

Police Beat

Window smashed

Halton Regional Police say a 37-year-old Brampton man allegedly smashed the rear door window of a Guelph Street area residence in Norval causing \$100 damage Thursday night. The man used two two-by-four-inch planks to smash the window, police say. He allegedly smashed the window after leaving a nearby tavern while intoxicated. Charges of being intoxicated in a public place were laid in connection with the incident. A court date has yet to be set.

Midway scuffle

Police broke up a fight between two men in the Acton Fall Fair midway in Prospect Park Sunday morning. Charges of causing a disturbance and breach of probation were laid following the incident. An Acton man, 18, and a Markdale man, 24, are scheduled to appear in court Oct. 16.

Stolen purse

Police laid charges of theft under \$1,000 after a 36-year-old Rexdale man was stopped for allegedly stealing a woman's \$25 purse from the Olde Hide House

in Acton Saturday night. An Oct. 30 court date has been scheduled in connection with the charge.

Woman punched

Police say a 33-year-old Acton man of no fixed address allegedly punched a 25-year-old Halton Hills woman several times when she visited the man at a Highway 7 motel room in Halton Hills late last week. The woman received no serious injuries, police say. Charges of assault and breach of probation were laid in connection with the incident. The Acton man appeared at a bail hearing last Friday.

Impaired charge

A 26-year-old Norval man was charged with impaired driving after police saw a man driving a car in a suspicious manner, at Mountainview Road South and Sargent Road in Georgetown early Friday morning. The Norval man is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 16 in connection with the incident.

Plywood stolen

Police say someone stole two bundles of plywood and two types of insulation with a total value of \$350 from a building at Sideroad 15 east of Highway 25 overnight Sept. 10. An investigation is ongoing.

Smokes snagged

Police have laid charges of theft under \$1,000 after a 31-year-old Arthur man was allegedly found in possession of a carton of "marked" cigarettes last Tuesday. Police say the owner of a Queen Street variety store in Acton suspected a delivery man was stealing from the store. The owner marked a carton of cigarettes. After a delivery man left the store last Tuesday, the cigarettes were gone and the police were phoned. The Arthur man is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 16 in connection with the incident.

Car scratched

Police say someone used a sharp object to scratch the rear passenger door of a vehicle parked on Park Street in Georgetown last Wednesday morning. Police report \$100 in damage.

Cars demolished

Police say a 17-year-old Glen Williams man allegedly fell asleep at the wheel of a 1982 Honda that was travelling northbound on Delrex Boulevard, before colliding with a parked 1983 Chevrolet, Saturday morning. The teenager's parents took him to the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital where he was treated for minimal injuries. Both vehicles were demolished. Charges of careless driving have been laid in connection with the incident.

Stolen plates

Police laid charges of possessing stolen property after a 39-year-old Acton man was allegedly found in possession of stolen license plates last Thursday at an Acton address. Someone complained to police that they received two parking tickets, but this person doesn't own a car. The person, however, owned license plates until they were stolen. The Acton man appeared in court at a bail hearing last Friday.

Police lay two drug-related charges

Two drug-related charges were laid over the weekend, one of which occurred after an incident at the Acton Fall Fair, Friday night.

An 18-year-old man of no fixed address allegedly sold an illegal substance to an undercover police officer, Halton Regional Police say. Police subsequently laid charges of trafficking a restricted drug. The drug is suspected to be psilocybin, police

say. The man was an employee of Robertson Amusements. He appeared at a bail hearing Monday.

Police also laid charges of possession of a substance suspected to be hashish after finding a 23-year-old Georgetown man in possession of a substance at a Maple Avenue and Trafalgar Road area residence sometime Saturday.

The man is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 23 in connection with the charge.

Halton police investigate two fires

Halton Regional Police, the Burlington Fire Department and the Fire Marshall's Office are appealing for the public's assistance to solve two separate arsons that destroyed five newly constructed homes valued at approximately \$1 million.

The first fire was discovered at 2:48 a.m. on Sept. 2. This fire involved a single family home located on Lot 9, Lantern Lane, Burlington. The home was near completion, with an estimated property value of \$310,000.

The second fire took place on Sept. 4 at 1:06 a.m. Four residential homes under construction on the north end of Deerpark Drive were completely destroyed. Estimated property damage for these homes has been given as \$670,000.

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All of the fires have been determined to be arsons by the Fire Marshall's office. Their investigation indicates the use of an accelerant in the origin of some of the fires.

Investigators are attempting to ascertain whether the fires are linked.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this case or any other case. Callers are not required to reveal their identities or testify in court. The Crime Stoppers toll free number is 1-800-668-5151.

Halton examines taxes

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"I think you're opening one heck of a can of worms," she said. "I think the presentation should be made when you've got the information," on whether taxes would increase or decrease in Oakville.

The Oakville mayor said she wanted "representative equity" not just "economic equity." The elderly in Oakville who are living in older homes would be heavily impacted by Region-wide taxation, she said.

Milton Councillor Brad Clements said he approves the new taxation scheme because Milton paid a 10-per-cent tax increase last year while the Regional increase was only seven per cent.

"How can you explain that to a taxpayer. I think that's impossible," he said. "Therein lies another reason why I want to see this type of (study) go ahead."

Halton Hills town treasurer Ray King attended the two-hour tax session at Wednesday's finance committee meeting, along with several other Halton municipal treasurers.

But Mr. King said until figures are in from the Ministry study - which will be completed jointly with municipal treasurers - he can-

not comment on the impact of Region-wide tax on Halton Hills.

Finance Minister Joe Rinaldo warned that if the tax impact study was not approved soon, Halton could be "on the back burner" for five or six years, waiting for a study.

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said provincial funding for the tax impact study could be cut off to municipalities in the next 18 months. The cost would shift to the local tax base, he said.

"That message was very clear during some discussions between the province and myself some time ago."

Mr. Pomeroy persuaded Regional councillors to approve the tax impact study for more "equitable" system.

"Taxation isn't fair, no matter how you slice it, (but) this is a fairer system than the one that was in place before."

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