

Week of July 8, 2026

POLICE FILES



VEHICLE STOLEN FROM RESIDENCE IN ILDERTON

(MIDDLESEX CENTRE, ON) - Middlesex County OPP investigating a vehicle stolen from residence in Ilderton.

On June 23, 2026, at 3:42 a.m., members of the Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), were dispatched to a residence on Martin Drive in Ilderton, Municipality of Middlesex Centre, for the report of a stolen vehicle.

It was determined an unknown individual(s) entered the property sometime during the overnight hours and proceeded to steal a black, 2024, Ford F150 pickup truck.

The investigation is continuing.

If you have any information that may be helpful, please call the Middlesex OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

If you wish to remain anonymous, you can call London-Middlesex Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), where you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2000.

OPP INVESTIGATE A TWO VEHICLE COLLISION

(ADELAIDE METCALFE, ON) A transport truck was struck by a train on Kerwood Road in the village of Kerwood in the Municipality of Adelaide Metcalfe.

On Monday, June 29, 2026, at approximately 7:42 a.m., Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a Canadian National (CN) train that collided with a transport truck on Kerwood Road.

The train conductor and engineer were taken to a local hospital with minor injuries.

The driver of the transport truck was uninjured.

Middlesex-London Emergency Medical Services and Kerwood fire attended the scene along with CN police.

OPP IDENTIFY DECEASED MALE MISSING FOR 38 YEARS

(MIDDLESEX COUNTY, ON) - A man who died in a collision 38 years ago has now been identified, bringing long-awaited answers to his family.

On Friday, March 11, 1988, members of the Middlesex County Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a report of a missing person. Bradley VERBEEK, 19 years old, was last seen on Exeter Road in the City of London on Tuesday, December 8, 1987. Bradley remained missing despite decades of investigation.

In 2025, investigators received new information from partner agencies indicating that Bradley may have been involved in a fatal motorcycle collision at the intersection of Harbord Street and George Street in the City of Toronto on Saturday, May 12, 1988. At the time, investigators were unable to identify the deceased and he was eventually buried as an unknown male.

On Tuesday, June 16, 2026, following DNA confirmation that the unknown male was Bradley, investigators notified his family.

A family statement (audio and written) is attached to this media release.

The DNA analysis was established through a coordinated multi-agency investigation led by the Middlesex County OPP Crime Unit, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB). Assistance was provided by the Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System, the Toronto Police Service, the Hamilton Police Service, an OPP Victim Specialist, the Ontario Centre for Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains, the National Centre for Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains, the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service and the Office of the Chief Coroner.

QUOTE

“While this outcome is tragic, it reflects the determination, perseverance and collaboration of our investigators and partner agencies. Every missing person matters. We remain committed to locating the missing, identifying the unknown and helping families and loved ones find answers.”

- Detective Inspector Nathan Parker, OPP CIB

OPP INVESTIGATE A TWO VEHICLE COLLISION

(NORTH MIDDLESEX, ON) A pick-up truck collided with a sedan at the intersection of Centre Road and Elginfield Rd in the Municipality of North Middlesex.

On Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at approximately 3:11 p.m., Middlesex County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Centre Road and Elginfield Road.

Five occupants of the sedan and one occupant of the pick-up truck were taken to a local hospital with minor injuries.

Middlesex-London Emergency Medical Services and North Middlesex fire attended the scene.

Centre Road was closed for several hours from Elginfield Road to Nairn Road and Elginfield Road was closed from Centre Road to Springbank Road.

The investigation is still on-going. Updates will be provided when available.

ASSAULT INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN CHARGES

(THAMES CENTRE, ON) - The Middlesex Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has charged an individual following an assault.

On Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at approximately 10:21 p.m., members of the Middlesex OPP were dispatched to someone shooting fireworks off in the ball park located at 2066 Dorchester Road in the Municipality of Thames Centre.

As a result of the investigation, a 40- year-old of Thames Centre was charged under the Criminal Code with one count of assault.

The accused was released on an Undertaking and is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in London on Tuesday, August 11, 2026.