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Patrick Brazeau faces charge of impaired care of vehicle

Brazeau, 39, arrested while sitting in parked car in Gatineau, Que., on Monday afternoon

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Suspended Senator Patrick Brazeau faces a charge of impaired care or control of a motor vehicle after he was arrested by Gatineau, Que., police while he was sitting in a parked car Monday afternoon.

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An officer on a routine patrol arrested the 39-year-old, who allegedly appeared to be intoxicated in the driver's seat of a parked car, on Riviera Street at about 1:40 p.m. ET.

A search of the vehicle uncovered a knife, Gatineau police said, and a breathalyzer test at the police station showed the man was two times over the legal blood-alcohol limit.

Brazeau faces one charge each of:

- Impaired care or control of a motor vehicle.
- Having care and control of a motor vehicle with over 80 mg of alcohol per 100 ml of blood.
- Breaching bail conditions.

The vehicle he was sitting in was impounded for 30 days and Brazeau's driver's licence has been suspended for 90 days, police said.

Brazeau spent the night at the detention centre in Hull, and he is scheduled to appear in court Tuesday.

Last week, Brazeau learned he will stand trial in 2015 on sexual assault and assault charges after a February 2013 incident that led to the former Conservative's ouster from the party caucus.

That case is separate from an April 2014 incident, after which Brazeau was charged with assault, possession of cocaine, uttering threats and breaching bail conditions following an altercation involving a man and a woman at a home in Gatineau.

Brazeau also faces charges of fraud and breach of trust in connection with his Senate expense claims. The preliminary hearing in that case will start in June 2015.