
Berwick Policing Report July 2021



***Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Kings District***

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Kings District Employees

A/Inspector Rob Jodrey, 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.

Kings East School Safety Resource Officer is Cst. Jennifer Britton.
Kings West School Safety Resource Officer is Cst. Jeff Wilson.

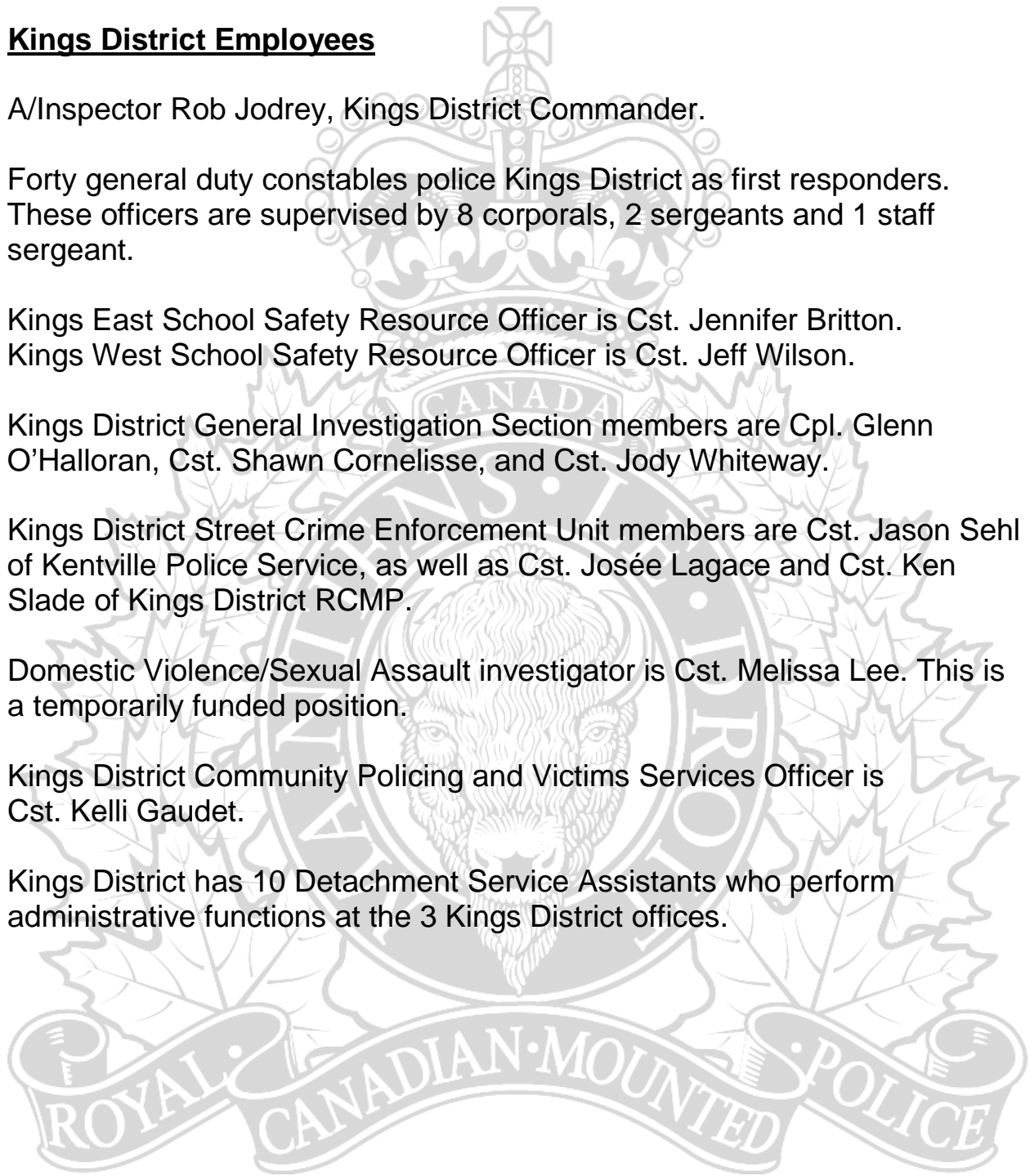
Kings District General Investigation Section members are Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Shawn Cornelisse, and Cst. Jody Whiteway.

