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ANNAPOLIS COUNTY AND KING'S TRANSIT WORK WITH RCMP TO FIND PERSONS RESPONSIBLE IN RECENT BUS VANDALISM

ANNAPOLIS CO. –The County of Annapolis and King's Transit are working closely with the RCMP to catch the individuals involved with the recent vandalism against a transit bus in the Clementsport area.

Over the past two weeks, a transit bus has been the target of small items being thrown from the side of the road; however, more recently, a larger object was thrown at the bus's windshield on the driver's side, penetrating the safety glass and showering the driver with glass shards. The incident occurred in the evening during the bus's last trip back to Bridgetown from Digby.

“This reckless action could have had devastating results; not only for the driver but the passengers as well,” said Annapolis County Warden Peter Newton. “The County of Annapolis and King's Transit are taking this matter very seriously and are working closely with the RCMP to track down the individuals responsible.”

Ron Mullins, King's Transit Manager, explained that it may be necessary to re-route the bus run between Cornwallis and Annapolis Royal via Hwy 1 until the persons have been caught to ensure the public's safety. The public will be made aware of any change to the bus route through the media. Damage caused to the bus is estimated to be around \$ 1,000.

“This incident did not only create unnecessary costs for bus repairs, or the potential inconvenience for those who depend on the bus taking its normal route; it created a situation that could have been fatal for the driver and the passengers,” remarked Warden Newton. “Ensuring our residents' safety has always been, and will always be, our number one priority. We will assist the RCMP in any way we can to help find the persons responsible for this criminal act.”

The RCMP - Annapolis Detachment and the Annapolis RCMP Street Crime Unit are conducting an investigation. If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are being asked to contact Const. David Fairfax at 665-4481 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). A tip leading to an arrest could qualify for a cash reward of up to \$500.

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