



# AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## WEEK REPORT

2019-09-30 to 2019-10-06

Amherst Police responded to 125 complaints over the course of the week.

### **Monday:**

Police are looking to speak to a 21-year-old male relating to an incident at Needs Convenience store. The male entered the store and used another person's credit card that had been stolen earlier.

The cardholder confronted the male in the store and the male fled the scene.

An 18-year-old female accomplice was arrested by police at the scene. She was charged with conspiracy to commit an indictable offense.

The female was remanded and appeared in court on Oct. 1. She was released and is scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 4 for plea.

The investigation into the matter is ongoing.

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A break and enter was reported at a residence on Douglas Avenue. A storage shed on the property was broken into and several totes were stolen. Police are investigating.

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Police were called to reports of a disturbance at a downtown apartment complex. Upon arrival, officers determined that bear spray had been discharged in the complex. The Amherst fire department was contacted to dissipate the spray.

Police are investigating and no charges have been laid at this time.

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A 19-year-old male is facing charges of driving on a suspended licence, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and driving a vehicle with no insurance. The incident occurred on Fairview Avenue. Several summary offence tickets were issued in the incident and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

### **Tuesday:**

A resident received an email from someone pretending to be from Canada Post. The email said the resident had a parcel that needed to be shipped and requested money from the victim.

The resident did not fall for the scam.

Police are reminding residents to always verify with Canada Post first before sending money. Also, do not use any contact information embedded in emails as it will most likely redirect victims to the scammers.

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An Amherst resident was defrauded of \$460 after falling for a text scam.

The resident received a text message from her bank stating she was overcharged on her monthly fee. The message said she had to provide banking information in order to receive her money back. After the victim sent her banking information, the fraudsters took the money out of her account. Police are investigating.

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Police are investigating an incident of voyeurism after a USB stick was turned over with several videos of a female undressing.

The videos appear to show that the female did not consent to the filming.

The investigation discovered the incident did not happen in the Amherst area. It has been sent to the Codiac RCMP for followup.

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Officers attempted to stop a motorcycle that was speeding in the Town Square Mall parking lot.

When officers activated their lights to stop the bike, the bike accelerated down South Albion Street towards the hospital.

Police terminated the pursuit in the interest of public safety as the bike was observed passing multiple cars in the left lane.

Police were later notified that a motor vehicle collision occurred on the Smith Road involving a motorcycle.

The 23-year-old male had gone into the ditch and suffered non-life-threatening injuries in the incident.

No charges have yet been laid. Police are still investigating.

### **Wednesday:**

Officers responded to reports of a loud argument taking place between a male and a female at a Church Street area residence. The argument was discovered to be verbal only and no arrests were made in the incident. The male left the scene for the night.

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A female reported a male had given her some change at a store and then proceeded to follow her after she left the business.

The male confronted the female and demanded the change back. She complied.

The male then proceeded to follow the female, who left the area and contacted police.

The male has been identified and police will be contacting him as part of their investigation.

No charges have been laid at this time.

### **Thursday:**

A male reported he was having a smoke outside his Crescent Avenue residence and when he went back inside his apartment he discovered that the door was kicked in. It does not appear that anything was taken in the incident. Police are investigating.

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An Amherst business reported that unknown individuals attempted to defraud them.

The business received an email from someone posing as a customer. The person asked to purchase services at the store but wanted to give more money than what was stated on the bill. The fraudsters then asked the business to send the excess money to a third party.

The business did not fall for this scam.

This is commonly known as the overpayment scam. It has recently been making its rounds in the area and has been targeting small businesses.

Police are reminding residents to never accept overpayments, especially when the customer is requesting excess funds to be e-transferred or sent to another location.

In many of these cases, the fraudsters will pretend they are moving to the area but can only communicate by text or email because they are overseas or somewhere with no phone reception. If in doubt, please contact our agency at 902-667-7227.

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An Amherst resident was defrauded of a small sum of money after becoming victim to an internet scam.

The male purchased a streaming service Roku stick and was attempting to set up the device. The male received an error, which instructed the resident to call an 760 area code number.

The resident provided financial information to the persons and discovered later that unauthorized money transfers had come out of his account.

Police are investigating.

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A two-vehicle collision was reported on Robert Angus Drive. Investigation into the matter revealed a blue truck attempted a left turn into a parking lot of a nearby business when it was struck by an east-bound vehicle. No injuries were reported. However, both vehicles were towed from the scene. No charges were laid in the incident.

### **Friday:**

Two youths are accused of tampering with an alarm at a seniors complex on West Victoria Street. The youths were observed pushing the alarm at the home before running off. Police are investigating.

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A gas and dash was reported at a West Victoria Street gas station. Police are investigating the incident.

### **Saturday:**

Police received reports that a male was attempting to break into vehicles in the Spring Street area.

Witnesses spotted the male and yelled at him, which caused the male to flee towards Willow Street.

The male was described as a young male with a dark hoodie and wearing jeans. Police conducted heavy patrols of the area, but the male was not located.

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A 30-year-old male has been charged with resisting arrest after an incident at the Amherst Police Department.

The male reported an unrelated matter to police when the officer realized the male had warrants for his arrest out of New Brunswick.

The male was arrested and led into a secured area. The male then fled from the officer and managed to get outside of the office before being subdued by police.

The male was transferred into the custody of the Sackville RCMP to deal with the New Brunswick matters. He was released on a promise to appear in court on Nov. 18 for plea on the resisting arrest charge.

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A male and a female are suspected of defrauding a Robert Angus Drive store in what is known as a quick-change scheme.

Quick change scams occur when individuals purchase an item using large bills. Before the cashier gives back any change, the suspects then proceed to do a series of several speedy money exchanges.

This usually confuses the cashier, which results in extra cash being given back to the scammer. In this case, the quick-change scam netted the scammer \$1,400.

Police are investigating the incident.

**Sunday:**

A 44-year-old male is facing impaired driving charges after an incident on Agnew Street.

The male was arrested by police after officers responded to reports the male was driving erratically. The male was recorded to have a blood alcohol reading of over three times the legal limit. He was lodged in cells until he was sober and issued a promise to appear in court on November 25 for plea.

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Police are investigating a shoplifting incident at a Robert Angus Drive business.

A male attempted to pay for several items, but his card was declined five times. The male then left the store with the items without paying. Officers are reviewing video surveillance in an attempt to identify the male.

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A youth reported he was assaulted while at the Amherst Stadium. The youth said a female struck him several times. Several youths were also noted as being in the area and allegedly videotaped the incident. Police are investigating.

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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).