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R.I.D.E stop in Shelburne leads to drug charges]

The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) charged a driver with impaired operation among other charges as a result of a R.I.D.E. program in the Town of Shelburne.

On March 23, 2023, at approximately 1:00 a.m., officers from Dufferin OPP were conducting a R.I.D.E. program in the area of Greenwood Street and Robert Street in Shelburne. One driver that was stopped led officers into an impaired operation investigation. The driver was charged, and a quantity of drugs was seized.

As a result, Cody GILLIS, 32-year-old from Markdale, has been charged with:

? Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

? Possession of Schedule I substance - Cocaine

? Possession of Schedule III substance

? Novice driver - blood alcohol concentration above zero

? Class G1 licence holder - unaccompanied by qualified driver

? Driver motor vehicle with open container of liquor

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville in April 2023, to answer to the charges. Their driver's licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for a period of 7 days.

Dufferin OPP continues to conduct R.I.D.E spot checks daily as drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs continue to pose a threat to Ontario roads.

If you suspect someone is driving impaired, please call 9-1-1. You could be saving a life!

?The Dufferin OPP reminds motorist to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impact your ability to make sound judgements. In a split second you could ruin your future, injure or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you,? said the Dufferin OPP in a press release.

Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. 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.crimestopperssdm.com.