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FROM/DE: Orillia OPP Detachment

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CIVILIAN STEPS IN TO ASSIST OFFICER WHEN DRIVER RESISTS ARREST

(RAMARA TWP, ON) – On Sunday October 23rd, 2011 at approximately 6:00 p.m., the Orillia Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) got a report of a suspected impaired driver on County Road 45, also known as the Monck Road, in Ramara Township.

The suspect vehicle was travelling westbound on Monck Road and was observed swerving all over the road by the complainant. When the officer arrived he observed the suspect's pick up truck stopped sideways across the middle of the road. The driver and his passenger were both consuming alcohol upon police arrival.

The officer approached the vehicle and attempted to arrest the driver who continued to drink his beer in front of the officer.

The lone officer attempted to arrest the driver who was uncooperative, refusing to follow his instructions.

A witness who was at the scene came to the aid of police and assisted the officer in restraining the struggling driver so that he could be handcuffed.

David JOSLIN age 65 of Ramara Township was arrested and has been charged with Impaired Operation of a motor vehicle, Exceed 80 mg and Resist Peace Officer.

He was held in custody until sober, at which time he was released with a court date of November 8th, 2011.

Orillia OPP gratefully acknowledges the gentleman who assisted the officer.

This impaired driver was stopped before anyone was seriously hurt.

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