



Nelson Police Department **MEDIA RELEASE**

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TO: **Media Outlets**
FROM: **Nelson Police Department**
SUBJECT: **Media release February 08th to February 14th**

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Police Respond to Smoke Report, Seize Weapons and Arrest Prohibited Driver

On February 10, 2026, at approximately 10:19 a.m., Nelson Police Department officers attended a residence in the 200 block of Victoria Street at the request of Nelson Fire Rescue following a report of smoke inside an apartment operating as a short-term rental.

Fire personnel located several adult males inside the residence who required assistance exiting, possibly due to drug intoxication. While exiting, one individual was observed operating a vehicle and was subsequently arrested for driving while prohibited. He was later released on an Appearance Notice for Nelson Provincial Court, a Notice of Vehicle Impoundment for 7 days and a 24-hour Driving Prohibition under Section 215 of the Motor Vehicle Act, as his ability to operate a motor vehicle was affected by a drug.

During a safety check of the apartment, officers located firearms, ammunition, suspected controlled substances, and other weapons in plain view. The items were seized for evidentiary purposes. One individual was briefly detained and later released. The investigation remains ongoing.

Between February 8 and February 14, 2026, Nelson Police responded to 153 calls for service.

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