# Weyburn Police Service Media Release for August 16, 2017 – September 10, 2017

# August 16

The Weyburn PS received a report of a bicycle that had been stolen from a residence in the 1600 Block of Warren Avenue. Stolen is a NOVUS Free Agent BMX bicycle, light blue in colour and with black handlebars. Anyone with information on this incident, or the location of the bicycle is asked to contact either the Weyburn Police or to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477

The Weyburn PS was dispatched to a local business where a person was believed to be actively engaged in a theft of property from the store. Despite not being able to locate the individual at the time he was located later in the day and arrested. A 36 year old male has been charged with Theft Under \$5000 and was also dealt with on a related arrest Warrant from the Moose Jaw Police Service as well as the Regina Police Service. We believe that a Tweet circulated by the police service with the suspect description played an important role in the apprehension of the person. We thank those who follow our Twitter account and Facebook page and take an active role in assisting in these matters.

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## August 21

The Weyburn Police Service is currently investigating an incident involving a 15 year old male accused of committing an Assault Causing Bodily Harm relating to a bullying incident.

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## August 22

The Weyburn PS received a report of an individual walking 2 dogs neither of which were on a leash. We wish to remind dog owners that under the provisions of the City Bylaw all animals have to be under the control of the owner. A dog off-leash is not under the control of the owner. We have had 2-3 recent incidents where in similar circumstances another dog was attacked as well as people being bitten. We urge people to be responsible pet owners and leash your dogs when out for a walk.

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## August 23

The Weyburn PS is investigating a report of Mischief and damage to both a sign and a tree at the Elks Park on Douglas Road. Anyone having information about this incident is asked to contact the Weyburn Police Service, or to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477

The Weyburn PS was called to assist at a domestic dispute involving a 41 year old male victim and a 36 year old female aggressor. The matter was mediated and the parties were referred to support services. Alcohol was a contributing factor.

The Weyburn PS received a report of harassing on-line bullying messages. We wish to advise all parents that on-line (text, email, Facebook) bullying is an offence under the City Bylaw and in some circumstances can rise to the level of a criminal offence (see August 22<sup>nd</sup> release).

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## August 24

The Weyburn PS is currently conducting a sexual assault investigation. At this time there is no public safety concern as the people were known to each other and this is believed to be an isolated incident.

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#### August 25

The Weyburn PS was called to assist in conducting a wellbeing check on a 19 year old male. As a result of that interaction the person agreed to see a Doctor and was provided a ride to the hospital.

At about 2 pm the Weyburn PS and Weyburn EMS responded to a 2-vehicle collision in the 10 Block of Government Road. A southbound vehicle being driven by a 17 year old female rear-ended another southbound vehicle being driven by a 45 year old male which had stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross. The 17 year old female driver was transported to the Weyburn General Hospital with a suspected broken arm. She has been charged with Driving Without Due Care & Attention.

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## August 26

At about 12:20 am a Member of the Weyburn PS – CTSS Unit conducted a traffic check of a vehicle. As a result a 40 year old male was issued a 72 hour licence suspension and had his vehicle impounded.

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## August 27

At about 1:40 am, while on patrol, a Member of the Weyburn PS encountered a severely intoxicated 24 year old female. After determining that there was no sober person to take responsibility for this person, and the person being belligerent and uncooperative the female was arrested for being Intoxicated in a Public Place and lodged in cells until sober.

At about 2:30 am a Member of the Weyburn PS – CTSS Unit conducted a traffic stop. As a result a 42 year old male was arrested and has been charged with Impaired Driving. The vehicle was impounded.

At about 7:25 pm the Weyburn PS received information that a 14 year old female was possible missing from her residence. The youth was located in the Weyburn area and returned home.

While on Patrol a member of the WPS conducted a vehicle stop and found the driver, a 40 year old male, to have been driving while under the influence of alcohol. He was subsequently given a 72 hour suspension from driving and his vehicle was seized.

While on Patrol a member of the WPS observed an intoxicated individual walking in a parking lot. Due to the level of intoxication, the 24 year old female was arrested and lodged in cells for her safety. She was later released from custody when sober.

A member of the Weyburn Police conducted a vehicle stop and found the driver to be under the influence of alcohol. The subsequent investigation resulted in the 42 year old male being charged with drive while over .08 and impaired driving. The accused was released from custody to appear in court later in October.

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#### August 28

At about 1:50 am the Weyburn PS received a call reporting that a vehicle was driving erratically in the eastern part of the City. The vehicle was located abandoned in a grassed area east of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and has been determined to have been stolen from a residence on the 1700 Block of Coteau Avenue.

The Weyburn Police Service received a call of a truck driving dangerously in the east area of the City. Police later found the truck abandoned and through the investigation determined the vehicle had been stolen earlier in the evening from a residence in the North end of the City. The owner of the vehicle had left their keys in the vehicle. No suspects have been identified at this time and the incident remains under investigation. Police are reminding everyone to help reduce auto theft by removing the keys and locking the doors.

As a result of a curfew check police learned a male, who was released from custody on earlier charges, was not home. The investigation resulted in the arrest of a 24 year old male who was charged with two

counts of breach of undertaking. Subsequent investigation also determined the accused was also in possession of stolen property, which had been stolen in July from a truck parked in Weyburn. The accused was further charged with two counts of stolen property. The accused was remanded in custody and will be appearing in court on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

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#### August 29

The Weyburn Police Service was dispatched to a reported Break and Enter of a business situated in the South Hill area. Entrance had been gained through a window and the offices gone through. Nothing was reported missing though the office did sustain damage. The incident remains under investigation.

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## August 30

In the early morning hours a member of the Weyburn Police Service while on patrol observed a group of youth in Jubilee Park. When the member approached the group, one person fled on foot while the remaining individuals were stopped by police. The investigation resulted in a 16 year old youth being charged with possession of marijuana and having open liquor in public. The youth was later released into the custody of the parent. The accused will be appearing in court at a later date. The matter remains under investigation.

A member of the Weyburn Police Service observed a vehicle fail to obey a stop sign at the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Bison Avenue. Police attempted to stop the vehicle by activating the emergency equipment at which time the driver accelerated and fled from police. The officer pursued the vehicle for a short distance before discontinuing the pursuit as the driving actions of the pursued vehicle were erratic and cause for concerns of others safety. A short time later police received a report of an accident where a vehicle had hit a parked car. Police responded and found it to be the vehicle that had earlier fled from police, the driver, a 58 year old male, was arrested at the scene. The investigation determined he was impaired and prohibited from driving. The accused was charged with impaired drive, drive while over .08, drive while prohibited and evade police. The accused was later released from custody for court at a later date.

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## August 31

The Weyburn Police Service received a report of an assault with a weapon. The subsequent investigation determined the victim was a 45 year old male who had been assaulted and threatened. Police later located the suspect, a 43 year old male, who was arrested without incident and charged with assault causing bodily harm and threatening. The accused was released from custody to appear in court in October.

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## September 1

The Weyburn Police Service received a report of a theft from a local business, after a male had entered the store asking for cigarettes. The male had made an attempt to pay for the cigarettes with some form of card before grabbing the bag and fleeing without paying. The male suspect was captured on the security camera and the photo has been uploaded to the WPS web site. Police are asking for public assistance in identifying this individual.

The Weyburn Police Service received a report of a fraud where an attempt was made to have investments transferred from one account to another through an email request. The scheme was discovered when one of the parties took the time to confirm that this was a legitimate request. As a result no money was lost. Police are again reminding everyone not to strictly act on email or phone requests even if they sound legitimate, and to never share personal information over the phone or

through email to someone you do not know. It is recommended to take the time to either confirm or check on the legitimacy of the request.

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## September 2

The Weyburn Police Service received a report of a theft from vehicle, after a passing motorist noticed a car with its doors open and items on the ground and called police. Police located the owner and determined that a few CD's and other items had been stolen from the unlocked vehicle.

The Weyburn Police Service was called to a report of an Assault with a weapon after a 45 year old female was assaulted by a 61 year old male. The victim suffered minor injuries. The investigation has resulted in the male being charged with assault with a weapon and he will be appearing in court at a later date.

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## September 6

The Weyburn PS is investigating a report of a Break, Enter & Theft to City of Weyburn property. Stolen were a number of power hand tools. Anyone having information about this incident is asked to contact either the Weyburn Police, or to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

The Weyburn PS is investigating a report of fraudulent/forged business cheques being negotiated.

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## September 7

The Weyburn PS are investigating a report that over the night of September  $6^{th} - 7^{th}$  4 vehicle wheels and tires were removed from a vehicle parked in the 500 Block of Government Road South. The vehicle was left placed on blocks. Anyone having information about this incident is asked to contact either the Weyburn Police, or to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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#### September 8

At about 1:20 am the Weyburn PS conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle being driven by a 33 year old male. As a result of the stop the male was taken into custody and is now charged with; Refusing to Provide a Roadside Breath Sample, Resisting Arrest and Breach of Probation. He will be appearing in Court in October.

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#### September 9

As a result of community based policing principles the police were able to prevent an on-street drug transaction. As a result a 23 year old Edmonton man was arrested at the scene and has been charged with Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking. He was remanded into custody and made a Court appearance in Regina September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Weyburn PS received a complaint that during the night of September 8<sup>th</sup> an unlocked vehicle was entered and a child car seat was removed. Anyone having information about this incident is asked to contact either the Weyburn Police, or to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

At about 6 pm the Weyburn PS responded to a complaint regarding an individual in a local bar. As a result of the investigation a 58year old man was arrested without incident and is now facing a charge of Breaching his Undertaking by being in a bar and consuming alcohol.

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#### September 10

At about 11:40 am the Weyburn PS responded to a 2-vehicle collision on Government Road and  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  Avenue. The investigation revealed that a northbound vehicle was stopped at a red light and while

stopped was rear-ended by another vehicle. A 55 year old male driver of the 2<sup>nd</sup> vehicle was charged with driving without due care & attention. There were no injuries.

The Weyburn PS received 3 complaints of vehicles in the east central location of the City being rummaged through and numerous small items taken. In each case the vehicle was unlocked. Anyone having information about this incident is asked to contact either the Weyburn Police, or to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

The Weyburn PS received a complaint of a 33 year old male who had indicated he wished to harm himself. The person was located and given the assistance and support he needed at that time.

At about 7 pm the Weyburn PS received a report of a possible assault on a child in progress. Through the investigation it was determined that the child had been acting out and the caregiver was only attempting to control the child. There was no need for further involvement.

A further reminder this will be the second week of our "This Rides on Us" drinking and driving campaign. If you are at a participating establishment on Thursday, Friday or Saturday this week you can get a free taxi ride home, or get a ride home with the taxi company driving your vehicle home. By participating you will not only be ensuring yours and others safety by not driving after drinking but you may win a prize. Details are available at participating establishments.

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.