



## Report to the Board: Criminal Investigation Division

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Criminal Investigation Division investigated the following incidents:

- March 4 to March 25, 2025 – SC25001352 / SC25001711 / SC25001793 / SC25001856 / SC25001877 – Public Mischief (Swatting) – Between March 4, 2025 and March 25, 2025, the Strathroy-Caradoc Police Service received multiple calls which turned out to be more attempts at “Swatting”. In almost all of the instances, a recorded voice can be heard making threats to cause harm, almost exclusively at the two local high schools. In each case, police probe the caller and take precautions to ensure that the calls are a hoax. The SCPS Criminal Investigation Division is investigating, however, information indicates that the calls are coming from the US and are using VPN technology to mask their origin. SCPS has learned that neighboring police services are also facing the same challenges.
- March 6, 2025 – SC25001406 - Arson – On March 6, 2025, SCPS assisted the SCFD with a structure fire in Delaware West. The fire was later deemed to be suspicious and the SCFD along with the Fire Marshall are investigating. SCPS CID Detectives are monitoring the investigation.
- March 7, 2025 - SC25001411 – Sudden Death – On March 7, 2025, SCPS were summoned to check the welfare of a male who had failed to appear in court. On arrival, officers found the male deceased. Because of circumstances surrounding the death, CID officers were tasked to assist. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the death was not suspicious.
- March 15, 2025 – SC25001645 – Robbery – On March 15, 2025 in the early morning hours, police were called to a robbery that had just occurred at a downtown restaurant. Officers responded but were unable to locate the suspect. CID Detectives have now taken over the investigation and are examining video and speaking to witnesses. The investigation is ongoing.
- Street Crime Unit (SCU) – March 10, 2025 – SC25000062 / SC25000398 / SC25000450 / SC25000798 / SC25001191 – Theft of Gas (Multiple Incidents) – On March 13, 2025, the Street Crime Unit arrested a male who had been the subject of an ongoing theft investigation. SCPS had been investigating a male who was attending various gas stations in Strathroy after removing the plates on his vehicle and stealing gas. The Street Crime Unit investigated and with assistance from the public, the offender was identified. A 23 year old man faces 4 charges of theft under \$5000.

### STATISTICS:

- CRIMINAL CHARGES CID – 0
- Criminal Charges SCU – 5

- Provincial Offence Charges – SCU - 1
- INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE INCIDENTS: 18 IPV incidents – In March 2025, the SCPS laid 8 charges relating to intimate partner violence. One male and one female were charged.
- SEARCH WARRANTS/PRODUCTION ORDERS: 4
- COURSES: (1)
- CONFERENCES: (1)
- Meetings: (CISO/PATS/ETC) 2
- Sex Offender Registration: 5
- OTHER DUTIES:

External Police Agency Assistance Notifications;

- SC25001352 – OPP assisted with the March 4, 2025 swatting incident at the high schools.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Jay Cartwright**

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