



# AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **MEDIA RELEASE 2026-03-24**

### **Male Arrested and Facing Driving Related Charges**

A 39-year-old Amherst man has been arrested and is facing numerous charges relating to driving -related incidents that have occurred in Amherst in January 2026. The accused allegedly has a revoked driver's license. Several tickets have also been issued under the Motor Vehicle Act for driving related offenses during these incidents.

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, an off-duty police officer observed the accused in the area of South Albion Street in Amherst. Patrols located the accused on Station Street and emergency equipment was activated to perform a vehicle stop on Victoria Street. The accused allegedly pulled to the side momentarily, and then fled at a high rate of speed out of town. As a result of the risk and weather conditions, Police terminated the pursuit.

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Police observed the accused operating a vehicle in the area of South Albion Street. There were additional passengers in the vehicle. Police activated emergency equipment to conduct a traffic stop and the accused allegedly fled from Police, driving in an erratic and dangerous and manner and at a high speed. As a result of the risk, police discontinued the pursuit.

Albert O'Blenis, aged 39 of Amherst, Nova Scotia has been charged with

- Flight from Police – Section 320.117 Criminal Code (January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026)
- Flight from Police – Section 320.17 Criminal Code (January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026)
- Dangerous Driving - Section 320.13(1) Criminal Code (January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026)
- Endangering a child, Section 218 Criminal Code (January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026)

A warrant of arrest had been issued for O'Blenis on March 18<sup>th</sup> in relation to the incident on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026 at approximately 6:30pm, Police received information concerning his whereabouts and were able to safely arrest him without further incidents. He was held in custody overnight, issued multiple Summary Offense Tickets under the Motor Vehicle Act, and made a brief court appearance on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in relation to the criminal charges. He was remanded into custody and is scheduled to return to court on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in relation to the charges.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact the Amherst Police Department at 902-667-8600 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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