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>> Announcer: CTV NEWS WITH SARAH FREEMARK.

>> Sarah: THAT IS BRUCE GARDINER A 19 YEAR MEMBER OF THE SHORES MADE ANOTHER COURT APPEARANCE TODAY.

THANKS FOR JOINING US.

TWO VETERAN BARRIE POLICE OFFICERS FACING PROSECUTION IN CRIMINAL COURT AND UNDER THE POLICE SERVICES ACT HAD THEIR MATTERS ADDRESSED TODAY.

BRUCE GARDINER ACCUSED OF CRIMINAL HARASSMENT AND EXTORTION AND INSPECTOR VALARIE GATES FOR A SECOND COUNT OF DISCREDITABLE CONDUCT.

CTV'S MIKE ARSALIDES REPORTS.

>> Reporter: DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR BARRIE POLICE SERGEANT BRUCE GARDINER REQUESTING ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT IN HIS CASE THIS AFTERNOON.

THE CROWN TELLING THE COURT BOTH SIDES ARE VERY CLOSE TO RESOLUTION.

ACCUSED OF CRIMINAL HARASSMENT AND EXTORTION TWO YEARS AGO AGAINST ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE BARRIE POLICE SERVICE, GARDINER WHO IS 52-YEARS OLD BECAME A BARRIE POLICE OFFICER ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO FOLLOWING A CAREER IN THE NHL.

HE IS REPRESENTED BY THE OFFICE OF COUNSEL SKIM SCHOFIELD.

GARDINER WAS ACCUSED OF HARASSING COMMUNICATION AND THREATENING TO RELEASE PHOTOS OF THE OTHER OFFICER.

BARRIE POLICE SAID AT THE TIME THE ALLEGATIONS STEM FROM OFF DUTY INCIDENTS BETWEEN 2016 AND 2018.

THE POTENTIAL RESOLUTION TO THE CASE COMES AS BARRIE POLICE INSPECTOR VALARIE GATES FACES TWO CHARGES OF DISCREDITABLE CONDUCT RELATING TO ON DUTY

INCIDENTS FOLLOWING AN INVESTIGATION BY THE OPP'S OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPECT, INCLUSION AND LEADERSHIP. IT'S BELIEVED BOTH CHARGES ARE CONNECTED.

SHE'S BEEN A MEMBER OF THE POLICE SERVICE IN BARRIE FOR 22 YEARS AND IS MARRIED TO POLICE CHIEF RICH JOHNSTON.

INSPECTOR GATES APPEARED AT THE BARRIE COURTHOUSE SEVERAL TIMES EARLIER THIS YEAR DURING GARDINER'S PRELIMINARY HEARING PROCEEDINGS.

TODAY GATES WAS INCT ATTENDANCE FOR HER POLICE SERVICES ACT VIRTUAL HEARING ANSWERING TO THE MOST RECENT ALLEGATION OF MISCONDUCT WHICH WAS LAID A FEW WEEKS AGO.

HER FIRST CHARGE WAS ANNOUNCED BY BARRIE POLICE BACK IN DECEMBER.

PUBLICATION BANS IN PLACE PREVENT ANY EVIDENCE HEARD DURING GARDINER'S HEARINGS FROM BEING RELEASED ALONG WITH THE IDENTITY OF THE COMPLAINANT. THE GARDINER MATTER IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN IN A WEEK'S TIME. THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIM HAVE NOT BEEN TESTED IN COURT. INSPECTOR GATES HAS HER NEXT HEARING DATES JULY 30th AND 31st.

MIKE ARSALIDES, CTV NEWS, BARRIE.

>> Sarah: OPP IS LOOKING FOR TWO SUSPECTS IN CONNECTION TO AN INCIDENT IN NEW TECUMSEH IN WHICH TWO MEN IMPERSONATED POLICE OFFICERS ON JUNE 22nd BETWEEN 9:30 AND 10:10 p.m. ON THE 15th SIDEROAD BETWEEN THE 12 AND 13th LINES. AN INDIVIDUAL WAS PULLED OVER BY TWO MEN WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS POLICE OFFICERS. THE SUSPECTS ARE DESCRIBED AS

BOTH MALE, ONE WAS 5'10", STOCKY BUILD WITH RED HAIR.

