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## News Release/ Communiqué

**FROM/DE: Orillia OPP Detachment**

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### **A MESSAGE WITH REGARDS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY**

**(ORILLIA, ON)** – Over the past couple of weeks, police officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have received a number of calls for service regarding individuals that have been found trespassing upon private property. These types of calls for service traditionally take place during the various hunting seasons.

Property owners find that persons trespassing upon their land without expressed permission to be disturbing and in order to deal with this issue effectively and efficiently, the OPP would like to offer the following suggestions:

- A property of any size, which an owner does not wish any to step upon or traverse across, should be properly signed. In order for the provisions contained within the Trespass to Property Act to be enforceable, property owners at a minimum must post a sign that has a red dot on a white background. Signs that clearly state “No Trespassing” are readily available at most hardware type stores, inexpensive and carry a very clear and concise message.
- Simply posting a single sign on a large piece of property may not be enough and signage should be placed at regular intervals along the property line it is designating as private. The signs must also be checked on a regular basis to ensure that they are still posted, clearly visible and in good repair.
- Persons who wish to set upon private property for whatever reason should seek and obtain the expressed permission from the landowner in advance of doing so.
- Respect for the property you are accessing should always be considered once approval has been granted.

If a landowner encounters someone on their property and they do not have permission to be there, in the interest of public safety, the landowner should not confront the person or persons and police should be notified immediately. Any descriptions or licence plates of vehicles found in the area should also be noted and provided to the police as this could assist in identifying the person or persons in the event they leave the area prior to the arrival of police.

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