

## Traffic stop ends in vehicle fire

On January 12th at 12:19 p.m., a member of the Nottawasaga OPP conducted a traffic stop on County Road 21 between the 10th and 11th Line of Essa. The dark blue Volkswagen suddenly crossed over the centre line then pulled over to the shoulder.

Police conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Police noticed dark coloured smoke emanating from the vehicle as the driver walked back towards the Police cruiser advising that his vehicle was on fire.

The officer confirmed that there were no other occupants in the vehicle and used his fire extinguisher to attempt to extinguish the fire within the vehicle. The Essa Fire Department was immediately called to the scene and they extinguished the fire in the dash area of the vehicle. County Road 21 was closed for a short time to extinguish the fire and tow the vehicle off the roadway.

The driver of the vehicle was found to be an unlicensed driver, charged is Jeremy James Plant of Shelburne, he is charged under the Highway Traffic Act with Drive Motor Vehicle-no license.