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.

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

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. SSRO's update the National SafePlan every year for each Kings County School. SSRO's do the initial investigation in cases that stem from schools. SSRO's 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, which encompasses 11 schools.

Cst. Britton's service area is from Coldbrook District School to LE Shaw Elementary and encompasses 12 schools.

Distracted driving presentations, Human Trafficking presentations as well as "lock down 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

Traffic enforcement at all of Kingston Detachments school zones continues.

SSRO Cst. WILSON continues to be active in the community with traffic enforcement and assisting with calls for service.

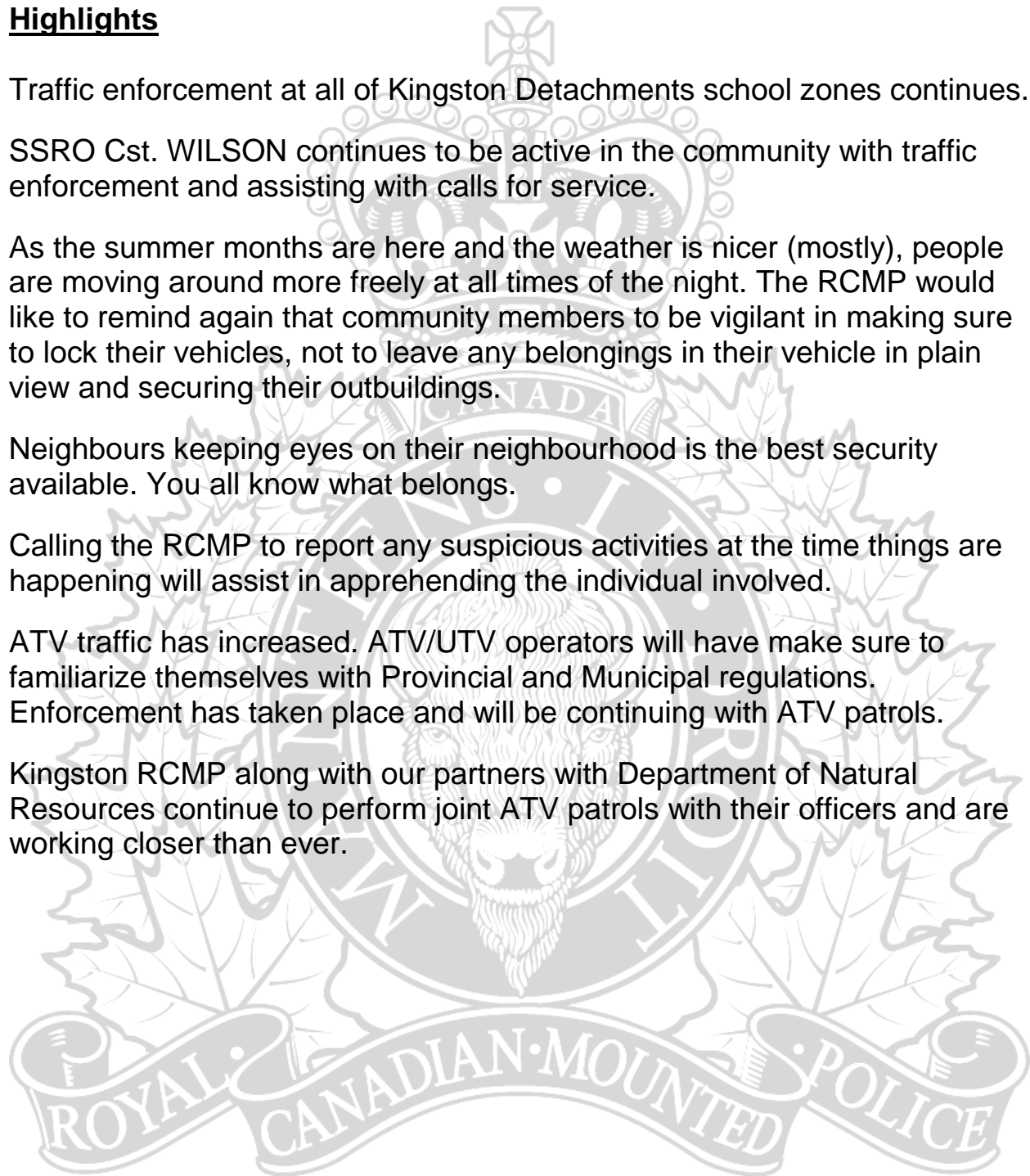
As the summer months are here and the weather is nicer (mostly), people are moving around more freely at all times of the night. The RCMP would like to remind again that community members to be vigilant in making sure to lock their vehicles, not to leave any belongings in their vehicle in plain view and securing their outbuildings.

