

Three Amaranth women face a total of 7 charges in Giant Tiger theft investigation

On Wednesday March 5th three adult women attended the Giant Tiger Store on First Avenue in Shelburne. Once inside the store, the three women obtained numerous items of clothing and accessories, removed the price tags and then concealed the clothing in bags. They left the store after paying for only a three dollar lottery ticket.

Unfortunately for the thieves the entire theft and the suspect motor vehicle were all caught on the stores security video.

Within days of the theft two off-duty Shelburne Police officers recognized the suspect motor vehicle and one of the suspects in the Orangeville area. A licence plate was obtained which led to the identification of the first suspect. Further investigation led to the identification of the other two suspects.

On Monday March 24th all three suspects from Amaranth were arrested and the Shelburne Police recovered the stolen property. As a result 38 year old Jennifer White was charged with theft, possession of property obtained by crime and breach of probation. Also charged with theft and possession of property obtained by crime were 37 year old Maureen McCullough and 18 year old Talea White. They were all released with court dates at the end of April at the Orangeville Court House.

Chief Moore credits this crime being solved to "the high quality of the Giant Tiger security video, coupled with a thorough police investigation".

Andrew Lewis, the owner/operator of the Shelburne Giant Tiger states, "Over the past few years we adopted video technologies and systems in order for us to protect our customers and assets. At times we have been able to provide video evidence to authorities after shoplifting incidents have taken place. With the co-operation of the Shelburne Police Service we are pleased to note that these systems and equipment have provided returns on the investment as well as ensuring we continue to provide low prices and value".

"Security video is almost everywhere these days " even in a community like Shelburne," states Chief Moore. "The quality and coverage of these security systems is impressive and they are becoming popular in homes too. Security video not only deters crime, but greatly assists police in solving crime".