

TRU team called out to meeting

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Members of Halton Regional Police Service's Tactical Rescue Unit (TRU) were called out to a meeting of the Canadian Federation of University Women in Georgetown last Tuesday.

Sgt. Steve Carroll and Const. George Farrow of the TRU team were on hand for a presentation to the group, much of which centred on the TRU team's operations on Edith Street in December.

"We go to high risk calls and use minimum force (to bring the situation under control," Sgt. Carroll said.

Cst. Farrow, a graduate of Georgetown District High School, class of 1981, joined the unit after a six year stint in the military. In addition to regular duties, Farrow is also a use of force instructor with the service.

When referring to the events of Dec. 10, on Edith Street which saw a resident fire three shots from an assault rifle upon exited the premise, both Carroll and Farrow were very aware that the situation had the poten-



HRPS BLUE: Sgt. Steve Carroll (left) and Const. George Farrow of the Tactical Rescue Unit spoke to members of the University Women's Club in Georgetown last Tuesday. The TRU team was in action in Georgetown in December. (Jamie Harrison photo)

tial to turn deadly.

"It's serious when we get called up. I have to anticipate something drastic, something dramatic has happened. When we get to the scene and its something less than that,

then that's a bonus," Carroll said.

The suspect in the case, a 43-year-old Georgetown man, was shot with a bean-bag gun — a weapon designed to stop but no perma-

nently injure a suspect. He was released on a \$15,000 surety following a bail hearing.

He is required to reside in Brampton as a condition.

"It's a big credit to those officers there to choose that option," Farrow said. "Taking that individual's life, given the situation, would have been justifiable."

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Weekend home break-in

Halton Regional Police detectives were called to investigate the break and enter of a weekend home, sometime between Jan. 4-8, in rural Georgetown.

Police report that culprits forced a door to the home, removing several items including a VCR, TV, binoculars, cordless telephone, portable radio, binoculars, a satellite receiver and liquor.

The value of the missing items is placed at \$1,500.

Police report that the residence is used as a weekend getaway for a Toronto couple.

Money gone, three sought

Police are on the lookout for three individuals wanted in the theft of an undisclosed amount of cash from a retail operation at Georgetown Marketplace, Jan. 10.

According to police reports, two store clerks were counting cash when the store was entered by three men who were asking a variety of questions.

Though the money was placed in a container behind the counter, after the three men left, it was discovered that the cash was missing.

Police have descriptions of two of the three individuals. The first suspect is described as male, 45-50, tall and heavy set with a reddish complexion. The second is also male in his 40s, with a fair complexion.

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