



### **Driver receives 21st conviction for impaired driving following AbbyPD Investigation.**

On August 15th, 2022, at 7:40 p.m., AbbyPD responded to a reported motorcycle accident in the 1800 block of Clearbrook Rd. The registered owner of the motorcycle was known to police for a history of prohibited and impaired driving offences.

Upon police arrival, a passenger of the motorcycle was being treated by first responders for serious injuries. The driver who attempted to flee the scene before police arrival was identified with the assistance of witnesses.

Through the course of the investigation, the driver, 66-year-old Roy Heide, was arrested for driving while prohibited and detained for an impaired driving investigation. Mr. Heide's blood alcohol content was determined to be over two times the legal limit.

On December 18th, 2023, Mr. Heide pleaded guilty to impaired driving, driving while disqualified and driving while prohibited, receiving a total sentence of four years and 354 days in jail for this incident. What's incredibly concerning is that this conviction represented Mr. Heide's 21st conviction for impaired driving, which is believed to be the single most conviction for impaired driving offences someone has received in Canadian history.

The Abbotsford Police Department continues to make road safety in Abbotsford one of our main priorities. In 2022, AbbyPD removed Eight Hundred and Seventy impaired drivers from our roadways. So far in 2023, nearly eight hundred impaired drivers have been removed.

"Impaired driving can have devastating consequences to innocent road users as a result of an impaired driver's decision to drive impaired. Our frontline officers continue to be out enforcing impaired driving laws and taking a zero-tolerance approach to driving while impaired. We continue encouraging our community to report possible impaired drivers to the police", says Sergeant Paul Walker – AbbyPD's Traffic Enforcement Unit.

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