THE SECOND WAS 6'4", SHORT SPIKEY BLACK HAIR WITH A GOATEE AND A STAR UNDER HIS LEFT EYE.

NOW THEY WERE WEARING A BLUE VEST WITH POLICE ON THE FRONT AND THE BACK NAME TAGS WITH A CANADIAN FLAG AND AN OPP CREST ABOVE THE WORD "POLICE."

THEY HAD A RADIO, HANDCUFFS AND A HOLSTER AND WERE WEARING DARK, LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS AND PANTS WITH A YELLOW STRIPE.

NOW THE VEHICLE ONE WAS A DARK-COLOURED FORD TAURUS AND INTERIOR VISOR AND PUSH BAR. TAHOE HAVING FLASHING INTERIOR LIGHTS.

ANYONE WITH INFORMATION IS ASKED TO CONTACT POLICE.

>>> AND BARRIE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A BREAK-IN AT A TRADING CARD AND COLLECTIBLE BUSINESS NEAR DOWNTOWN BARRIE. POLICE SAY JUST AFTER 9:30 LAST NIGHT TWO SUSPECTS SMASHED THE FRONT DOOR TO GAIN ENTRY INTO LOOT'S KINGDOM.

THEY STOLE AN UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT OF MONEY TRADING CARD PACKAGES AND SINGLES WORTH ABOUT A THOUSAND DOLLARS.

THERE WAS ALSO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE FRONT DOOR.

THE SUSPECTS' DESCRIPTION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEB SITE.

>>> NOW THE OPP IS LOOKING FOR A SUSPECT WANTED IN CONNECTION TO AN EARLY MORNING ARMED ROBBERY THAT HAPPENED IN WASAGA BEACH. POLICE RELEASED THESE PHOTOS OF THE SUSPECT.

THEY SAY AROUND 2:30 a.m. THE SUSPECT WALKED INTO THE PET PRO CANADA GAS STATION ARMED WITH A KNIFE AND MADE A DEMAND FOR CASH, CIGARETTES AND VAPES.

IT WAS ROBBED BY A SUSPECT THAT ALSO MATCHES THIS DESCRIPTION.

ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ASKED TO CONTACT POLICE.

>>> IT WAS A DAY OF TRAINING THAT IS AS REAL AS IT GETS. OPP WENT THROUGH WHAT WOULD BE PROPER PROTOALCOHOL IN ONE OF THE MOST FRIGHTENING SITUATIONS IMAGINABLE AT GEORGIAN COLLEGE. ROB COOPER TOOK IT ALL IN BUT A WARNING THE IMAGES ARE SIMULATED AND CONTAIN FAKE BLOOD THAT MAY BE DISTURBING TO SOME VIEWERS. PROTOCOL.

>> Reporter: TWO ACTIVE SHOOTERS IN A SCHOOL WITH MULTIPLE STUDENTS INJURED. EXERCISE OPERATION CAMDON WAS HOSTED IN GEORGIAN COLLEGE IN ORILLIA TO HELP TRAIN EMERGENCY SERVICES. FAKE INJURIES TO SIMULATE REAL MOVES.

>> THIS WAS FOCUSED AROUND THEIR INITIAL RESPONSE TO IMMEDIATELY STOP THE THREAT AND RENDER CARE. THESE EXERCISES MAXIMIZES THE RELATIONSHIPS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A MORE SEAMLESS TRANSITION AS WE PREPARE FOR IN EVENTS SUCH CATASTROPHIC INCIDENTS OCCUR.

>> Reporter: THE EXERCISE LASTED ABOUT 30 MINUTES. COLLEGE SAYS THESE KINDS OF SIMULATIONS HELP PREPARE EVERYONE FOR THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO.

>> WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR RESPONSE PROCEDURES ARE ACCURATE AND WELL PLANNED SO THIS WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO THROUGH A SCENARIO AND WORK THROUGH THAT PIECE.

>> Reporter: THE EXERCISE WAS CAPTURED ON SEVERAL VIDEO CAMERAS TO ALLOW POLICE TO GO OVER PROTOCOLS AND DETERMINE WHAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED. WE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SHOW ANY OF THE EXERCISE AT THE REQUEST OF POLICE.

FOR THE STUDENTS THAT TOOK PART
IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP
FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE COLLEGE
FIGURE OUT NEW WAYS OF
RESPONDING TO THREATS.

>> THAT'S THE GREAT THING THAT
THEY ARE DOING THAT.

I THINK HOPEFULLY NEVER HAVE TO
GET TO THAT SITUATION BUT THE
FACT THEY PRACTISE THAT AND PUT
TIME AND EFFORT THEY SAID
EARLIER THAT THEY PLANNED IT
FOUR MONTHS OUT.

>> IT'S PART OF BUILDING
RESILIENCE AND THE CAPACITY OF
THE OFFICERS TO BE AT THEIR BEST
IN SUCH TRAGIC SITUATION.

>> Reporter: ONTARIO
PROVINCIAL POLICE SAY THEY WILL
NOW TAKE THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS
TO GO OVER THIS MORNING'S
EXERCISE.

I AM TOLD A CHARLENE TAKE PLACE
IN THE FALL IN MIDLAND WHERE
POLICE WILL FOCUS IN ON HOSTAGE
TAKING.

-- A SIMILAR INCIDENT WILL TAKE
PLACE.

>> Sarah: ONE WEEK AFTER PUSH
FOR MORE EMPLOYMENT LANDS WAS
PUBLIC LYNN DORSED BY PREMIER
FORD MANY LOCAL RESIDENTS NOW
SPEAKING OUT.

A GROUP FORMED AFTER THE PLAN
CAME OUT.

THEY SPOKE TO ORO-MEDONTE
COUNCIL TODAY OPTIMISTIC THAT
THEY CAN PUT A STOP TO THE
PROPOSED ANNEXATION.

CTV'S DANA ROBERTS JOINS US LIVE
TONIGHT FROM ORO.

GOOD EVENING.

>> Reporter: SARAH, GOOD
EVENING TO YOU.

FRIENDS OF THE FUTURES GROUP OF
LIKE MIND RESIDENTS ALL HOPING
TO SAVE THEIR LAND HERE THAT
ALEX NUTTAL IS DESPERATELY
NEEDED FOR MORE EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES FOREIGN THE REGION

HOWEVER THE GROUP BROUGHT A PRESENTATION FORWARD TO COUNCIL HERE IN ORO-MEDONTE TODAY SHOWING JUST HOW STRONG THE OPPOSITION TO THIS PLAN REALLY IS.

JANE LED THE DEPUTATION BRINGING WITH HER A PETITION OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AT LEAST 3,000 SIGNATURES WITH HUNDREDS MORE RECEIVED JUST RECENTLY ALL UNITED IN STANDING UP FOR THIS LAND.

EAST OF PENETANGUISHENE ROAD AND SOUTH OF GORE ROAD.

THE GROUP RALLIED TOGETHER LAST MONTH TO SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE SHARE THEIR OPPOSITION.

BARRIE'S MAYOR SAYS THE CITY IS THE ONLY ONE, THOUGH, THAT IS ABLE TO LURE NEW EMPLOYERS TO THE REGION AND A PUSH FOR MORE INDUSTRY IS ACTUALLY SUPPORTED BY THIS GROUP.

THEY JUST SAY NOT IN THE AREA THAT'S PROPOSED JUST C NORTH OF BARRIE'S WARD 1 BOUNDARY.

>> IT FRAGMENTS INDUSTRIAL ZONES THAT THE INTERCHANGE THAT TRUCKS WOULD HAVE TO GO TO HIGHWAY 11 ARE FRAUGHT WITH PROBLEMS. THEY WOULD HAVE TO SPEND A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY RENOVATING THAT INTERCHANGE.

