

## Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin – March 17, 2014

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### 1. Warning: Romance scam

Nothing is sacred to scammers, not even the human heart. You may think it's love for you he's expressing but it's more likely love of your money that brings out the honeyed tones.

These romance scammers will most likely be found on line or at the end of a telephone line and are practiced at reeling you in to a long-distance relationship. At some point, he will ask for money from his honey for any number of legitimate sounding reasons. That's the goal of this relationship.

Bottom line: Take no one for granted you meet on line. As soon as money enters the conversation, it's time to get suspicious and bow out.

### 2. Man charged with sexual assault

On March 14, 2014, the Ottawa Police Service, Sexual Assault & Child Abuse Section, charged an Ottawa man following a sexual assault investigation.

On March 14, 2014 at approximately 2:00am a woman was walking in the 300 block of Wilbrod Street when a man approached her from behind and sexually assaulted her. The woman screamed for help drawing attention to the assailant. Two men in a vehicle stopped, chased the suspect and held him for police.

John Nathan NICOL, 27 years old, of Ottawa has been charged with Sexual Assault.

The Ottawa Police investigation continues.

Anyone with information about this incident or other incidents is asked to contact the Ottawa Police Service Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Unit at 613-236-1222, ext. 5944 or phone Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS) or toll free at 1-800-222-8477.

### 3. Man charged with possession of handgun

The Ottawa Police Service is advising that on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 shortly after 7:00 am, Patrol Officers attended 2900 Fairlea Crescent to investigate a disturbance call.

Officers identified two males through this investigation resulting in one of the males being arrested with charged with possession of a loaded handgun, possession of marijuana and a large amount of Canadian Currency.

Ahmed ESSA, 23, of Ottawa is facing these charges ;

- USE / HANDLE / STORE FIREARM, ETC. CARELESSLY
- POSSESS WEAPON, ETC./ DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC PEACE
- CARRY CONCEALED WEAPON, ETC
- POSSESS RESTRICTED FIREARM WITHOUT HOLDING A LICENCE AND REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
- POSSESS RESTRICTED FIREARM KNOWINGLY NOT HOLDING A LICENCE AND REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
- POSSESS LOADED REGULATED FIREARM
- POSSESS FIREARM, ETC. OBTAINED BY CRIME
- POSSESS PROHIBITED DEVICE KNOWING NO AUTHORITY
- UNLAWFULLY POSSESS SCHEDULE II SUBSTANCE
- FAIL TO COMPLY CONDITION OF JUDICIAL RELEASE x 3
- BREACH OF PROBATION x 2

Anyone with information pertaining to this incident is asked to call the Ottawa Police Service Guns and Gangs Section at [613-236-1222](tel:613-236-1222), ext. 5050 or Crime Stoppers at [613-233-8477](tel:613-233-8477) (TIPS) or toll free at [1-800-222-8477](tel:1-800-222-8477)

#### 4. Unpaid taxes scam

The Ottawa Police Service is informing the public on a recent scam where a caller states that he/she is from the Canada Revenue Agency. To this date, the targeted victims are of East Indian descent.

The caller is very aggressive and advises the victim that they owe unpaid taxes. The caller threatens arrest, jail time, and seizure of bank accounts if the victim does not immediately address the problem. The victim is told to attend retailers, then purchase pre-loaded gift cards and provide the card's information to the caller.

Despite the (613) area code displayed on the phone call display, it's suspected that these calls are not originating from within Canada. The Ottawa Police Organized Fraud Unit is advising the public that are or have been victims of this scam to contact the Ottawa Police and make a report. The call center is actively tracking all complaints and forwarding them to Organized Fraud.

#### 5. Keep an eye on your device

The Ottawa Police would like to remind the public to be vigilant with their electronic equipment when out in public areas such as bars, restaurants, libraries, parked cars and schools.

“We regularly receive reports for lost and stolen cell phones, iPads, laptops and similar electronic equipment from people who have left their electronic equipment unattended for short periods of time resulting in the item being stolen,” noted Ottawa Police Acting Sergeant Jorge Mendonca, with Central District Investigations.

The Ottawa Police encourages members of the public who have lost or had their phones stolen to immediately report this to their cell phone provider.

