

Firearm and conspiracy to commit indictable offence charges laid]

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) laid multiple charges and seized a handgun as a result of a criminal investigation in the Town of Shelburne.

A keen-eyed Dufferin OPP officer while on general patrol located a suspicious vehicle in a parking lot on Main Street on Feb. 25, shortly after 10:00 p.m.

The officer was led into a criminal investigation and located a loaded handgun.

One of the occupants in the vehicle attempted to flee the scene and a brief foot chase ensued. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody and all three occupants were placed under arrest. The handgun was seized along with a knife, balaclavas and zip ties.

As a result of the investigation, Lucas JOHN-HOPE PICKETT, 23-year-old from Toronto has been charged with:

- ? Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose
- ? Carrying concealed weapon
- ? Unauthorized possession of a firearm
- ? Knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm
- ? Possession of prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition
- ? Occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm
- ? Conspiracy to commit indictable offence
- ? Obstruct Peace Officer
- ? Possession of firearm or ammunition contrary t to prohibition order
- ? Resist Peace Officer

Kacy COCKFIELD, 22-year-old from Pickering has been charged with:

- ? Occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm
- ? Obstruct Peace Officer
- ? Conspiracy to commit indictable offence
- ? Failure to comply with undertaking

Keon COCKFIELD, 20-year-old from Dundalk has been charged with:

- ? Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court - (three counts)
- ? Occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm

? Obstruct Peace Officer

? Conspiracy to commit indictable offence

The three accused person were transported to the Dufferin Detachment where they were held for a bail hearing. These charges have not been proven in court.

If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca