



# AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## WEEK REPORT

2019-04-01 to 2019-04-07

Amherst Police responded to 105 complaints.

### Monday:

A male reported that he was assaulted by a female and his phone smashed during an incident in the Amherst Stadium parking lot. Police are looking into the incident. No charges have yet to be laid in the matter.

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A 22-year-old male was charged with two breaches following an incident on Crescent Avenue. The male was on curfew from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. at his residence, but when police checked his home, the male failed to present himself at the door. The male will appear in court on April 29 to enter a plea.

### Tuesday:

Police received two separate complaints of disturbances at the Skateboard Park. Several skateboarders did not wish to share the park with users riding scooters. In one instance, a skateboarder struck the ankle of a female with his skateboard.

No charges were laid in the incidents, and several park users were asked to leave because they were not wearing helmets.

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A male was defrauded of \$250 after he was scammed in a Kijiji puppy scam. The victim attempted to purchase a puppy for \$250 from a seller in Ontario. The seller requested the monies be sent via iTunes gift cards. The victim provided the pin numbers on the back of the cards and the scammers subsequently ceased contact. Police are investigating.

### Wednesday:

A witness reported an assault that occurred on Spring Street.

The witness said a male was walking down Spring Street when a grey Honda Civic stopped and a male suspect exited the vehicle. The suspect then assaulted the victim before fleeing the area in the vehicle.

Police officers have not received any reports from the victim in this case.

Extensive patrols were made. Neither the victim or suspect was located.

The victim did leave his hat behind at the scene. The hat is described as a FlexFit camo ball cap.

If anyone has any more information about this incident, they are asked to contact Const. Randy Babineau at 902-667-7227.

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Police received a couple of calls concerning the removal of a male trespassing in the entryways of businesses. The male was moved along by police without any issue.

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A female was charged with unsafe backing after an incident in the parking lot of a Victoria Street business. The call initially came in as a hit and run, as a visitor to the business reported extensive damage to her vehicle.

A subsequent investigation revealed a vehicle had backed into the victim's vehicle. The damaged vehicle had to be towed from the scene.

### **Thursday:**

A bullying incident at a local school was reported to police. The perpetrators videotaped themselves pushing another student and then threatened to put the video on social media. Police are investigating the incident.

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A landlord reported that tenants destroyed a rental property on Spring Street. The property owners reported that multiple sinks were pulled off of the walls. Police are investigating the incident.

### **Friday:**

A 36-year-old male was arrested for breaking and entering into a Crescent Avenue residence. Medications, cash and a 52-inch TV were stolen in the incident.

Officers investigating the matter did not find the male at the scene, but the male was later arrested for public intoxication near an East Victoria Street business. The male was released on a promise to appear in court on May 13 for plea.

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Police are working on an internal theft that occurred at a South Albion Street area business. No charges have been laid at this time.

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Officers are investigating reports that a small dime bag containing suspected CDSA was found on a counter of a local South Albion Street restaurant. The investigation is continuing.

### **Saturday:**

A male was defrauded of \$2,500 after being victimized in a Facebook scam.

The victim received a message from a female on Facebook notifying him that if he sent money to a certain location, he would get more money in return.

The male then purchased several iTunes gift cards and sent the pin numbers to the fraudsters.

This fraud is commonly known as the Facebook cloning scam. The suspects typically create a duplicate account of a person and then add their friends to it. The victims often fall for the scam because they think they are communicating with a trusted friend or acquaintance.

Police are reminding residents to not send money from messages received through Facebook. Residents are asked to communicate in person with the friend to verify what they are saying is true.

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A downtown area bar reported that a male was outside their establishment attempting to pick fights with patrons. Officers attended the area to keep the peace. The male voluntarily left the area and returned to his residence. No charges were laid.

### **Sunday:**

A 30-year-old female was charged with impaired driving after police stopped the vehicle for a traffic violation on Victoria Street.

The vehicle was observed turning aggressively onto Lawrence Street. The vehicle also failed to signal.

The officer stopped the vehicle and after speaking to the driver, requested a breath sample. The driver recorded a fail on the roadside screening device and was arrested.

She was later released on a promise to appear in court on June 3 for plea.

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A female reported receiving several fraudulent charges on her bank account. The victim was worried that someone must have her personal banking information and was making purchases online.

The victim was advised to contact the bank and terminate the card. Police are following up on the incident.

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An Amherst resident was almost defrauded in a Netflix scam.

The victim reported her Netflix account on her TV was not working and a message had popped up on the TV advising her to contact an email address.

This led the victim to call a phone number and someone answered the phone claiming they represented Netflix. The scammers said the victim's Netflix account was suspended because of a new policy that stated she had to pay a \$100 start-up fee in order to get Netflix working again.

The victim did not fall for the scam.

This appears to be a scam targeting users of older model "smart" TVs.

The police department is advising residents to never contact anyone through pop-up messages and to contact service providers through an independently verified phone number.

Unlike most common scams that are sent through email or text messages, this scam was sent on the TV so police are warning residents to become aware of this new type of scam.

Anyone with information related to these incidents is asked to contact the Amherst Police Department at 667-8600 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).