

Week of July 22, 2026



OPP RECOVER STOLEN VEHICLE AFTER ALPR ALERT Driver Arrested

(THAMES CENTRE, ON) - In-car camera alert results in recovered stolen vehicle.

On July 3, 2026, at 4:14 p.m., a Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) member, while on general patrol on Gore Road in the Municipality of Thames Centre, was alerted by the Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) system, of stolen vehicle.

Police confirmed the licence plates had previously been reported as stolen.

A traffic stop was initiated at which time the driver was placed under arrest.

As a result, a 37-year-old of no fixed address, has been charged under the Criminal Code, Highway Traffic Act and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act with: Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada, Drive motor vehicle - no licence, Poss of a Schedule I Substance- Cocaine

The accused has been released from police custody and is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in London on August 21, 2026, to speak to the charges.

OPP INVESTIGATING BREAK & ENTERS TO BUSINESSES IN MIDDLESEX CENTRE

(MIDDLESEX CENTRE, ON) - Middlesex County OPP investigating break and enters to two separate businesses in Middlesex Centre overnight involving the same suspects.

On July 9, 2026, at 7:04 a.m., members of the Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), were dispatched to 4755 Egremont Drive in the Municipality of Middlesex Centre, for the report of an after-the-fact break and enter.

Investigation revealed two individuals gained entry to the business by attacking the front door shortly before 4:00 a.m. The suspects then attempted to enter a safe inside the building however were unsuccessful and fled in a dark coloured four-door vehicle.

Shortly after, on July 9, 2026, at 7:56 a.m., members of the Middlesex County OPP were dispatched to a business at 4 York Street in Delaware, Municipality of Middlesex Centre for the report of another after-the-fact break and enter.

Investigation revealed the same two suspects gained entry to the building by attacking the front door just before 5:00 a.m. The suspects located a safe inside, however were unsuccessful in gaining access and fled the area in the same four-door vehicle.

Suspect #1 is described as white, wearing a red jacket, black pants and a black balaclava.

Suspect #2 is described as white, short blonde hair wearing a black jacket, dark pants, white shoes and a blue face covering.

The investigation is continuing.

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN CHARGES

(NORTH MIDDLESEX, ON) - Intimate partner violence investigation in North Middlesex results in charges.

On July 12, 2026, at 9:57 p.m., members of the Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were dispatched to an address in North Middlesex, for the report of a disturbance.

As a result, a 50-year-old of North Middlesex has been charged under the Criminal Code with: Assault with A Weapon, Assault (two counts)

The accused has been released from police custody and is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in London at a later time.

There were no injuries reported.

Victims of domestic violence are not alone. If you or someone you know needs support, there are local resources available to help. One organization you can contact is Victim Services of Middlesex-London.

RASH OF THEFTS IN DORCHESTER LEADS TO ARREST OF WANTED INDIVIDUAL

(THAMES CENTRE, ON) - Middlesex County OPP investigation into numerous vehicle entries as well as a stolen vehicle in Dorchester, leads to wanted individual.

On July 13, 2026, at 5:20 a.m., members of the Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), were dispatched to a residence on Catherine Street in Dorchester, Municipality of Thames Centre, for the report of a vehicle theft.

It was determined an unknown individual(s) entered the property sometime during the overnight hours and proceeded to steal a Black Ford Escape from the laneway.

Shortly after, officers began receiving phone calls from Dorchester residents advising their vehicles had been entered and miscellaneous items stolen during the overnight hours.

At approximately 5:24 p.m., with the assistance of the Elgin-Middlesex Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), the stolen vehicle was located at a business at 3700 Highbury Avenue in the City of London at which time an individual was placed under arrest and transported to the Middlesex County OPP Detachment.

As a result, a 45-year-old of London has been charged under the Criminal Code with: Theft of Motor Vehicle (two counts), Possession Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - in Canada (two counts), Possession Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 (three counts), Use of Credit Card (six counts), Trespassing at Night, Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court (six counts)

The accused was wanted from several local policing jurisdictions and was held for bail.

“The accused has been identified as being involved in a pattern of multi-jurisdictional property crime offences, including thefts from motor vehicles, thefts of motor vehicles and the fraudulent use of stolen credit cards, among other offences.

These offences have far-reaching consequences that extend beyond the immediate victims. Property-related crimes of this nature consume significant policing resources, contribute to rising insurance costs, undermine community safety and result in increased financial burdens for members of the public. Strong police work that collaborates with neighbouring police services as well as embraces participation and information from community members leads to the arrest of those committing crime in our neighbourhoods” Acting Detective Sergeant Mike PIUNNO.