

Attendants fired on

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rear door. Police estimate the shots were fired from a distance of about 200 yards.

"We had just turned the vehicle around in case we had to leave quickly and I had just gotten out to talk to the police," explained Mr. Vieyra. "Just as I was talking I heard three whistle sounds and I knew they were shots. I hit the ground and climbed into the front of the police cruiser. I called in on my portable radio that we were being shot at."

The driver of the ambulance, Jim MacGirr of Acton, pulled the ambulance out of the driveway and to a safer position along Mississauga Road.

Minutes after the shots had been fired, Mr. Storrings' wife emerged from the trailer. "We weren't sure who it was, we were still scrambling for cover," explained Mr. Vieyra. "The officer (whose car Mr. Vieyra was in) had his shotgun out and we put the floodlight on her. Another officer grabbed her and took her into a car."

After about 10 minutes, Mr. Vieyra crawled across the floor of the police cruiser and out the passenger door onto the driveway. "I crawled into the ditch on my face and crawled about a quarter-mile back to the ambulance," he recounted.

"After that the tactical boys (Peel Regional's Tactical Squad) arrived and we stood by until about 2 a.m."

Peel Regional Police reported that Mr. Storrings surrendered after about three hours of negotiations. "His wife did leave while this was going on," said Staff Sgt. J. Christian of 22 Division. "There was another family member involved, a six-year-old girl, but she was never in any danger."

Ambulance officials reported the girl had apparently slept through the entire incident.

Police say the original call for an ambulance came from the Storrings residence. "There was speculation that he was not feeling well or may have been mentally unstable," said Sgt. Christian.

Police had no knowledge of a domestic dispute, said Sgt. Christian.

Staff Sgt. R. Rouw, who said the scene was contained upon his arrival after 2 a.m., said it was unlikely any further charges would be laid. "We're still conducting an investigation," he said.

"I had a funny feeling on my way out to the call," said Mr. Vieyra. "I don't like those domestic situations. We played it safe but we were close enough to get hit. The Peel guys (police) said this type of thing only happens to you once in a lifetime."

Police routinely accompany ambulances on calls considered to be potentially dangerous, said Halton Ambulance president Doug McLeod.

Mr. Storrings was scheduled for a bail hearing in Brampton yesterday.

Minor injuries

Charges of failing to stop have been laid following a single-car accident in which two Georgetown residents received minor injuries at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 31. Police say an 18-year-old Acton man was driving a 1985 Mazda eastbound on Sideroad 22 when it failed to stop for a stop sign. The car struck a patch of ice in an intersection at the Eighth Line and veered into the ditch on the east side of the road.

Michelle Deforest, 18 and Carolyn Crawford, 16 were taken to Georgetown hospital by a motorist where they were treated and released.

Damage to the Mazda was moderate.

Police Beat

Impaired charge

A charge of impaired driving was laid after police stopped a vehicle moving erratically on Winston Churchill Boulevard at Sideroad 10 at 2:30 a.m., Dec. 31. The 25-year-old Streetsville resident will appear in court Feb. 13.

Tapes taken

More than \$500 worth of cassette tapes and a tape holder was stolen from a car parked in the driveway at 28 Fagan Dr. in Georgetown sometime between 11 p.m. Dec. 29 and 8:30 a.m. Dec. 30. Police say the car was unlocked.

Gas siphoned

A "gas monger" has siphoned two full tanks of gas out of a 1976 Ford pickup truck parked on Main Street North in Acton, in recent weeks. The most recent theft occurred around 3 p.m., Dec. 29. Value of the stolen gas is \$50.

Tires missing

Two spare tires and wheels were stolen from vehicles at Park Lincoln Mercury on Highway 7 at Sideroad 22 sometime between 4 p.m. Dec. 31 and 2 p.m., Jan. 1. Police say someone smashed the passenger windows of two pickup trucks and stole the spare tires and wheels. Value of the stolen goods is \$900. Damage to the vehicles is \$200.

Youth charged

A 17-year-old Glen Williams youth has been charged with failing to appear for fingerprints, damage to property and breach of probation. Police arrested the youth at 11 Division headquarters Dec. 29. He will appear in court Jan. 28. Police say the youth attended a party at 106 Rexway Dr. Nov. 20 and allegedly threw a block of wood through the window of the house as he was leaving.

Charge laid

Police charged a 52-year-old Woodbridge woman with shoplifting at the Olde Hide House in Acton at 12:50 p.m. Dec. 30. The charge arose after a \$35 leather wallet was reported missing.

Single-car accident

A Georgetown man was treated and released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital following a single car accident on Armstrong Avenue at Guelph Street at 9 p.m., Jan. 1. Police say a 16-year-old Faludon Drive resident was driving southbound in his 1980 Terrel when the car skidded into a ditch after rounding a corner.

The driver was taken to hospital by his father with minor injuries.

The car received severe damage.

Careless charge

Charges of careless driving were laid following a three-car collision on Trafalgar Road at Sideroad 15, shortly before 1 p.m. Dec. 29.

A northbound vehicle pulled out into the middle of the road to pass a stopped vehicle on the side of Trafalgar Road. A southbound 1985 Pontiac, driven by a 35-year-old Scarborough man, noticed the vehicle in the middle of the road and halted to allow the vehicle to continue. A 1979 Pontiac, driven by a 41-year-old Ballinafad man, also stopped behind the Pontiac. However, a 1980 Pontiac, driven by a 17-year-old Limehouse woman, failed to stop in time and smashed into the back of the 1979 Pontiac. The force of the collision pushed the 1979 Pontiac into the 1985 Pontiac. Damage to the 1980 Pontiac and the 1970 Pontiac was moderate and damage to the 1985 Pontiac was light.

Charges laid

A 42-year-old Georgetown woman has been charged with impaired driving and refusing a breathalyzer following a Dec. 16 accident on Trafalgar Road which left a 20-year-old Georgetown youth in critical condition at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto.

Police say the woman was driving a 1987 Ford Escort northbound on Trafalgar Road when it went out of control and struck a hydro pole and a tree near Highway 7. The woman received major injuries and spent two days in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

The passenger in the car, Neil Diaz, is now listed in serious condition.

The woman was charged Dec. 30 and will appear in court Feb. 13.

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