Nelson Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: **23nd July, 2026**

TO: **Media Outlets**

FROM: **Nelson Police Department**

SUBJECT: **Weekly Media Release**

***** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE *****

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NELSON, BC – Between **July 12 and July 18, 2026**, the Nelson Police Department responded to **128 calls for service** throughout the community. Officers attended a wide range of incidents, including thefts, assaults, motor vehicle incidents, disturbances, fraud, suspicious occurrences, mental health calls, wellness checks, and requests for assistance from members of the public.

The Nelson Police Department reminds residents to:

- Report suspicious activity as soon as possible.
- Lock vehicles and remove valuables from plain view.
- Secure homes, garages, and bicycles to reduce opportunities for theft.
- Never provide personal or financial information to unsolicited callers or online contacts without verifying their identity.

The Nelson Police Department thanks the community for its continued cooperation in helping keep Nelson safe.

Impaired Driving Investigation Results in Prohibition and Vehicle Impound

On July 12, 2026, at approximately 5:58 p.m., Nelson Police Department officers were conducting a Counterattack Road check in the 1200 block of Highway 3A when a vehicle turned around before reaching the check stop. Officers conducted a traffic stop on Nasookin Road and began an impaired driving investigation. The 32-year-old Male driver from Balfour was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and the vehicle was impounded for 30 days after police say the driver failed to provide a suitable breath sample. The Nelson Police Department reminds drivers that impaired driving enforcement remains a priority, and anyone who suspects an impaired driver should call 911 when it is safe to do so.

Aggressive Driving Complaint Leads to Impaired Driving Prohibition

On July 15, 2026, at approximately 2:46 p.m., Nelson Police Department received reports of a vehicle being driven aggressively in Stanley Street and Hall Mines Road. Officers located the vehicle and observed further concerning driving behaviour before conducting a traffic stop on Front Street. During the investigation, officers noted signs of alcohol consumption and issued a roadside screening demand. The 36-year-old male driver from Slocan Park provided two breath samples, both of which registered a fail. He was issued a 90-day Immediate Roadside Prohibition, and the vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

The purpose of British Columbia's Immediate Roadside Prohibition (IRP) process is to quickly remove alcohol-impaired drivers from the road and improve road safety through immediate administrative consequences, rather than relying solely on the criminal court process. The IRP system was designed to provide a swift and certain response to impaired driving.

Excessive Speed Stop Leads to Vehicle Impound and Driving Prohibition

On July 15, 2026, at approximately 1:00 p.m., a Nelson Police Department officer conducting routine traffic enforcement near Highway 3A and Ymir Road stopped a vehicle after it was observed speeding in the posted 50 km/h speed zone. The 45-year-old Male driver from South Slocan was issued a Violation Ticket for speeding in the amount of $196. During the investigation, the driver advised police they had consumed cannabis within the previous 24 hours. Police read the Oral Fluid demand. Police used an Approved Drug Screening Equipment, and the subsequent

reading exceeded 25 nanograms (ng) of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) per mL of blood, and the driver was issued a 24-hour driving prohibition. The vehicle was towed and impounded for 24 hours
. The Nelson Police Department reminds motorists to obey posted speed limits and to never drive while impaired by alcohol, cannabis, or any other substance.

Under the Criminal Code of Canada, it is an offence to operate a motor vehicle with 2 ng or more of THC per millilitre of blood within two hours of driving. THC concentrations of 2 ng/mL to less than 5 ng/mL constitute the lower “per se” cannabis offence, while levels of 5 ng/mL or higher carry more serious criminal penalties.

Media Contact

Community Safety Officer
Nelson Police Department