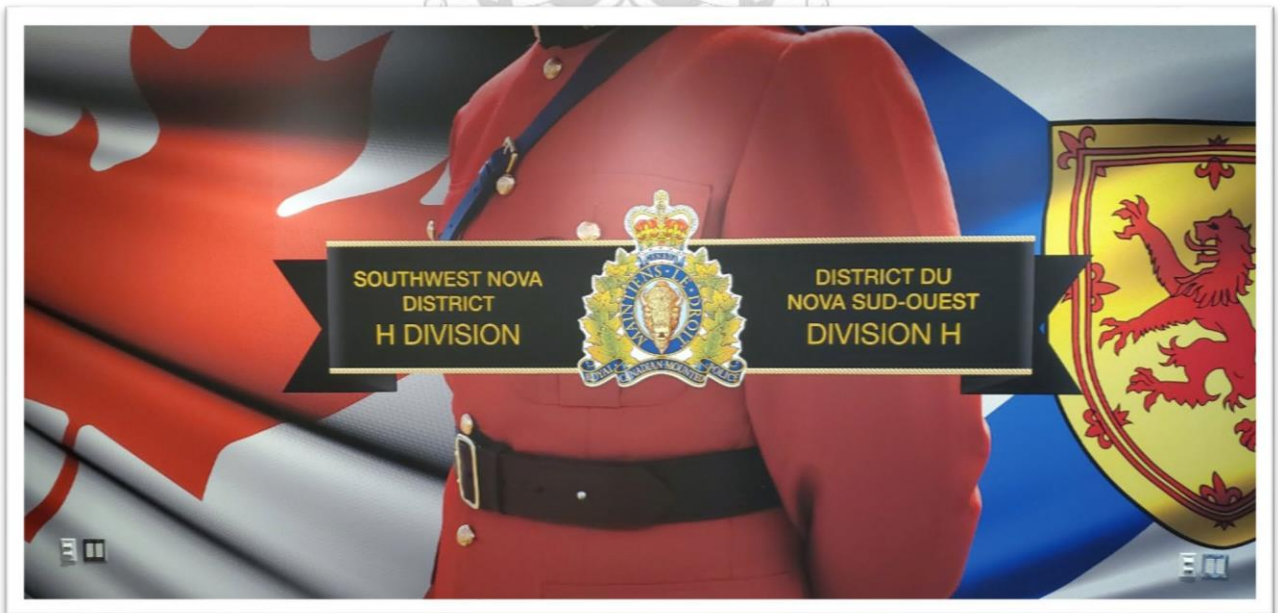


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# Berwick Policing Report



January & February  
2024 Kings District  
RCMP

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## Kings District Employees

S/Sgt. Ed Nugent, acting OIC Kings District RCMP.

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 is an integrated team consisting of Cst. Brian Green and Cst. Layla Fish from Kings District RCMP and Cst. Andrew Waters from the Kentville Police Service.

The Kings District Community Policing Officer position is currently vacant. The Kings District Domestic Violence/Victim Services investigator is temporarily vacant.

Kings District has ten Detachment Services Assistants who perform administrative functions at the three 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 Safe Plan 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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## **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>.

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## Annual Performance Plan

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

- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**  
Since April 1, Kings District members have charged 60 people with impaired driving, issued 18 roadside suspensions for alcohol use, issued 1068 traffic enforcement charges, and conducted 52 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. 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.

## Traffic Enforcement and Proactive Patrols Update

In addition to the above, for the months of Jan./Feb. there were 2 violation tickets issued on Highway 101 near Berwick. There were 2 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. 4 other motor vehicle associated traffic tickets were enforced 0 tickets regarding ATVs. There were 0 impaired operations of motor vehicle violations in this period and 0 checkpoints were conducted.

There were 470 patrols conducted with 3 foot patrols done in the parks and various sidewalks in the community. Police visibility continues to be high resulting in a reduction of offences.

## Calls for Service

In January and February, Kings District RCMP responded to 55 and 39 service calls in the Town of Berwick respectively. See the attached chart for a breakdown of those service calls.

