



Nelson Police Department MEDIA RELEASE

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TO: Media Outlets
FROM: Nelson Police Department
SUBJECT: Impaired Driving Investigation Results in Prohibition and Vehicle Impound

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Nelson Police Department – Weekly Media Report

Reporting Period: July 19 – July 25, 2026

The Nelson Police Department responded to **155 calls for service** during the week of **July 19 to July 25, 2026**. Throughout the week, officers responded to a wide variety of incidents, including assaults, domestic disputes, thefts, fraud investigations, suspicious circumstances, traffic incidents, impaired driving, mental health-related calls, wellbeing checks, property investigations, and requests for assistance from members of the public and partner agencies.

Highlights from the week include:

- Officers responded to reports of **multiple thefts** at businesses and residential locations throughout the city.
- Police investigated several **fraud complaints**, reminding residents to remain vigilant against scams and to verify unexpected requests for money or personal information.
- Officers attended several **domestic incidents** and **assault investigations**, ensuring the safety of those involved while conducting follow-up investigations.
- Patrol officers conducted numerous **wellbeing checks** and responded to **mental health-related calls**, working alongside community partners where appropriate.
- Traffic enforcement continued throughout the week, with officers responding to several **motor vehicle incidents**, including a **hit-and-run collision** and an **impaired driving investigation**.

The mission of the Nelson Police Department is to provide professional, trusted, and modern policing that partners with the diverse communities of Nelson to support public safety and community well-being.



- Police also investigated reports of **mischief, suspicious persons, and suspicious circumstances** while maintaining proactive patrols in neighbourhoods and the downtown core.

The Nelson Police Department encourages residents to continue reporting suspicious activity promptly. Community cooperation remains an essential part of keeping Nelson safe.

Impaired Driving Investigation Leads to 3-month Prohibition and Vehicle Impound

On July 25, 2026, at approximately 10:50 p.m., an officer with the Nelson Police Department was in the process of carrying out their duties when the officer observed a vehicle driving nearby that met the threshold for further investigation. The officer confirmed that the registered owner of the vehicle had an active 3-month Prohibition Service Notice at which point the officer initiated a traffic stop.

During the traffic stop, the officer observed the driver appeared to be display signs of possible impairment and the officer issued a roadside screening demand. The driver provided 2 breath samples into an approved screening device, which both resulted in a “WARN”. An immediate day impaired prohibition was issued, and the vehicle was towed and impounded. The driver was transported back to their residence. Nelson Police Department reminds the public that operating a motor vehicle while impaired is a serious public safety risk. If you have consumed drugs or alcohol, ensure that you plan for a safe ride and do not get behind the wheel. Some safe ride options include having a designated (sober) driver, taking public transit or taxi, ridesharing or staying over in an appropriate setting if no sober ride is available.