Neighbours keeping eyes on their neighbourhood is the best security available. You all know what belongs.

Calling the RCMP to report any suspicious activities at the time things are happening will assist in apprehending the individual involved.

ATV traffic has increased. ATV/UTV operators will have make sure to familiarize themselves with Provincial and Municipal regulations. Enforcement has taken place and will be continuing with ATV patrols.

Kingston RCMP along with our partners with Department of Natural Resources continue to perform joint ATV patrols with their officers and are working closer than ever.



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Annual Performance Plan

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

- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia** - To date Kings District members have charged 33 people with impaired driving, issued 27 Roadside suspensions for alcohol consumption, issued 672 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 86 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.

Calls for Service

In the month of June, Kings District responded to 1477 service calls. There were 92 service calls in the Town of Berwick during this reporting period. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

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Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	July Berwick	July Kings
	2021	2021
Crimes Against Persons		
Offences Related to Death	0	0
Sexual Offences	1	4
Assault	1	31
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	1
Robbery	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	1	2
Criminal Harassment	0	5
Indecent Harassing Comm.	0	4
Uttering Threats	0	20
Property Crime		
Arson	0	2
Break and Enter	0	10
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	1
Theft Over	0	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	2
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	2
Take MV w/o Consent	0	1
Theft Under	1	19
Shoplifting	0	17
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	4
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	19
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	4
Fraud	1	26
Identity Theft	0	0
Mischief	3	46
Drug Enforcement		
Possession	0	1
Trafficking	0	1
Import/Export	0	0
Production	1	1
Other	0	2



Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	July Berwick	July Kings
Traffic		
Dangerous Op of MV	0	2
Impaired by Alcohol	1	18
Impaired by Drug	0	1
Failure/Refusal	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	1	12
Fail to Stop or Remain	0	9
Seatbelt Violation	1	15
Intersection Violation	2	12
Speeding Violation	9	118
Insurance Violation	2	5
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	0
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	2
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	11
Collision - Reportable	0	32
Collision - Non Reportable	1	29
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	2
Municipal By-laws	0	1
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	24	208
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	10
Checkstop	6	19
Other		
911 Call	2	29
Breach of Court Order	0	11
Liquor Act	3	23
Mental Health Act	3	34
Missing Person	1	81
Municipal Bylaw - Other	0	35
Other	17	339
Suspicious P V P	0	30
Trespass At Night	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	1	4
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	4
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	0	32
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	83	1355
Total Occurrences*	92	1477



Traffic Enforcement and Proactive Patrols Update

In addition to the above, 9 violation tickets were issued on Highway 101 near Berwick. There were also 9 violation tickets issued on Highway 1 near Berwick.

Members continue to conduct traffic enforcement on the main street and other areas of high traffic volume. 38 motor vehicle associated traffic tickets were enforced and there were no impaired operations of motor vehicle violations in this period.

