



GANANOQUE POLICE SERVICE

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MEDIA RELEASE

July 14, 2020

On July 14th 2020, Gananoque Police Service responded to a call of a disturbance at Joel Stone Park – also known as “the Berm”. Upon arrival, police spoke with dozens of beach goers and were advised there had been a physical altercation between a group of teens and a pair of adults. It was alleged that an adult male had assaulted a 13-year-old youth. It was also alleged that the adult male was then assaulted by an older teenager and other adults stepped in to break up the fight.

Further investigation including statements from independent witnesses and video collected from involved parties revealed the group of teens were causing a disturbance by swearing loudly. When parents/adults politely asked the teens to take their antics elsewhere or simply stop swearing in front of the other young children in the area, their pleas were met by insults and more foul language. The group of teens then confronted the two adults that had confronted them, and things quickly became heated.

As a result, a 33 years old male from Gananoque has been charged with Assault. A 16 years old youth has been charged with Assault and Fail to Comply with Conditions of an Undertaking. Two 13 years old youths, were processed for Causing a Disturbance and referred to the Extrajudicial Measures Program.

Police are still seeking the public’s assistance in relation to this matter. Anyone that was present at the time of the incident is asked to contact Gananoque Police Service at 613-382-4422.

July 15, 2020

On July 15th, 2020 at approximately 2009hrs the Gananoque Police Service attended Joel Stone Park “The Berm” regarding an intoxicated adult male touching kids, grabbing kids and throwing objects at various persons at the park. Police attended and located the male. As a result of the investigation it was determined that the male was intoxicated by alcohol. The male was swearing and shouting at people within the park and throwing food and other items at people. The accused was arrested for several offences. A 42 years old male from Gananoque was charged with assault, causing a disturbance, being intoxicated in a public place, failure to comply with condition from previous charges: where he was prohibited from consuming alcohol and was on house arrest, as well as, resist arrest. The accused was held in custody pending a show cause bail hearing.

July 18, 2020

On Saturday July 18th, 2020 at approximately 04:56 hrs Officers received a call to attend at the intersection of King Street at Main Street in the Town of Gananoque regarding a single motor vehicle accident that had just occurred. As a result of the investigation a 45 years old male from Odessa was charged with Impaired Operation related offences. The accused is scheduled to appear in Brockville Court at a later date.

July 21, 2020

On July 20th, 2020 officers attended private property at the request of the vacant lot owner for a male who was attempting to set up a temporary camping location on their property. Officers spoke with the 54 years old male from Montreal Quebec and advised him he needed to vacate the property. The male was provided time to vacate. Officers re-attended on July 21, 2020 and the male refused to remove his belongings and vacate the property. The male then lifted a folding stool above his head and threatened officers. The male was re-strained and arrested. The male was also breaching several release conditions for non-related matters for charges from Montreal. The male was charged with trespassing, assault police, resist arrest, and failing to comply with his release conditions. The accused was held in custody pending a bail hearing.

July 21, 2020

On July 21st, 2020 Officers were dispatched to a mid town residence regarding a male threatening his wife and other family members with a machete. Officers attend and made contact with the male and he was taken into custody without incident. Officers seized a 2 ft machete, and as a result of the investigation an 83 years old male from Gananoque is charged with weapons dangerous, assault with a weapon, and utter death threats. The male is held in custody pending a bail hearing.

Joel Stone Park – “The Berm”

Gananoque Police would like to address the ongoing, inappropriate, behavior at Joel Stone Park. It has been identified as an area of concern by numerous members of the public and community stakeholders. As such, over the past 10 days, and continuing throughout the summer, steps have been implemented to increase dedicated police presence in this area. This includes increased foot patrols, scheduled staffed shifts at the park, and utilizing Special Constables and Community Volunteers to assist in carrying out some of these duties. Gananoque Police Service management has been involved in continuous dialogue and engagement with Town Officials and community members in an effort to suitably address the ongoing concerns.

Gananoque Police Service and community stakeholders are continuing to work together to ensure the park is a safe environment that can be enjoyed by families, youth, adults, locals and tourists alike. Gananoque Police Service strongly encourages reporting any inappropriate behavior that requires police assistance and to contact our service at 613-382-4422.