

Week of February 25, 2026

POLICE FILES



INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN CHARGES

(LUCAN BIDDULPH, ON) - Intimate partner investigation leads to charges.

On February 16, 2026, at 3:59 p.m., members of the Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were dispatched to an address in Lucan, Lucan-Biddulph, for the report of a disturbance.

As a result, a 35-year-old of Middlesex County, has been charged under the Criminal Code with:

- Assault with a Weapon - Spousal
- Uttering Threats - Cause death or Bodily Harm-Spousal

The accused has been released from police custody and is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date to speak to the charges.

(MIDDLESEX CENTRE, ON) - Intimate partner investigation leads to charges.

On February 16, 2026, at 4:41 p.m., members of the Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were dispatched to an address on Nine Mile Road in the Municipality of Middlesex Centre the report of an assault.

As a result, a 41-year-old of Middlesex County, has been charged under the Criminal Code with:

- Assault - Spousal
- Overcome Resistance by Attempting to Choke, Suffocate or Strangle another Person

The accused has been released from police custody and is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date to speak to the charges.

SINGLE VEHICLE COLLISION LEADS TO IMPAIRED CHARGE

(MIDDLESEX CENTRE, ON) - Driver facing Impaired driving charge after single vehicle collision in Middlesex Centre.

On February 16, 2026, at 5:36 p.m., members of the Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were dispatched to Wonderland Road North in the Municipality of Middlesex Centre, for the report of a single vehicle collision.

There were no injuries reported.

As a result, a 29-year-old of Huron County, has been charged under the Criminal Code and Liquor Licence Control Act with:

- Operation while impaired - Alcohol
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Dangerous Operation
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available

The accused has been released from police custody and is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in London to speak to the charges on March 18, 2026.

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.