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	Jan Berwick	Jan Kings	Feb Berwick	Feb Kings
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>				
Offences Related to Death	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	1	7	0	6
Assault	2	25	2	22
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	1	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	3	0	1
Criminal Harassment	0	7	0	5
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	0	0	0	0
Uttering Threats	0	22	0	7
<b>Property Crime</b>				
Arson	0	0	0	0
Break and Enter	0	18	0	4
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	1	0	0
Theft Over	0	2	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	2	0	4
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	1	0	2
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0	0	0
Theft Under	5	30	1	19
Shoplifting	3	15	0	19
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	6	0	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	4	0	8
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	4	0	0
Fraud	4	14	1	13
Identity Theft	0	1	0	2
Mischief	3	62	1	26
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>				
Possession	0	0	0	1
Trafficking	0	0	0	3
Import/Export	0	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0	0
Other	0	2	0	1
<b>Traffic</b>				
Dangerous Op of MV	0	0	0	0
Impaired by Alcohol	0	10	0	7
Impaired by Drug	0	0	0	0
Failure/Refusal	0	1	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	0	7	0	1
Fail to Stop or Remain	1	10	0	4
Seatbelt Violation	0	11	0	0
Intersection Violation	3	11	0	5
Speeding Violation	2	122	1	18
Insurance Violation	1	7	0	2
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	1	0	1
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	1	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	12	0	4
Collision - Reportable	2	50	3	39
Collision - Non Reportable	3	34	1	27
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	1	0	0
Municipal By-laws	0	3	0	0
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	3	151	1	54
Other Traffic Related Duties	1	28	0	8
Checkstop	0	2	0	0
<b>Other</b>				
911 Call	3	46	3	27
Breach of Court Order	0	24	0	12
Liquor Act	0	31	0	2
Mental Health Act	2	49	2	42
Missing Person	0	29	2	37
Municipal Bylaw - Other	1	13	1	4
Other	7	221	9	147
Suspicious P V P	1	48	2	24
Trespass At Night	0	0	0	0
Wellbeing Check	0	42	0	0
<b>Total Founded &amp; SUI Occurrences</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1254</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>660</b>
<b>Total Occurrences*</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1324</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>714</b>



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## **Significant Investigations**

Members have been busy responding to various types of calls yet continue to be proactive with traffic enforcement and other self-generated work. The following are a couple of the significant investigations we've undertaken in January and February:

### **Driver runs over RCMP member's foot, flees scene File 202474290**

A man pulled over by Kings District RCMP early on the morning hours drove away from the female constable who stopped him, running over her foot in the process.

The suspect, later identified as a 26 year old Dartmouth man, was stopped for erratic driving at 2:00 in the morning on January 18<sup>th</sup> in New Minas. The constable approached the suspect and made a demand for breath samples, which the suspect refused before speeding away. The constable became briefly entangled with the driver's door and the vehicle then drove over her foot, causing minor injuries.

Moments later a second Kings District constable took up pursuit of the vehicle which soon began to emit smoke. The vehicle broke down near Highway 101 and the driver fled on foot, evading a foot pursuit and subsequent search using a Police Dog Service canine. The vehicle was seized for further investigation. A search warrant later executed on the vehicle resulted in a significant drug seizure.

Tips from the public resulting from a media release assisted with the positive identification and subsequent arrest in Windsor of the suspect. He fled from police in that jurisdiction as well but was apprehended, and is facing numerous charges from both incidents including assaulting a police officer with a weapon, flight from police, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm, and possession of a controlled substance for the purposes of trafficking. He remains in custody awaiting trial.



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## **Woman facing charges after three thefts in two days**

### **File 20231777889**

A 24 year old female from North Kentville has been banned from two area businesses and facing charges from a third after three reports of theft between February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

On February 14th Kings District RCMP received a report of theft from a retail business in Canning. The complainant reported that a female had stolen a bottle of rum and had been captured on surveillance video. A female, later confirmed to be the suspect, called New Minas later that day to identify herself and complain about the surveillance video being posted to social media by the business owner.

Aided in part by the above-mentioned call to police, Kings District members subsequently issued a Protection of Property Act notice to the suspect banning her from the business in question. That was not the end of her legal issues, however, as a second theft was reported that day by another business in New Minas. The same female suspect was arrested and released with a court date for a charge of theft under \$5,000 for allegedly leaving the store with a shopping cart full of un-purchased items.

It would seem that those two incidents were insufficient as deterrents to further such behaviour, as Kings RCMP received a third theft complaint the following day. In this instance, the NSLC store in New Minas reported that a female stole a small bottle of tequila, and surveillance video showed the same subject yet again. As luck would have it, the female had just been arrested for one of the previous day's thefts and was in police custody when this new call was received. She was formally banned from the liquor store's premises as well, prior to her release.

**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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