARCH 12, 2017

A six week investigation by the combined Weyburn and Estevan Police Service's Integrated Organized Crime Unit concluded on Sunday, March 5th. The investigation resulted in five individuals being arrested and charged with a total of 40 drug and criminal code related offences. As well, a search warrant was executed on Saturday, March 5th at a downtown residence, which resulted in a small marihuana grow being discovered, as well a semi-automatic rifle and ammunition being seized. Charged were the following:

- 25 year old male for trafficking marihuana, producing/growing marihuana, as well as a number of firearm related offences
- 23 year old female was charged with producing/growing marihuana, possession of marihuana for the purpose of trafficking as well as a number of firearm related offences
- 23 year old male for trafficking in cocaine
- 29 year old male charged with trafficking in cocaine
- 48 year old female who is charged with trafficking cocaine and trafficking fentanyl

The accused have since been released from custody and will be making their first court appearances in May.

February 26

The Weyburn Police Service conducted a vehicle check and noticed the driver displaying signs of impairment by alcohol. The driver, a 36 year old male, was subsequently arrested and charged with impaired driving and over .08. He was released from custody and will appear in court at a later date.

February 28

The Weyburn Police Service received a call of a suspicious vehicle. When the vehicle was located the driver was found to have a warrant for his arrest. The 35 year old male was arrested and later released from custody and is to appear in court in Regina in April.

The Weyburn Police Service attended to a report of a gas drive off from a local business. The incident remains under investigation.

The Weyburn Police Service attended to the intersection of 5th Street and 1st Avenue for a two vehicle accident. One vehicle was attempting to stop but due to road conditions was unable to and slid into the other vehicle. No charges were laid.

March 1

The Weyburn Police Service attended to a two vehicle accident in the Parking lot of a local restaurant. There were no injuries though one vehicle was not driveable due to the damage. The 44 year old male was given a written warning driving without due care and attention.

The Weyburn Police Service as well as the Weyburn Fire Department and EMS were dispatched to a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Government Road and Highway 39. Both drivers received minor injuries and were treated at the scene. The damage to the vehicles resulted in both needing to be towed from the intersection. A 77 year old male was charged under the traffic safety act of Fail to Obey a red light.

The Weyburn Police Service attended to a local residence in regard to a domestic assault. Upon police arrival the one party had left the home. The investigation into the incident is ongoing.

March 2

The Weyburn Police Service was dispatched for a male causing a disturbance at a local restaurant. The situation was mediated and no charges were laid.

The Weyburn Police Service received calls of a vehicle hitting the garbage bins in the 500 Block King. A total of five garbage bins were destroyed. Police patrolled the area but were unable to locate the suspect vehicle. The investigation would indicate the vehicle was an older Ford truck and possibly two toned blue and white. The incident remains under investigation.

Police received a call of a mischief complaint, after a vehicle which had been parked at a downtown business was 'keyed'. No suspects and the incident remains under investigation.

The Weyburn Police Service conducted a short traffic blitz focused on the SGI target of the month, that being the use of Cellular phones. Over a two hour period three tickets for the use or manipulation of a cellular device was issued. Tickets for this offence have a fine of \$280 as well as demerit points on your driver's license. Distracted driving continues to be a leading factor in accidents, so please put your cell away and pay attention to the road when driving. Is that text or phone call really worth the \$280 fine, or possibly worse?

March 3

The Weyburn Police Service attended to a local business in regard to a Break and Enter and theft complaint. Once inside the suspects ransacked the offices stealing a small amount of cash. No suspect at this time and the incident remains under investigation.

March 4

Police attended to a local establishment after receiving a call that a male was causing problems and would not leave. Police located a 31 year old male who was arrested for being intoxicated in a public place and was lodged in cells. He was charged for remaining in a liquor outlet after being requested to leave and was later released from custody when sober.

March 7

At about 4:25 pm the Weyburn PS received a report of suspicious activity in a vehicle. Upon locating the vehicle 2 19 year old female occupants were arrested and subsequently charged with possession of marihuana.

At about 11pm the Weyburn PS was dispatched to a local bar regarding some sort of disturbance. After sorting out the issue it appears that there was an altercation between a 31 year old male victim and a 42, 46 and 24 year old antagonists. The matter was resolved without any further need for police intervention.

March 8

The Weyburn PS received a report of harassing communications between a 22 year old male suspect and a 26 year old female victim. The suspect was spoken to and warned of his actions and that criminal charges could be laid if the communication continues.

March 9

At about 4:20 the Weyburn PS received a report that a 22 year old female had stolen a vehicle. The vehicle was located a short distance away but the driver was not present. As a result of this incident the Ministry of Social Services was contacted and apprehended an infant child and a 1 year old child. The matter is still under investigation.

At about 5:25 pm the Weyburn PS received a complaint regarding the erratic behaviors of vehicle occupants travelling near 16th Street. The vehicle and occupants were eventually located and it was learned that the occupants – a 35 year old male and a 27 year old male were having an argument. No police action was required.

March 10

In unrelated cases The Weyburn PS provided assistance to two emotionally disturbed people to receive a medical assessment at the hospital

At about 10:40 am the Weyburn PS received a report of a domestic argument at a local sporting facility. The matter was mediated.

March 12

The Weyburn PS conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that had a burned out headlight. As a result of the stop a 16 year old female and 17 year old male were charged with possession of marihuana.

The Weyburn PS continues to receive complaints regarding computer and telephone scams. As always, we urge anyone receiving any type of communication that they feel is odd to not provide any personal or financial information until they themselves verify that the request is legitimate.

The past couple of weeks also saw a number of minor vehicle collisions due mainly to road conditions. We wish to remind drivers that regardless of the speed limits you must drive according to the road conditions.

If you or anyone you know has information about a crime, the Weyburn Police Service urges you to contact Crime Stoppers by: phone 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or call Weyburn Police Service at 306-848-3250.