

POLICE BEAT



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Business break-ins

Halton Regional Police suspect two break-ins at Georgetown businesses may be related. Both break-ins occurred Thursday evening at businesses on Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown. At one, unknown suspects smashed through a wooden door and removed a computer monitor, keyboard, and printer worth approximately \$5,000. Police say it appears the culprits may have gotten scared or not had enough room in their vehicle since many items were left at the point of exit. At the other business, suspects tried unsuccessfully to enter a business by smashing a door handle. The door knob was broken off, but a deadbolt kept the door secured. Police are continuing their investigation.

Theft charge

An Acton woman has been charged with theft under \$1,000 after she was caught slipping a \$2.00 package of meat into her purse and leaving the store without paying for it.

Alarm foils thieves

Police say an alarm prevented unknown culprits from gaining entry into a convenience store in Acton. The alarm went off after a door was smashed open causing \$450 damage.

Theft from business

Police say \$1,333 worth of appliances and office machines were stolen from a Georgetown business last Wednesday. Police say the thieves broke in by striking the doorknob with a hard object and removed a stove, refrigerator, microwave, electric typewriter, phone and a fax machine.

School windows smashed

Police report unknown vandals smashed 17 windows with hockey

sticks at Limehouse Public School overnight Friday. Police say no entry was made but damage to the windows is estimated at \$1,300.

Shoplifting charge

An unemployed, disabled Georgetown woman was charged with theft under \$1,000 Saturday after an employee at a Georgetown department store witnessed her taking numerous items from several departments and hiding them in bags. Once she exited the store, she was arrested and will appear in Milton court April 8.

Light-fingered visitor

Police say charges were laid against a visiting U.S.S.R. official after he left the Old Hyde House in Acton Saturday with a wallet hidden in his pocket. Police say the man was in the country representing some businesses in the U.S.S.R. and was taken to the leather store by his Canadian counterpart. The Soviet man purchased a \$1,500 coat but did not pay for a \$17 wallet. When he was detained, he paid for the wallet and charges were dropped.

Fatal car accident

Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle accident that occurred on Guelph Line north of 15 Sideroad in Milton. The accident happened March 5 when a northbound 1991 Lincoln collided with a southbound 1985 Dodge Aries. The driver of the Dodge was transported to Milton Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. The driver of the Lincoln was transported to Georgetown Hospital where he was admitted for a fractured arm and observation. The deceased is Benjamin Jagger of Guelph and the injured is Edwin Williams of Guelph. Investigation into the accident is continuing.

Community Forum

Do students have too many holidays?



Debbie Butler, Georgetown: "No, because students learn as much outside of school as they do in school. Fortunately, I'm able to stay home with my children so I can involve them in activities when they are on holidays."



Christine Otto, Limehouse: "Yes, I feel they should spend more time studying during school hours and spend more of their extra curricular time with their families. With too much leisure time children have an easier time getting into trouble."



Doug Penrice, Georgetown: "Yes they do. Compared to students in Japan and Europe - Canada's competitors in the world market - Canadian students spend 30 per cent less time in school."



Police recover stolen goods

Standing among stolen property worth over \$100,000 are the police officers and crime stopper representative responsible for catching and arresting two Milton young offenders who were found with \$125,000 worth of stolen property. A total of 52 criminal charges were laid against the male YOAs by (left to right) Detective Sergeant Mike Eacrett,

Detective Constable Ian McNally and Detective Constable Clive Hubbard, and one Milton man in connection with the thefts after a person called Crime Stoppers, chaired by Gordon Goodhew (far right) with a tip leading police to the suspects. (Herald photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

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