

Week of February 11, 2026

POLICE FILES



POLICE SEIZE 31 CRIME GUNS WITH A U.S. ORIGIN AND 12.5 KG OF FENTANYL

(LONDON, ON) - A year-long London-based investigation into the alleged trafficking of illegal firearms, fentanyl and cocaine concluded with 214 charges laid against 11 individuals associated to multiple criminal networks. Investigators seized drugs with an estimated street value of more than \$2 million.

In the fall of 2024, the London Police Service (LPS) initiated an investigation into increased violence involving firearms. As the LPS investigation progressed, the involvement of illegal firearms and the scope of the identified criminal networks prompted the launch of Project ALIAS in January 2025. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)-led Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit (PWEU) and the OPP Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau (OCEB) were engaged to work collaboratively with LPS on this intelligence-led investigation.

Investigators identified multiple criminal networks allegedly capable of sourcing illegal firearms and high-capacity magazines, as well as large quantities of fentanyl and cocaine. The investigation further revealed collaboration between these independently operated criminal networks. While multiple criminal networks were identified, the involved individuals are not associated to a single, known organized crime group or network.

As investigators analyzed the roles of individuals within the identified criminal networks, evidence showed that while most of the activity involved the trafficking of firearms and drugs within Ontario, two individuals were allegedly involved in sourcing firearms from the United States.

Tracing results from the Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario (CISO)-managed Firearms Analysis and Tracing Enforcement (FATE) Program indicate the seized crime guns originated in the United States, including the states of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas, Ohio and Virginia. The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) and the United States Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) assisted throughout Project ALIAS in support of the firearm sourcing and importation component of the investigation.

The criminal networks were also allegedly involved in high-level domestic trafficking of large quantities of fentanyl and cocaine. Initial analysis of the seized fentanyl indicated that, while the purity was

relatively high, it had been mixed with other substances. As a result, the product was not pure fentanyl and potency varied.

On Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 14 search warrants were executed on residences and vehicles in London and Toronto by members from:

- OPP PWEU
- OPP OCEB
- LPS
- LPS Emergency Response Unit
- OPP Biker Enforcement Unit
- OPP Provincial Guns and Gangs Enforcement Team
- OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit
- OPP Emergency Response Team
- OPP Border Drug Interdiction Team
- OPP Border Enforcement Security Task Force
- OPP Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement Squad
- Elgin/Middlesex, Brant/Oxford and Huron/Perth OPP Community Street Crime Units
- Hamilton Police Service Emergency Response Unit
- Toronto Police Service
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Throughout the investigation and as a result of the search warrants, the following items were seized with approximate quantities:

- 31 crime guns
- 25 prohibited devices, including over capacity magazines and auto switches
- Imitation firearm

- 12.5 kg suspected fentanyl
- 4.5 kg suspected cocaine
- 275 oxycodone pills
- 460 hydromorphone pills
- 75 alprazolam pills
- CAN \$64,000
- Two vehicles as offence-related property
- High-end jewellery
- Cell phones and electronic devices

The estimated street value of the drugs seized is more than \$2 million. The seizure of 12.5 kg of fentanyl equates to 125,000 potentially lethal street-level doses, which is enough to take the lives of a quarter of the population of London.

The OPP Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit has been engaged to investigate any proceeds of crime offences and assist in the seizure of offence-related property.

Eleven individuals have been charged with 214 offences contrary to the Criminal Code and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. Nine of the accused were arrested and two remain outstanding. Arrest warrants have been issued. Information on the accused and their respective charges are included in the attached Addendum of Charged Persons.

SEARCH WARRANT RESULTS IN DRUG AND FIREARM CHARGES

(THAMES CENTRE, ON) - Search warrant executed in Thames Centre results in drug and firearm related charges.

On January 28, 2026, members of the Elgin-Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU), OPP Canine (K9), OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT) and Middlesex County OPP executed a search warrant at an address on Minnie Street in Dorchester, Municipality of Thames Centre.

CSCU members seized illicit drugs, suspected to be cocaine, methamphetamine, oxycodone and hydromorphone, as well as a loaded handgun, ammunition and a large sum of Canadian currency.

A 42-year-old of Dorchester, has been charged under the Criminal Code and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act with:

- Possession of prohibited or restricted firearm with ammo
- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of Firearm
- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm
- Careless storage of Firearm, Weapon, Prohibited device or ammunition
- Poss of a Firearm knowing Serial Number has been Tampered With
- Poss of Firearm or Ammunition contrary to Prohibition Order
- Poss of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5000 - in Canada
- Poss of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Poss of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Methamphetamine
- Poss of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking- Other Drugs (two counts)

A 38-year-old of Dorchester, has been charged under the Criminal Code and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act with:

- Possession of prohibited or restricted firearm with ammo
- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of Firearm
- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm
- Careless storage of Firearm, Weapon, Prohibited device or ammunition
- Poss of a Firearm knowing Serial Number has been Tampered With
- Poss of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5000 - in Canada
- Poss of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Poss of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Methamphetamine
- Poss of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking- Other Drugs (two counts)

The accused were held for bail.

