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Female faces charges

Halton Regional Police arrested a 22-year-old Acton woman on Friday afternoon and charged her with theft under \$1,000, use of a stolen credit card, six counts and uttering a forged document, six counts. Police say the woman stole her roommates credit card and went to a Milton shopping centre where she used it six times for purchases totalling about \$732. She was released on the fraud charges, which will be addressed in Milton Court on March 18, but sent to the Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre for outstanding committal warrants (unpaid fines) in the amount of \$300. She had the option to either pay the fines or spend 30 days in jail.

Cash stolen

Police say unknown thieves stole \$2,200 in cash from Country Lane, 10th Line, in Georgetown Saturday night after chopping a hole in the wall at the back of the store. Police say the suspects probably used an axe to break through several layers of wood, insulation and panelling to make a hole approximately three feet by three feet in the wall. Police say the suspects knew exactly where to make the hole because it led directly to the room where the money is kept. Once inside, the suspects took \$600 in rolled coin and \$1,600 in paper bills. The room itself isn't alarmed because the door to the room is and the owner didn't think there was any other way to enter that room except through the door.

Because of the precise location of the hole, police suspect the thieves may be past or present employees of the establishment. The store has been broken into several times and on one occasion, unknown suspects came through the front window and opened the door to the back room (where the money is kept) but the alarm was sounded and nothing was stolen. Police are continuing their investigation of the incident.

Major injuries

Three people suffered major injuries after three cars collided on Winston Churchill Boulevard at Steeles Avenue last Saturday. Police say a Mississauga man, driving a 1986 Nissan car, was travelling north on Winston Churchill when he struck a snow drift and lost control of the car. He car struck head-on a 1986 Hyundai sedan which was travelling south on Winston Churchill. Another vehicle, a 1980 Chev, driven by a Mississauga woman, saw the accident but was unable to miss hitting the Nissan car after she lost control of her vehicle due to a snow drift. The driver of the Hyundai along with two passengers in the car received major injuries while other people in the car received minor and minimal injuries. No charges were laid by police. The Hyundai

was totalled, the Nissan severely damaged and the Chev wasn't damaged.

Car stereo stolen

Police say a Georgetown man's car stereo equipment, valued between \$10,000 and \$12,000, was stolen from his 1985 Cadillac overnight Feb. 13. Police say it appears a 'slim jim' was used to pry the door of the car open. Owner of the car, a Georgetown man, is in the stereo business and had his car well equipped. Included among the stolen items were an Alpine car stereo, Alpine compact disc player, equalizer, par-equalizer, divider, amps, crossover units, speakers, tweeters, dynamic horns, a cellular phone, cassettes, compact discs and mounting units and cables. Police are continuing their investigation into the incident.

Sports equipment stolen

A full set of Jack Nicklaus golf clubs and \$500 worth of baseball equipment was stolen from a Georgetown resident's garage between Feb. 1 and Feb. 21, police say. The garage was unlocked when unknown suspects entered and stole the golf clubs and a duffle bag containing numerous baseball bats and gloves.

Property damage

Police are continuing to investigate an incident that took place on Feb. 22 where \$2,400 damage was caused to a person's property on 5th Line near Steeles Avenue when a vehicle drove through their property. Police were able to seize a broken headlight, grill pieces and a GMC logo.

Car vandalized

A vehicle parked on Confederation Street overnight on Feb. 22 was wilfully damaged after unknown culprits smashed eggs on the exterior of the car and ground eggs and potato chips into the car's interior. Police say numerous similar incidents have occurred over the past year.

Car window smashed

Police say a 1985 Dodge Station Wagon was damaged Saturday night. Police were told by the owner of the car that his wife had awoke in the middle of the night after she heard three loud bangs. She looked out the window and saw a black, mid-sized car speed away but assumed the car was back-firing and went back to sleep. The next morning, the family noticed the back window of their station wagon was smashed in. Police are investigating.

Community Forum

Should Mulroney call an election?



John Douglas, Acton: "It wouldn't be smart for him to call one now. He shouldn't because this country is experiencing so much turmoil now, we don't need the added turmoil of an election. He should wait until the Gulf war is over."



Dave Dorsett, Hamilton: "Yes. Get the guy out as quick as possible ... he's just too much of a wimp, not as spear-headed as President Bush. We need a more powerful leader."



Ron Gallagher, Acton: "No, we're too far in debt now to spend another \$40 to \$50 million on an election. I'd like him to go but I can wait until his term is over. We're suffered with him this long, what does another couple of years matter?"

Builder facing scrutiny over building of cottage

By BEN DUMMETT
 the Herald

Georgetown-based builder, Don Ricciuto, built a cottage in the Silver Creek Valley that is in non-conformity with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority setback policies, the Herald has learned.

CVCA Manager of Resources, Marilyn Egar, said Friday, Mr. Ricciuto will be required to move the cottage back from the creek to conform with the 25 foot setback limit, or be faced with the possibility of having to tear down the building.

When contacted Friday, Mr. Ricciuto said he had been in contact with the CVCA and he has "no problem" with moving the cottage back.

Asked why he built the cottage in contravention of the authority's setback regulations, Mr. Ricciuto said he was unaware of there being a problem with the building's location. He explained his cottage replaced another cottage that was built in the same location. Mr. Ricciuto therefore assumed he could build his cottage in the same location.

The cottage has also come under scrutiny by the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

The NEC is investigating why Mr. Ricciuto was not required to obtain development permits before constructing the cottage.

NEC Acting Senior Planner, David Johnston, said Friday the commission has obtained new information indicating that Mr. Ricciuto may have been required to apply for development permits before constructing the cottage.

The NEC exempted Mr. Ricciuto in 1989 from required development permits.

At that time, Mr. Ricciuto informed the NEC his cottage was to be the exact same size of the one it was replacing. On that basis the exemption was granted, said Mr. Johnston.

He explained the commission recently obtained plans of the original cottage that show it had floor size of 700 square feet. The NEC is concerned Mr. Ricciuto's cottage is larger than that size, said Mr. Johnston.

Mr. Ricciuto refused comment on the NEC's concerns saying he had not yet talked with Mr. Johnston.

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