“We are seeing an increasing number of people that are buying used cell phones on internet sales sites,” added A/Sgt. Mendonca. “We are reminding the public to be cautious when purchasing any items from sources other than known legitimate companies as we are seeing an increase in complaints of purchasers who are not able to activate their new cell phones as the phone's information is posted to the National Device Blacklist.”

When attempting to activate the equipment, the user will get a message indicating the phone is lost or stolen and cannot be activated.

Another trend Ottawa Police are seeing is members of the public being contacted by unknown persons advising them that they have purchased a lost/stolen cell phone from an unknown person and then demand a reimbursement in order to return the phone.

This is a reminder that possession of a phone or any property that was taken in the commission of an offence is a criminal offence. Anyone knowingly possessing a phone that was stolen is committing the offence of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime, contrary to Section 354 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

#### A few more tips:

- Exercise caution when purchasing any items from private sales.
- Be cautious if the deal is too good to be true or if the seller is evasive and acts in a manner so as not to be identified.
- Meet with the seller in public places, and watch if the seller is using untraceable e-mails.

- Ask for proof of purchase.
- Check with the National Stolen Device Blacklist Database at <http://www.protectyourdata.ca>. By checking the cell phone's 15 digit IMEI number, you will know if it is on the blacklist (expect a delay in having a phone listed on the database).
- Report stolen property to the Ottawa Police Call Center at [613-236-1222](tel:613-236-1222).

Anyone with information about stolen cell phone property can contact the Ottawa Police Service at [613-236-1222](tel:613-236-1222) or Crime Stoppers at [613-233-8477](tel:613-233-8477) (TIPS) or toll free at [1-800-222-8477](tel:1-800-222-8477).

## 6. Stories of Success from Police/Community Partnerships: an invitation

I would like to invite you to participate in a free public dialogue moderated by Ottawa City Councillor Diane Holmes, about police and community partnerships that are finding new sources of funding to do what works. It will be held Wednesday, March 26, 7-9 pm in Jean Pigott Hall, City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West. For questions or to reserve a seat, contact [Smart Justice Network of Canada](#). PLEASE SHARE THIS INVITATION WITH OTHERS!

Collaborative Community Partnerships 'to do what works':

### COULD WE BE GETTING SMARTER ABOUT JUSTICE IN OTTAWA?

Some say the jury is in: 'smart' justice means spending on what works to solve the connection between crime and many other challenges families and communities face in becoming safer and healthier: housing, poverty, health, employment, child care, education, cognitive challenges, addictions, mental health, social belonging. Producing effective outcomes for community safety requires more than police and legal tools: best results have come through collaborative partnerships that engaged other sectors in responding together.

Ottawa City Councillor Diane Holmes will moderate a public dialogue about this. It will highlight what has happened in some jurisdictions where the police have been collaboratively engaged in these partnerships. Successes have been remarkable, outcomes preventative and restorative. They signal a very different way to deal with social and justice challenges - and a better way to fight crime.

This is not a new concept for the Ottawa community. There are plenty of examples right here of innovative partnerships, with our own 'lessons learned' about what works and how to work together. But there is also frustration at constantly fighting for sustainable funding - to do what we know will make a difference; and huge emotional toll when the overall shift seems insignificant.

This event is a unique opportunity to question closely some pioneering leaders who have helped make a shift that is sustainable and significant:

1. [Dale McFee](#), in Corrections and Policing, Saskatchewan Justice
2. [Danny Graham](#), in Restorative Justice policy, Nova Scotia Justice
3. [Molly Baldwin](#), in innovative financing for youth programs, Boston, USA

They have been on the cutting edge, each in their own communities, of turning talk into action, with manifest results and widening visibility.

Learn about social financing or ‘paying for what works’ - and how it has redirected funds from incarcerating offenders into community-based partnerships that prevent and tackle the causes of crime.