SUSPICIOUS FIRE INVESTIGATION IN ADELAIDE METCALFE

(ADELAIDE METCALFE, ON) - Investigation underway into the circumstances related to a fire in Adelaide Metcalfe.

On February 2, 2026, at 4:10 a.m., members of the Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), and Kerwood Fire Department, responded to the reports of a vehicle and structure fire at a business on Pike Road in Adelaide Metcalfe.

The fire has been deemed suspicious and as a result, the OPP Crime Unit is conducting an investigation.

At least two cars were damaged as a result of the fire and damage to the building was minor.

Updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

There were no injuries.

OPP INVESTIGATING SERIOUS COLLISION IN MIDDLESEX CENTRE (Four Individuals Transported to Hospital)

(MIDDLESEX CENTRE, ON) - A serious two-vehicle collision has sent four individuals to hospital, one with life-threatening injuries.

On February 3, 2026, at approximately 9:32 a.m., emergency services including members of the Middlesex County OPP, Middlesex-London Paramedic Service and Middlesex Centre Fire, responded to a collision at the intersection of Ilderton and Nairn Roads, in the Municipality of Middlesex Centre, for a two-vehicle collision.

Four individuals were transported to hospital as a result. One involved passenger was transported with serious injuries; however, the status has since been upgraded to life-threatening.

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN CHARGES

(SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX, ON) - Complaint of historical intimate partner violence leads to charges in the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex.

On January 29, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., members of the Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were dispatched to an address in Southwest Middlesex for the report of an after-the-fact assault.

As a result of the investigation, a 31-year-old of Middlesex County has been charged under the Criminal Code with:

- Assault – Spousal

- Criminal Harassment - repeatedly follow, repeatedly communicate with, watch and beset, threatening conduct
- Sexual Assault

The accused was released from police custody and is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in London at a future date to speak to the charges.

OPP INVESTIGATING BREAK & ENTER IN THAMES CENTRE

(THAMES CENTRE, ON) - Middlesex County OPP investigating break and enter in Thames Centre.

On January 31, 2026, at 10:34 a.m., members of the Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), were dispatched to a business on Hamilton Road, near Elgin Road, in the Municipality of Thames Centre, for the report of break and enter.

Investigation revealed an unknown individual(s) gained entry to a building on the property sometime during the overnight hours and proceeded to steal approximately \$25,000 worth of tools and items.

The investigation is continuing.

OPP INVESTIGATING DAYTIME BREAK & ENTER ATTEMPT IN MIDDLESEX CENTRE

(MIDDLESEX CENTRE, ON) - Middlesex County OPP investigating daytime break and enter attempt in Middlesex Centre.

On January 31, 2026, at 2:14 p.m., members of the Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), were dispatched to a residence on Crestview Drive in Kilworth, Municipality of Middlesex Centre, for the report of break and enter in progress.

Investigation revealed an unknown individual attempted to gain entry through a rear door to the residence, however, was scared off by the homeowner who was home at the time.

The suspect, described as a white male, approximately 50-years-old with a scruffy beard, fled the area in a small blue hatchback car, similar to a Hyundai Accent.

The investigation is continuing.

SUSPICIOUS FIRE INVESTIGATION IN ADELAIDE METCALFE

(ADELAIDE METCALFE, ON) - Investigation underway into the circumstances related to a fire in Adelaide Metcalfe.

On February 1, 2026, at 3:04 p.m., members of the Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), and Kerwood Fire Department, responded to the reports of a structure fire at a business on Napperton Road in Adelaide Metcalfe.

The fire has been deemed suspicious and as a result, the OPP Crime Unit is conducting an investigation.

Damage to the building on the property was minor.

Updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

VEHICLE ENTRY REPORTED IN ILBERTON

(MIDDLESEX CENTRE, ON) - Middlesex County OPP investigating vehicle entry in Ilderton.

On February 4, 2026, members of the Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were dispatched to an address on Bowman Drive in Ilderton, Municipality of Middlesex Centre, for the report of a vehicle entry.

Investigation revealed an unknown individual(s) gained entry to a vehicle sometime during the overnight hours and proceeded to steal miscellaneous items.