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# MEDIA RELEASE

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Police are investigating a break and enter that occurred on Musky Island Road. The complainant contacted the West Nipissing Police Service to report that the doors of his camp and garage had been forced open. The owner indicated that the property was secure and intact on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. At this time it is unclear as to what was taken but some damage was caused to the property.

On November 24, 2018, a Michel Road property owner contacted the police to report a break, enter and theft. Police learned that two sheds had been forced open and the culprit(s) made off with some tools. The investigation is ongoing.

On November 24, the West Nipissing Police Service received a complaint of theft from a local laundromat. Officer learned that a candy machine and a clothing cart had been stolen. Officers were provided video surveillance footage to assist with the investigation. The surveillance footage provided images of one man and two women in the business. As a result of the investigation police have charged 23 year old Benjamin Scriver and 22 year old Makayla Brazeau with theft under \$5000.

On November 25, WNPS received a complaint regarding a dispute at a local restaurant. Police attended and learned that a woman's employment was terminated, and she was very displeased. Prior to leaving the woman stole money from the establishment. Police have arrested and charged 37 year old Jennifer Engson with theft under \$5000 and failing to comply with conditions of her probation.

On November 25, police received a complaint of theft from a Verner woman. Police learned that the woman had her purse stolen from her vehicle while it was parked near the Granit Club in Sturgeon Falls. The content of the purse included personal identification and credit cards. Police learned that the one of the cards' was used. Further investigation led police to arrest and charge 21 year old Clavin Teitz, he now faces charges of possession of property obtained by crime, fraud under \$5000, and Breach of Probation.

After a lengthy investigation the West Nipissing Police Service has charged three men with communicating for the purpose of obtaining sexual services for consideration and obtaining sexual services for consideration. 60 year old Joseph Penasse of Sturgeon Falls, 52 year old

Guilles Tessier of Sturgeon Falls and 56 year old Gino Chitaroni are all scheduled to appear in court December 6<sup>th</sup>.

On November 30, the West Nipissing Police Service responded to two separate calls to assist EMS at two different residences in Sturgeon Falls. The officers responded to the calls and learned that individuals had overdosed. Both men survived the medical emergency. Further investigation leads police to believe that the overdoses are linked to the consumption of PurpleH, a combination of heroin and fentanyl mixture. Police warn those that are using street drugs to use extreme caution as these drugs are extremely potent and potentially fatal.

Police continue their investigation into a substantial fraud reported in October. The victim and complainant West Nipissing Family Health Team contacted the police to report irregularities in their accounting. On October 31, police arrested 40 year Sturgeon Falls woman. Julie Michaud faces numerous charges of fraud over \$5000, fraud under \$5000, and breach of trust. The investigation is ongoing and the victim is facing loses of over \$350,000. The accused is scheduled to appear in court January 3, 2019.

Anyone with information about these occurrences is asked to contact the West Nipissing Police Service at 705-753-1234. For those who wish to remain anonymous, there are three ways to contact the Near North Crime Stoppers. Call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), text the word "Nipper" plus the tip information to CRIMES (274637), or submit a tip online at [nearnorthcrimestoppers.com](http://nearnorthcrimestoppers.com).