Hear the experiences of other leaders in innovative collaborations, joining us from the [National Symposium on Policing and Community Partnerships](#). Grill them all with practical questions:

- How did they get started in creating collaborative partnerships?
- What features were key to this being sustained?
- How were the challenges overcome: funding, conflicts, failures, human connecting, focussing together on getting ‘the job’ done
- How did local community partnerships - ‘to do what works’ - start shifting the focus of provincial policies and practices?
- What have been the nuts and bolts of attracting new partners for funds – even in times of fiscal restraint?
- What are ‘best practices’ to produce greater safety at lower cost?
- How can social financing be adapted for local community based initiatives in Canada?

Come and enter the dialogue:

Do we want more of this for Ottawa? What would we need to change?

This public session to explore how we can re-imagine the future of justice is free of charge and sponsored by the Smart Justice Network of Canada ([SJNC](#)) and Pacific Business & Law Institute (PBLI).

Panelists will speak in English, questions from the floor welcome in French.

Lorraine Berzins

Smart Justice Network of Canada / Réseau pour une justice éclairée au Canada

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#### 1. Homme d'Ottawa inculpé d'agression sexuelle

Le 14 mars 2014, la Section des agressions sexuelles et de la violence faite aux enfants du Service de police d'Ottawa inculpa un homme d'Ottawa à la lumière d'une enquête portant sur une agression sexuelle.

Le 14 mars 2014 vers 2 h 00, une femme circulait à pied sur la rue Wilbrod, dans le pâé de maisons des 300, lorsqu'un homme l'accosta par derrière et l'agressa sexuellement. La femme poussa des cris, appelant à l'aide et attirant l'attention vers son assaillant. Deux hommes qui passaient en voiture intervinrent, prirent le suspect en chasse et le retinrent jusqu'à l'arrivée de la police.

John Nathan NICOL, âgé de 27 ans et d'Ottawa, est inculpé d'agression sexuelle.

L'enquête de la Police d'Ottawa se poursuit.

Toute personne ayant des renseignements concernant cet incident, ou d'autres incidents, est priée de communiquer avec la Section des agressions sexuelles et de la violence faite aux enfants du Service de police d'Ottawa en composant le 613-236-1222, poste 5944, ou avec Échec au crime au 613-233-8477 (TIPS) ou sans frais au 1-800-222-8477.

#### 2. Homme inculpé de possession d'une arme de poing

Le samedi 8 mars 2014, peu après 7 h 00, des agents patrouilleurs du Service de police d'Ottawa se rendirent dans le pâé de maisons des 2 900 du croissant Fairlea pour faire enquête sur une perturbation.

Les agents identifèrent deux hommes dans le cadre de leur l'enquête. Ils firent l'arrestation de l'un des individus, qui fut ensuite inculpé de possession d'une arme de poing chargée, de possession de marijuana et d'un fort montant d'argent canadien en espèces.

Ahmed ESSA, âgé de 23 ans et d'Ottawa, doit répondre des accusations suivantes:

- Usage négligent d'une arme à feu
- Possession d'une arme dangereuse pour la paix publique
- Port illégal d'une arme dissimulée
- Possession d'une arme à feu à feu à autorisation restreinte sans détenir de permis

- Possession d'une arme à feu à feu à autorisation restreinte se sachant ne pas détenir de permis
- Possession d'une arme à feu réglementée chargée
- Possession d'une arme à feu obtenue lors de la perpétration d'une infraction
- Possession d'une arme à feu prohibée tout en sachant que sa possession est interdite
- Possession illégale d'une substance de l'annexe II
- Manquement à des conditions de mise en liberté (3 chefs)
- Manquement aux conditions d'une ordonnance de probation (2 chefs)

Ahmed ESSA comparaitra aujourd'hui en audience de justification. Toute personne ayant des renseignements pertinents à cet incident est priée de communiquer avec la Section des armes à feu et des bandes de rue du Service de police d'Ottawa en composant le [613-236-1222](tel:613-236-1222), poste 5050, ou avec Échec au crime au [613-233-8477](tel:613-233-8477) (TIPS), ou sans frais au [1-800-222-8477](tel:1-800-222-8477).

### 3. Arnaqueurs téléphoniques se faisant passer des agents de Revenu Canada

Le Service de police d'Ottawa tient à aviser la population d'une arnaque récente impliquant de soi-disant représentants de l'Agence du revenu du Canada. À ce jour, les victimes ciblées sont des personnes d'origine indo-orientale.