There were 446 patrols conducted with 20 foot patrols done in the parks and various sidewalks in the community. Police visibility continues to be high resulting in a reduction in offences.

Significant Investigations

The month of July has also been a steady month district wide but in regard to Berwick there were no significant investigations to report. Easing of Covid-19 health restrictions continue to be at the forefront of everyone concerns and wanting to keep their family and friends in community safe. Observed violations should be reported to the RCMP for follow up.

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. As expected, call volumes have climbed in the district with a slight decrease in Berwick. The bulk of which are due ever-increasing traffic and pedestrian activity associated to summer vacation and tourism.



Kings District RCMP looking of information regarding Break and Enter in Lockhartville

Police file# 2021-996793

Kings District RCMP is investigating after a break and enter at a business on Sweetgrass Rd. in Lockhartville. At approximately 4:00 a.m. on July 10, police were notified of a break-in at a business on Sweetgrass Rd. in Lockhartville. Police attended and confirmed that a quantity of cigarettes were stolen.

Police were able to determine that a person wearing a t-shirt, dark coloured pants, dark boots, a white and black coloured bandana on their head and a mask, broke into the business. The suspect was driving a dark coloured SUV that was missing a hub cap on the rear passenger side wheel. During the break-in, the suspect used a black duffle bag to empty the cigarettes into. The suspect then exited the store, got into the SUV and left heading towards Bishopville.

Police believe a second suspect may have been involved.

Kings District RCMP arrest Waterville man in relation to stabbing

Police file# 20211000746

At approximately 9:15 pm on July 10th Kings District RCMP responded to a stabbing in Waterville. Police located and arrested a suspect at an address on Black Rock Rd. without incident. Police located the victim, a 31-year-old man from Waterville, at the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The investigation revealed that an altercation occurred between two people following an argument. There were no other injuries.

The suspect, a 35-year-old man from Waterville, was release from police custody and will face charges of Aggravated Assault and Assault with a

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Weapon in Kentville Provincial Court September 28th, 2021. The investigation is ongoing.

Kings District RCMP arrest guitar player in New Minas parking lot

Kings District RCMP attended the parking lot of a New Minas restaurant July 12th just before 1:00am. A complaint was made of a person playing guitar outside a vehicle in the parking lot. New Minas RCMP attended the location and located the person playing the guitar. Police investigated the situation and determined the guitar player was in possession of a stolen vehicle and stolen property. Police also determined that there were outstanding warrants from Halifax Regional Police for the individual.

A 48-year-old lower Sackville man will be facing charges of Possession of Stolen Property over \$5000.00, Possession of Stolen Property under \$5000.00 and for Breach of a Release Order. The male was transported into Halifax Regional Police custody. The 48-year-old male will face charges in Kentville Provincial Court on a later date.

Kings District RCMP charge man for Indecent Act in Aylesford

Police File# 20211071058

On July 22nd Kingston RCMP were called to a convenience store on Hwy 1 in Aylesford where it was reported that on July 21st a man had entered the location and committed an Indecent Act while inside the business.

Police have charged a 40-year-old Millville man under section 173(1) of the Criminal Code for Committing an Indecent Act. The accused will appear in Kentville Provincial Court August 31st, 2021.

Anyone in Kings County who has concerns for public safety is encouraged to contact Kings District RCMP at 902-679-555 in New Minas and 902-765-3317 in Kingston. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia

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Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips App.

Kings District RCMP respond to motorcycle collision in Gaspereau Valley, Wallbrook

On July 23rd at approximately 8:25 AM, Kings District RCMP were called to a two-vehicle collision on Gaspereau River Rd near Wallbrook. Two motorcycles, travelling together, collided after the lead driver lost control of their motorcycle resulting in a collision with the vehicle following. Each motorcycle had a driver and passenger. All four riders of both motorcycles were transported to local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Kings District RCMP would like to thank all those that assisted with this collision.

