



On THREATS

Be Careful What You Post on Social Media

In March, 2018, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) within the central region of Ontario were involved in at least a dozen criminal investigations which focused on posts made to various social media platforms. These investigations have taken place after a picture and in some cases inappropriate comments in relation to a school were made.

Given the nature of these threats, the OPP treats them very seriously and conduct thorough and detailed investigations which often require the utilization of significant police based resources, in order to properly evaluate the content and the intent of the threat. In all of these investigations, the OPP has laid criminal charges.

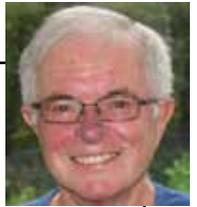
Social Media platforms provide an individual an audience to express personal opinion which can often generate online conversation. When comments of a threatening nature are conveyed and the police learn about them, in the interest of public safety, investigations are launched and involved persons are held accountable.

The OPP encourages parents to remind their children about the need to be respectful when posting comments or images upon any Social Media platform. The electronic world provides an incredible array of opportunities for people of all ages to communicate, express their opinion or seek input from others, but is certainly not a place for violent threats in any form, to be posted.

Below: A picture of an AR-15 assault weapon which was used by the 18 year old shooter in Parkland Florida.



The website, Gun Violence Archive, reports that so far, there have been 50 mass shootings in the US in 2018. Guns are the 3rd leading cause of death of children in the US. On Saturday, March 24, large groups of people, led by high school students, got together in 800 world-wide marches to protest and advocate for tougher gun laws. This message from the OPP is that if you post a picture of a gun on social media and/or make statements which could be interpreted as threats, then you may attract the attention of the OPP and you may be charged with an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada.



Did you know? Chandos Nomenclature

Chandos Township got its name when it was surveyed in 1862, honouring Richard Grenville (full name: Richard Plantagenet Campbell Temple Nugent Brydges Chandos Grenville, 1823–1889) who became the third Duke of Buckingham and Chandos on the death of his father in 1861.

The previous year he had accompanied the eighteen-year-old Prince of Wales on his legendary tour of Canada, a journey which included a memorable visit to Peterborough. The Prince dazzled thousands of townfolk and visitors from the neighbouring townships during his whirlwind one-hour stopover. The Royal entourage arrived by train in the flower-be-decked town, parading through the streets under elaborate decorative arches.

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