L'appelant, très agressif, annonce à la victime qu'elle a des impôts impayés à régler. L'appelant évoque la menace d'une arrestation, d'une peine d'emprisonnement, et de la saisie de comptes bancaires si la victime ne règle pas immédiatement le problème. On ordonne à la victime de se rendre dans des commerces, d'y acheter des cartes-cadeaux pré-chargées et d'en fournir les détails à l'appelant.

Malgré l'indicatif régional (613) apparaissant sur l'afficheur téléphonique, on suspecte que ces appels ne proviennent pas du Canada. L'Unité des fraudes organisées de la Police d'Ottawa prie les personnes ayant été victimes de cette arnaque de communiquer avec la Police d'Ottawa pour faire une déclaration. Le centre d'appels fait un suivi actif de toutes les plaintes et les transmet à la Section des fraudes organisées.

### 4. Garder l'oeil sur les appareils électroniques

La Police d'Ottawa tient à rappeler au public de faire preuve de vigilance quant à son matériel électronique dans les lieux publics comme les bars, restaurants, bibliothèques, voitures stationnées, ainsi qu'à l'école.

« Les gens nous signalent régulièrement la perte ou le vol de téléphone cellulaires, de tablettes, de portables et d'autres appareils électroniques, qui avaient été laissés

brièvement sans surveillance, » note le sergent intérimaire Jorge Mendonca de la Police d'Ottawa, affecté aux enquêtes de la division centrale.

La Police d'Ottawa incite les gens ayant perdu ou s'étant fait voler leur téléphone de rapporter immédiatement l'incident à leur fournisseur de téléphonie mobile.

« Nous notons un nombre croissant de gens qui s'achètent des cellulaires d'occasion par l'entremise de sites de vente en ligne, » ajoute le sergent intérimaire Mendonca. « Nous tenons à rappeler au public de se montrer prudent en cas d'achat de tout article provenant de sources autres que des entreprises connues et légitimes. On constate une hausse du nombre des plaintes venant d'acheteurs qui ne peuvent se servir de leur nouveau cellulaire parce que celui-ci est inscrit à la liste noire nationale d'appareils perdus ou volés. »

Lorsqu'il tentera d'activer l'appareil, l'utilisateur recevra un message indiquant que le téléphone est perdu ou volé, et qu'il ne peut donc être activé.

Une autre tendance observée par la Police d'Ottawa est celle où des gens sont contactés par des inconnus leur affirmant avoir acheté, d'un tiers, un téléphone perdu ou volé. Ils exigent alors d'être remboursés, moyennant le retour du téléphone.

Il s'agit là d'un rappel du fait que la possession d'un téléphone ou de tout bien obtenu lors de la perpétration d'une infraction est une infraction criminelle. Toute personne possédant sciemment un téléphone volé commet l'infraction de possession d'un bien obtenu lors de la perpétration d'une infraction, à l'encontre de l'article 354 du Code criminel du Canada.

#### Quelques autres conseils:

- Soyez prudent si vous faites l'achat d'articles de la part d'un particulier.
- Méfiez vous si l'aubaine semble trop belle pour être vraie, ou si le vendeur agit de manière évasive, comme s'il cherchait à éviter de s'identifier.
- Rencontrez le vendeur dans un lieu public, et vérifiez si le vendeur fait appel à une adresse introuvable pour ses courriels.
- Demandez pour une preuve d'achat.
- Consultez la liste noire nationale d'appareils perdus ou volés au <http://www.protectyourdata.ca>. En vérifiant le numéro IIEM à quinze chiffres du cellulaire, vous saurez si celui-ci se trouve sur la liste noire (prévoyez un délai avant que le téléphone apparaisse dans la base de données).
- Signalez le vol de biens au Centre d'appels de la Police d'Ottawa au [613-236-1222](tel:613-236-1222).

Toute personne ayant des renseignements concernant un ou plusieurs téléphones volés est priée de communiquer avec le Service de police d'Ottawa en composant le [613-236-1222](tel:613-236-1222), ou avec Échec au crime au [613-233-8477](tel:613-233-8477) (TIPS), ou sans frais au [1-800-222-8477](tel:1-800-222-8477).

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### **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.