Traffic complaint leads to several charges

Shortly after 10 p.m. on Dec. 27, police received a report of a vehicle driving erratically on Highway 28, heading into the town of Bancroft.

Officers with the Ontario Provincial Police located the vehicle a short time later, on Chemaushgon Road in the town of Bancroft.

Police initiated a traffic stop, and determined that the male driver of the vehicle had been drinking.

Officers had the driver provide a sample of his breath into a roadside screening device, and obtained grounds to believe that the driver had over the legal limit of alcohol in his system to operate a motor vehicle.

Further, while dealing with the driver, officers observed a bag of unmarked cigarettes on the passenger seat of the vehicle.

The driver was arrested and brought back to the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Charged with driving while impaired; driving a motor vehicle with over 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 mls of blood; two counts of breach probation; drive with no licence, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act; and possession of unmarked tobacco, contrary to the Tobacco Tax Act is a 30-year-old man from Bancroft.

He was released on a promise to appear for the Criminal Code charges and given a first appearance date of Feb. 16 in Bancroft court.