

Three drivers charged with impaired

Three drivers in separate incidents were arrested and charged in relation to impaired driving. The first incident took place just after midnight on Saturday June 21st. An officer was conducting radar on Owen Sound Street. The officer clocked a southbound Grey Mitsubishi travelling at 107 kph in the 70kph zone. The investigation expanded to a roadside breath test which resulted in the driver being arrested for Over 80. Further breath tests at the police station confirmed that the driver had well over the legal limit of alcohol in his system. As a result, 26 year old Paul Villemaire of Grimsby was charged with Over 80.

The second incident took place late in the evening on Saturday June 21st when an officer approached a silver Buick Regal that appeared to be broken down on Tansley Street in Shelburne. The officer initiated an investigation that resulted in a roadside breath demand. The driver failed the roadside breath test and was arrested for over 80. The operator of the car provided breath samples at the police station which indicated that he had double the legal limit of alcohol in his system. The investigation also revealed highway traffic act offences. The final result was that 22 year old Cody Gardner of Shelburne was charged with Care and Control Over 80mgs, Care and Control While Impaired, Use plates not authorized for vehicle and Novice Driver with Blood Alcohol Content above zero.

The third incident occurred during the afternoon on Sunday June 22nd. In this incident officers responded to a motor vehicle collision on Main Street East in Shelburne. Three vehicles were damaged in the collision, but thankfully there were no injuries. The investigation led to the belief that one of the driver's had consumed alcohol. The investigating officer made a breath demand numerous times, however the driver refused to provide a breath sample into the roadside screening device. As a result 57 year old Kimberly McCulloch of Georgetown was arrested and charged with Refusing a Breath Sample and Careless Driving. McCulloch's car was impounded for 7 days and her driver's licence suspended for 90 days. The consequences upon a conviction for refusing a breath sample are the same as for a conviction for impaired driving.

Not only is the car impounded immediately for seven days and the driver's licence suspended 90 days upon being charged, but the sentencing is the same which may include jail time, lengthy driving suspensions, hefty fines and probation.

The Shelburne Police encourages the public to help make our community a safer place by calling 9051 immediately if they suspect someone of driving in an impaired state. Impaired driving is not only dangerous for the impaired driver, but also for any passengers and all others using our roadways.