

Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin – April 29, 2013

This bulletin is prepared by the Wellington Community Police Centre (1064 Wellington St., 613-236-1222 ext. 5870) for distribution to area residents to promote safety and security in our neighbourhoods. Please distribute it to anyone who might be interested. Any questions or information concerning safety or security issues in your neighbourhood may be forwarded to wellingtoncpc@gmail.com.

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The Ottawa Police Service Organized Auto Theft Section (OATS) charged a man in relation to the theft of 100 vehicles in Ottawa between May and October 2012.

Police arrested the 25 year old man on April 25, 2013. Five other men and one woman will also be charged. All of the involved parties are between the ages of 24 and 41.

In total, 84 criminal charges are being laid. They include theft under and over \$5000, possession of property obtained by crime under and over \$5000, laundering the proceeds of crime and conspiracy to commit an indictable offence.

An investigation was initiated in September 2012, following a complaint from a company after their stolen vehicle was recognized at a local metal recycling facility. The pending investigation revealed that the vehicles, mostly older model vans, were being stolen and then sold for their metal recycle value.

Investigators estimate that at least 15 of the vehicles were worth over \$5000, 22 were valued under \$5000 and the remaining 63 have an estimated value between a few hundred to several thousand dollars each. Many of the vans also contained personal property, tools and/or small business equipment that were not recovered.

The OATS is continuing to investigate this case and several related cases.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Ottawa Police Service Organized Auto Theft Section at 613-236-1222 extension 3766 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS) or toll free at 1-800-222-8477.

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La Section des vols organisés d'automobiles du Service de police d'Ottawa (SVOA)

vient d'inculper un homme relativement au vol de cent véhicules à Ottawa entre les mois de mai et octobre 2012.

Le 25 avril 2013, la police fit l'arrestation d'un homme âgé de 25 ans. Il comparaitra aujourd'hui devant les tribunaux. Cinq autres hommes et une femme seront aussi inculpés. Les personnes impliquées sont âgées entre 24 et 41 ans.

En tout, 84 accusations criminelles furent portées. Parmi celles-ci, on compte le vol de moins et de plus de 5 000\$, la possession de biens de moins et de plus de 5 000\$ obtenus criminellement, le blanchiment de produits de la criminalité et le complot en vue de commettre une infraction.

Une enquête fut lancée en septembre 2012, lorsqu'une entreprise porta plainte après avoir reconnu son véhicule, qui avait été volé, à une installation locale de recyclage des métaux. L'enquête révéla que les véhicules impliqués, pour la plupart des fourgonnettes d'ancien modèle, étaient volés puis conduits à l'installation pour tirer profit de la valeur du métal recyclé.

Les enquêteurs ont estimé qu'au moins quinze des véhicules valaient plus de 5 000\$, vingt-deux valaient moins de 5 000\$, et les soixante-trois autres valaient chacune de quelques centaines à quelques milliers de dollars. Plusieurs des fourgonnettes renfermaient aussi des biens personnels, des outils ou du matériel de petite entreprise qui ne furent pas récupérés.

La SVOA continue de faire enquête sur cette affaire, ainsi que sur plusieurs affaires connexes.

Toute personne détenant des renseignements pertinents à ces vols ou à des vols semblables est priée de communiquer avec la Section des vols organisés d'automobiles du Service de police d'Ottawa, en composant le 613-236-1222, poste 3766, ou avec Échec au crime au 613-233-8477 (TIPS) ou sans frais au 1-800-222-8477.

Key Ottawa Police Service numbers:

- * Life threatening emergency assistance or to report a crime in progress .. **911**
- * Other emergency **613-230-6211**
- * Non-emergencies and general inquiries **613-236-1222**
- * To have the police attend your location **613-236-1222**
ext. 7500
- * To make a police report **613-236-1222**
ext. 7300

OPS and By-Law services base their work on call statistics. The more calls that you make, the more neighbourhood services we receive. There are three steps to making the call:

a) Deciding which number to phone.

If you have an emergency or see a crime in progress, call 9-1-1. If your car was broken into or you need police to attend another non-urgent situation, please call the “other emergencies” number (613-230-6211). To report an incident after it occurred without police attending the scene, please call 613-236-1222 – ext. 7300. You can reach by-law services at 3-1-1.

b) Getting a report number.

When the dispatcher answers, it is a good idea to ask for a report number immediately. We’ve found that dispatchers sometimes hang up before we get to ask for a number or we forget. Asking for a report number right away solves these problems.

c) Share your report number and incident.

Please e-mail your report numbers and a brief description of the incident to your Block Captain (if you have one), or directly to us.

Importance of Reporting Prostitution and Problem Addresses

Neighbourhood Watch members can support the police by writing down and phoning in important information such as: vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers (specify Ontario or Quebec) of anyone soliciting prostitutes, descriptions of drug dealers and addresses of crack houses.

Graffiti

If you spot graffiti, call 3-1-1. Graffiti kits are available from your city councillor.