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CONTACT: Constable Kevin O'Neil

DATE: December 1st 2009

RE: Police investigate mischief to religious shrine

Leamington Police are asking for public assistance in their investigation into damage that was done to a religious statue at the Lebanese Club located on Highway 77 north of town in Leamington.

Sometime between 2:00 pm last Friday, November 27th and 4:00 pm Sunday, November 29th, someone broke the 5 fingers off the left hand of the statue of Mother Mary. The statue sits on top of a 64 foot high spiral stone shrine that is accessible by stairs. The statue is 14' high, however the hand from which the fingers were broken off of was several feet from the base making it very difficult for one person to do this. The fingers were found on the ground. It is unknown at this time how the statue will be repaired.

If you require further information, please contact Sam Elias who is the president of the Leamington Lebanese Club, 519-796-5981.

If anyone has any information please contact the Leamington Police at 519-326-3214 or Crime Stoppers at 519-258-TIPS.

Constable Kevin O'Neil

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