



Zombies to help fight crime

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Halton Police hope the undead will catch public attention in order to spread the message of crime prevention.

Halton Regional Police Service announced Thursday (Oct. 24) it will be using the popular fictional, flesh-eaters in a new campaign to encourage people to lock their vehicles, homes and report suspicious people or activity in their neighbourhood.

A two-minute video launched as part of the campaign shows a pair of the walking dead advancing on an unsuspecting gardener, but instead of devouring her, they enter her unlocked home, steal a purse, laptop and, ultimately, her vehicle (yes, these zombies can drive).

One of numerous campaign posters shows desperate residents trying to keep a horde of zombies out of their home with the caption, 'Honey, we really gotta start locking our doors....'

Another poster shows one gory cadaver who is clearly frustrated by a locked car door.

The posters and video feature the tagline 'Don't be a zombie to crime prevention.'

"We wanted to capitalize on the cur-

rent popularity of zombies in television series and movies, and tie it into a seasonal Halloween launch to catch the attention of a new generation of young people, and zombie fans of all ages, to drive home a strong crime-prevention message," said Halton Police Chief Steve Tanner.

"Everyone knows zombies aren't the most intelligent creatures, so by using them in connection with the campaign, we hope people will notice the message, and outsmart criminals by doing everything they can to deter and prevent crime."

The video will be posted on YouTube and shared via the police service's website at www.haltonpolice.ca and its Twitter account @HaltonPolice.

A series of eight zombie-themed posters will be displayed in local businesses including gyms, restaurants and clothing outlets, and distributed to various community partners around the region.

The zombie campaign launch comes as part of Ontario's Crime Prevention Week, which runs from Nov. 3-9.

The video and posters were made by members of the Halton Regional Police Service and their families and shot in Burlington. View the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFJi2LYncik.

Police blotter: Man in G-string sought

Halton Police want a chat with G-string-wearing man.

A clerk working a late-night shift at a variety store in Georgetown South was taken aback by a customer wearing only a black G-string undergarment who entered the store on two occasions on the same evening last week.

At around 12:30 a.m. Tuesday (Oct. 22), the clerk called Halton Regional Police after the man's second visit to the store, located on Miller Dr. and Eighth Line, to report a suspicious person.

The man first entered the store a few hours earlier at approximately 9:50 p.m. Monday. On both visits the oddly-dressed male purchased a bottle of water and left.

Although the man did not commit a criminal offence on either occasion and did not appear intoxicated, police would like to speak with him.

He is described as white, 5-foot-10 with a medium build and a tattoo on the back of his neck.

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A Georgetown man was charged after officers on patrol on Main St. N. witnessed the suspect leaving a licensed establishment early Thursday (Oct. 24) afternoon.

Police watched as the man exited the restaurant and walked down a back alley to his vehicle. Upon leaving the establishment, the driver was pulled over and while speaking with an officer, grounds were developed for a breath test to be requested.

Charged with having over 80 mgs. of alcohol in 100 ml of blood is John McLaughlin, 58.

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Police are investigating an assault at the drive-thru at McDonald's on Guelph St. Thursday (Oct. 24) evening.

The incident occurred when someone attempted to pass a vehicle in the lineup. There was a verbal altercation between the two drivers and the woman who tried to pass got out of her vehicle, approached the other driver in her vehicle, and struck her in the face several times.

The victim, a 50-year-old, was not hurt.

The suspect is described as white, 35, with long dark hair, and glasses. She was driving a silver sedan.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 905-878-5511 ext. 2415.

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A Georgetown man is charged with cause a disturbance after police were called to Georgetown Hospital Sunday (Oct. 27) because a man seeking treatment was upset and being belligerent with hospital staff. His behaviour continued when police arrived.

Charged with causing a disturbance is Edward Maljar, 26.

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Two Halton Hills youths are facing charges in connection with assaults involving bear spray.

Early Saturday morning (Oct. 26) a male and female youth met another male in Greenore Park in Acton for a drug transaction.

The meeting escalated into a physical confrontation. The male victim was sprayed with bear spray. They all fled the park, then the victim contacted family members who helped with his decontamination.

Early Sunday (Oct. 27) the same male suspect came to the victim's home with two other unidentified males. The victim's vehicle was damaged and the victim and his family intervened. The victim and another family member were assaulted with bear spray and suffered minor injuries.

Later on Sunday Halton Police arrested a male and female in connection with the assaults. The youths were held for bail hearings in Milton. Police continue to investigate the identity of the other two males.

A 16-year-old female and 17-year-old male, both of Halton Hills, have been charged with possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace and assault with a weapon relating to the Saturday incident.

The 17-year-old male is also charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, two counts of assault with a weapon, possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace and mischief in connection with the Sunday incident.



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