

# Espanola Police Beat

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On July 20, the male appeared in Sudbury bail court to answer to charges of: assaulting a peace officer; adult failing to comply with a probation order; failing to comply with a recognizance; three counts of uttering threats; resisting a peace officer; and two counts of mischief to property.

The 27-year-old from Walkerton, pled guilty at his bail hearing, and received a sentence of 90-days incarceration.

## Police seek public assistance in solving break, enter and theft

The Espanola Police Service is investigating a break, enter and theft at the Espanola Ski Club, and is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the person(s) responsible.

Between July 14 and 16, unknown person(s) entered the main chalet at the ski club by breaking a window. Once inside, they damaged a cash register, and stole three boxes of Pogob's, one box of frozen hamburgers, and five boxes of Sabatso's brand pizza singles from a freezer.

At this time, there are no

suspects in this break and enter, and police are asking anyone with information about the person(s) responsible, to call the Espanola Police Service at (705) 869-3251 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-461-4899.

## Woman arrested for being intoxicated in public place

On July 24, at 4:15 a.m., the Espanola Police Service was called to the Mac's Convenience Store on Centre Street, regarding an intoxicated female.

Upon arrival, the female was found standing near the payphone, and told the officers she was trying to call for a ride home to Sagamok, but was unable to reach anyone. The female asked the officer's several times for a ride home, but was told that police were unable to take her home. However, the officers did make attempts to reach her intended ride, to no avail.

As the female was intoxicated, and had no one to ensure her safety, she was placed under arrest for being intoxicated in a public place, and transported to the Espanola Police Service where she was lodged in the cells until sober.

The 44-year-old from

Sagamok received a \$65 ticket under the Liquor Licence Act, for being intoxicated in a public place.

## Police seek public assistance in solving theft

On July 21, the Espanola Police Service received a complaint of a theft of an outboard motor and a rod and reel from a boat docked at the Black Creek Boat Launch.

The owner of the items reported that while his fishing boat was tied to a tree in the area of the boat launch, unknown person(s) stole his antique 2-HP outboard motor, and Shimano fishing rod and reel combination from the boat.

The outboard is described as being brown, having a short shaft, with the gas tank on top of the motor, and a homemade tiller arm; the Shimano fishing rod is described as being black and gold. The items went missing between July 16 and 20.

At this time, there are no suspects in this theft, and police are asking that if anyone has any information, to call the Espanola Police Service at (705) 869-3251 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-461-4899.

# Three regions get together to attack hepatitis C

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Woldanski said they had about 50 people drop by in Espanola while in Elliot Lake and Blind River, approximately 45 people stopped and got information.

"And at all sites, several people took the opportunity to get testing done," said Woldanski.

Hepatitis A is transmitted stool to mouth and can infect water, which can in turn contaminate food that was washed with infected water.

Woldanski said hepatitis B loves body fluids and can be transmitted from one person to another through body fluid.

She adds that in Algoma, there is a high rate of hepatitis C, which is transmitted by

blood.

While there are vaccines for hepatitis A and B, none exists for hepatitis C. However, there is a treatment for hepatitis C, and many can be cured of the virus. In the past, the side effects from the treatment often made people ill. But with new medications the side effects are much less.

"Treatments are getting easier to take now than what they used to be.

"The cure rates have gotten better with the new medication."

She added that they were curing people with hepatitis C in the 1990s, but the odds were not as good. Back then the cure rate was 50%. Today, the cure rate is up to 96%, depending on the strain of

hepatitis C, she explained.

There is also medication available for hepatitis A and B as well.

A big issue with hepatitis C is a person could have contracted for 20 or 30 years ago and not know it because there are no real symptoms.

"It's a very slow acting virus. It likes the liver and attacks the liver."

"People can live well with even a portion of their liver destroyed. But if you don't cure it, there is a chance it can completely destroy your liver."

In such cases, people would need a liver transplant or they could get liver cancer, she explains.

"So, it's important that people are aware," and get tested, which involves a blood test.

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

**Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.**

**Learn more. Have your say.**

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and
- A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton)	Decrease of \$20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of \$26
All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

### BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

### LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice). You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

### ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.

### PRIVACY

*If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.*

*This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).*