Kings District RCMP Arrest Impaired Driver near Lockhartville

On July 23rd at 3:30 PM. Kings District RCMP were called to the area of Sweetgrass Rd in Lockhartville. A report was made of a female, who was believed to be impaired, had left a restaurant in a vehicle. Police made patrols and located the vehicle. The driver displayed signs of impairment and was arrested. The driver was transported to the New Minas RCMP office. The driver provided two samples of breath which were 210 mg% and 210 mg%, well over twice the legal limit in Nova Scotia.

A 57-year-old Lockhartville woman will be facing charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration Over 80 mg%. The woman has been released from police custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on a later date.

Kings District RCMP apprehend person of interest in Wolfville

On July 26th at 6:00 pm. Kings District RCMP were called to an erratic

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driving complaint in the Wolfville area. It was reported a black GMC pickup had been smoking and driving erratically in the area. New Minas and Wolfville RCMP members patrolled the area and located the vehicle abandoned on a dike trail near Wolfville.

Just before 8:00 pm. police received a call of a suspicious male who had entered a Linden Ave property and was sitting on a sofa in the back yard. The suspect fled the property when a vehicle pulled into the driveway. The suspect was located by police behind a restaurant at the corner of Main st. and Elm Ave. The suspect fled police which lead to a foot pursuit on Main St. The suspect was apprehended and arrested a short distance away on Main St.

Police continued to investigate these events and discovered a Break and Enter had occurred on Woodland Ave. in this time frame. The investigation lead to the suspect being responsible for the theft of a personal property belonging to the home owner.

A 31-year-old Dartmouth man is facing multiple charges of:

- Break and enter
- Possession of stolen property over \$5000.00
- Resisting or obstructing a police officer

The Dartmouth man has been transported to a secure facility on a Canada Wide Parole Warrant. The man will face the local charges in Kentville Provincial Court on a later date.

Kings District RCMP looking for information on stolen lawnmower from Hortonville

Police File# 20211048188

July 27th, 2021, Kings District RCMP are investigating a theft of a lawnmower from a property on Horton Cross Rd. Police were contacted on July 18th when the property owner returned home to find their lawnmower missing. Sometime between July 16th and 18th a John Deere X350 was

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stolen. The tractor is described as John Deere green and has the serial number 1M0X350BCJM053213.

Kings District RCMP are looking for information with regard to this lawnmower. If anyone has information on the lawnmower or its circumstances they are asked to contact the Kings District RCMP in New Minas at 902-679-5555 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. 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.

Kings District RCMP located impaired driver who crashed into tree in Steam Mill

Police file# 2021-1109509

July 30, 2021, Kings District RCMP have arrested an impaired driver after crashing into a tree on Lakewood Rd. At 2:50 pm on July 29th, Kings District RCMP attended a single vehicle collision on Lakewood Rd. The vehicle had left the roadway and struck a tree. Police attended the scene and located the driver being treated by EHS.

The driver displayed signs of impairment and was subsequently arrested. The driver was transported by EHS to local hospital for treatment. Upon release from hospital, the driver was transported 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 over legal limit in Nova Scotia.

A 51-year-old Digby 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 man has been released from police custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on a later date.

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Kings District RCMP issue reminder about election sign vandalism

Provincial election campaigns are well under way in Nova Scotia where citizens can observe many election signs widespread throughout Kings County communities and surrounding areas.

Kings District RCMP have received reports of election signs being damaged and stolen and remind citizens that tampering with candidate signs carries criminal charges. Kings District want to make people aware the act of taking election signs will be investigated as theft. Damaging or defacing election signs will be investigated as Mischief and going onto private property to tamper with an election sign will be investigated as trespassing. All are criminal charges in Canada and if convicted could carry a criminal record.

Police encourage that when a person feels that an election sign has been placed on their property improperly to contact the office of the local candidate responsible for the sign.

Very useful information with regard to election signs in Nova Scotia can be located at: <https://electionsnovascotia.ca/ElectionAdvertising>



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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