>> I THINK WE ARE AT A VERY GOOD SPOT BECAUSE ALL FOUR MUNICIPALITIES WHICH WOULD BE COUNTY OF SIMCOE, SPRINGWATER, ORO-MEDONTE AND THE CITY OF BARRIE ARE ALL SITTING AT THE TABLE TO TRY AND FIND A SOLUTION TOGETHER.

>> Reporter: SO WHILE JANE HERSELF IS REPRESENTING ORO-MEDONTE RESIDENTS SHE DID TODAY'S PRESENTATION ALONGSIDE A NEW FRIEND FROM BARRIE'S WARD 1 AND MANY THIS IS REALLY INTERESTING ABOUT THIS PETITION HERE SARAH, MANY OF THE PEOPLE

WHO SIGNED IT ARE ACTUALLY FROM BARRIE.

MORE FROM BARRIE THAN FROM ORO-MEDONTE.

THE GROUP IS HOPING TO BRING THIS PETITION TO BARRIE COUNCIL ONCE THEY RESUME SITTING AFTER A SUMMER BREAK.

I AM DANA ROBERTS, BACK TO YOU.

>> Sarah: THANKS, DANA.

>>> THE ONTARIO OMBUDSMAN RELEASED ITS ANNUAL REPORT TODAY.

HE HIGHLIGHTED A NEAR RECORD NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR HELP FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC LOOKING FOR RECOURSE FROM GOVERNMENT AND RELATED BODIES.

PAUL DUBET SAID IT WAS HEARTENING THAT ONTARIANS ARE SEEKING HIS OFFICE'S ASSISTANCE IN A WIDE RANGE OF AREAS.

>> WE ARE SEEING ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES NOT GETTING THE SUPPORTS AND SERVICES THAT THEY NEED.

WE ARE ASSISTING PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE BY AN UNDERRESOURCED AND OVERWHELMED TRIBUNAL SYSTEM.

WE ARE HEARING OF CHILDREN BEING HOUSED BY STRUGGLING AID SOCIETIES AND OFFICES OR TRAILERS.

WE ARE ADDRESSING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF INMATES THAT ARE BEING VIOLATED IN A CORRECTIONS SYSTEM THAT BOTH STAFF AND INMATES SAY HAS INADEQUATE RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

>> Sarah: THE OMBUDSMAN'S REPORT SAID IT COULDN'T TELL GOVERNMENTS WHERE TO SPEND MONEY BUT IT COULD HIGHLIGHT AREAS OF CONCERN.

HIS OFFICE RECEIVED OVER 27,000 COMPLAINTS AND INQUIRIES LAST FISCAL YEAR.

>>> ALSO AT QUEEN'SOV PARK, THE PROVINCE IS FEARING UP FOR THE

START OF AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE RENEWALS.

ONTARIO WILL BECOME THE FIRST JURISDICTION IN NORTH AMERICA TO HAVE THAT POLICY WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 1.

THE FORD GOVERNMENT SAYS THE SWITCH WILL SAVE VEHICLE OWNERS MORE THAN OF 900,000 HOURS EVERY YEAR.

MOST PLATES WILL RENEW AUTOMATICALLY 90 DAYS BEFORE EXPIRY AS LONG AS THE OWNER HAS VALID INSURANCE AND NO OUTSTANDING FINALS OR -- FINES OR TOLLS.

>>> CONCERNS ARE GROWING IN ANGUS WHERE THE FOOD BANK LIKE MANY IS STRUGGLING TO KEEP UP WITH DEMAND.

>> WE HAVE POTATOES THAT I WILL HAVE TO OPEN UP A BAG AND CARROTS, TOO.

IT'S VERY TIGHT QUARTERS AND THAT'S WHY THERE IS ONLY ONE OF ME BACK HERE.

>> Sarah: AND IT'S NOT JUST FOR SPACE DONATIONINGS THE FOOD BANK IS CONCERNED ABOUT. IT'S THE GROWING NUMBER OF