

Man Charged for Sexual Offences Against a Child

The RCMP Provincial Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit has charged a man in Amherst for sexual offences against a child.

On June 25, the RCMP ICE Unit, assisted by Amherst Police, and the RCMP Digital Forensic Services, executed a search warrant on a residence in Amherst. Investigators were directed to the residence after a notification from the National Child Exploitation Crime Centre (NCECC) in December of 2023.

As a result of the search and subsequent investigation, Lee Jerald James Legere, 36, of Amherst, has been charged with Luring a Child and Making Sexually Explicit Material Available to a Child. Legere was released on conditions and is scheduled to appear in Amherst Provincial court on August 26 at 9:30 a.m.

In Nova Scotia, it is mandatory for citizens to report suspected child pornography. This means that anyone who encounters child pornography

material or recordings must report it to the police. Failing to report suspicious activity and materials could result in penalties similar to failure to report child abuse set out in the Child and Family Services Act. The RCMP encourages citizens to be a voice for children who are victims of sexual exploitation by reporting any



suspected offences to your local police or by using Canada's National tip line for reporting online sexual exploitation of children at www.cybertip.ca

Man Wanted on Province-Wide Arrest Warrant

Cumberland County District RCMP is seeking information on the whereabouts of a man currently wanted on a province-wide arrest warrant.

William Landry, 35, of Point de Bute, New Brunswick, is wanted and facing charges of: Dangerous Operation of a Vehicle; Flight from Police and Mischief over \$5,000. Landry is described as 5-foot-7, 210 lbs. He has dark brown hair and tattoos on his neck.

Officers have made several

attempts to locate Landry, and are requesting assistance from the public. Anyone who has information on the whereabouts of William Landry is asked to refrain from approaching him and to call Cumberland County District RCMP at 902-893-6820. To remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers, toll-free, at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips app.

YourHealthNS to Include X-Ray Reports

Nova Scotians will soon be able to access more information about their X-ray results through the YourHealthNS app.

X-ray reports completed July 15, and onward will be available through the app 14 days later. The report includes findings from the X-ray, a comparison with any previous X-rays, the patient's history and a summary.

"After a successful pilot and provincewide expansion of electronic health record access, we continue to provide Nova Scotians with more information about the healthcare they are receiving," said Health and Wellness Minister Michelle Thompson. "This is just the beginning as we plan to make more records and information available that will help Nova Scotians take a more active role in their healthcare."

X-ray reports will add to the information - date, time and location of the scan, body part scanned and the provider who requested the X-ray - currently available through the app. Images will not be available.

Earlier this month, the Province expanded access to electronic health

records to people provincewide with a valid Nova Scotia health card who are 16 and older.

Providing Nova Scotians access to their electronic health records to better manage their healthcare is part of a larger digital health transformation that includes YourHealthNS, virtual care, e-referrals, the Care Coordination Centre, the Oncology Transformation Project and the One Person One Record clinical informa-

tion system.:

The Province expanded electronic health records access provincewide after a successful three-month pilot project with 15 family doctors and seven nurse practitioners at six clinics; the pilot was available to more than 13,000 patients and more than 600,000 X-rays were performed in Nova Scotia in 2023.

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Welsh Love Spoons

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with a spoon, sporting two wedding bands: two bits of wood that spiral off and form a heart, each side holding a wooden wedding band. If you hold it and twirl it, the wedding bands fall down and come together. Turn it the other way, they part again.

He did not start carving to attract women. He was at a country fair (a tattoo) that showcased art crafts and skills, and he came across a tent with 20 wood carvers making love-spoons. They were a Guild of Master Carvers from Port Talbot. Robert thought he "could do a better job, went home, bought cheap chisels and started!" No one taught him. "Their spoons were terrible!" he exclaimed in the interview. But Welsh love spoons were tourist candy by then. They can be bought at a shop called Mumbles, which is 90% spoons, some inexpensive, but many of top quality. Robert's spoons have been showcased there with the finest from Cardiff and Pontarddulais. And now they're in Parrsboro.

The spoons are carved from a single piece of hardwood, yet may contain moving parts, such as wooden balls in a wooden cage on the handle. The cage is hollow, the ball has to be carved out of the heart of the wood through the grid of the cage. Nowadays he uses mostly scalpels, the work is so fine. "It's a winter occupation,"

he says. They are made from all kinds of hardwood; softwood is easy to cut, but it splinters and can damage the carving tool, while hardwood makes the knife go slowly and curls.

I asked him if he has a favorite. It's his Welsh dragon spoon, similar to the dragon on the country's flag, but not the same. It stands on its hind legs holding the bowl of the spoon and may be "up to 2 1/2 foot." One can take a week to carve, and Robert has some he hasn't finished yet. He finishes them by sanding, and applies polish. "What kind?" I ask, imagining Neat's foot oil, something exotic. "Oh, any kind that's around," he says. "Shoe polish! Beeswax. There's lots and lots of kinds of polish." And yes, he has cut himself, sometimes badly, and had an allergic reaction to some wood, like zebra wood.

Robert Roberts' spoons can be bought by special order. They cost \$100 for smaller ones, all the way to top end dragon spoons at \$500 or more. A one of a kind wedding, engagement or anniversary gift, made by hand by a Welsh man in Nova Scotia. "Only in Parrsboro, you say!"

You can contact him to place an order at robandlindsay@hotmail.com. Maybe he'd even give lessons.

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Robert Findlay Roberts' Welsh Spoons. (Photo by Sandra Stephenson)

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The sites are as follows:

- Antigonish Nature Reserve, **Antigonish County**
- Beaver River Nature Reserve, **Digby County**
- Bonnet Lake Barrens Wilderness Area (addition), **Guysborough County**
- Canso Coastal Barrens Wilderness Area (addition), **Guysborough County**
- Caribou River Nature Reserve (addition), **Pictou County**
- Chignecto Isthmus Wilderness Area (addition), **Cumberland County**
- Diligent River Nature Reserve (addition), **Cumberland County**
- Eigg Mountain-James River Wilderness Area (addition), **Antigonish County**
- Five Bridge Lake Wilderness Area (addition), **Halifax Regional Municipality**
- Fourchu Coast Wilderness Area (addition), **Richmond and Cape Breton Counties**
- Middle River Wilderness Area (addition), **Inverness County**
- Quinn Meadows Nature Reserve (addition), **Shelburne County**
- Roseway River Wilderness Area (addition), **Shelburne County**
- Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area (addition), **Halifax Regional Municipality**
- Toadfish Lakes Wilderness Area (addition), **Halifax Regional Municipality**
- Toy Makers Marsh Nature Reserve, **Digby County**

To learn more, and tell us what you think, visit NovaScotia.ca/ProtectedAreas