



A Halton Regional Police officer ducks behind his cruiser while looking for signs of activity at this Prince Charles Drive home in Georgetown Friday. Police blocked the residential area off while Tactical Rescue Unit (TRU) team members urged resident Victor Cunningham out of the house. Mr. Cunningham

surrendered peacefully an hour-and-a-half later and was charged with armed robbery in connection with a robbery at Mac's Milk on Mountainview Road in Georgetown Friday morning where an employee was held up with a knife. (Herald photo)

Police standoff ends peacefully

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT
The Herald

A Georgetown man suspected of robbing a Georgetown convenience store early Friday morning barricaded himself in his Prince Charles Drive home for over an hour Friday afternoon before he peacefully surrendered to Halton Regional Police's Tactical Rescue Unit (TRU).

The TRU team had their guns trained on the 127 Prince Charles Drive home when 30-year-old Victor Steven Cunningham emerged from the house and was arrested by Halton detectives.

He was charged with one count of armed robbery in relation to a robbery which occurred at Mac's Milk at 10 Mountainview Road just after midnight Friday morning.

Detective Sergeant Keith Woudstra said it all began when a man picked up a carton of milk at Mac's, walked over to the counter as if to purchase the milk and

pulled a knife on the night clerk while demanding money.

The clerk turned over \$220 and a carton of cigarettes demanded by the suspect. The suspect then fled the store.

"When we questioned the clerk, he gave us a unique description of the suspect," said Det. Sgt. Woudstra. "Given this description, plus other information we had at the station, we were quite convinced Victor Cunningham was the person responsible." The suspect was described as having brown hair and eyes, a goatee type beard, a moustache and a lazy eye.

Det. Sgt. Woudstra obtained a search warrant to search the Prince Charles Drive home and believing the suspect was away, knocked on the door.

"The suspect and another male came to the door but as soon as they saw who we were, they fled back inside," he said. The other

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Mayor furious with province

"Ignorant." That's the word Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller used during an interview Monday to describe a letter sent to him from the province's Ministry of Environment on the issue of additional water for Glen Williams.

The letter was in response to the Mayor's request that the province push the Glen Williams water project ahead in order that provincial funding be forthcoming sooner rather than later.

This would require a re-evaluation of the \$1.7 million project, an undertaking the province will only do "if additional information concerning the project is made available or conditions

have changed substantially since the original submission," according to the MOE letter.

The province has indicated it will fund the Glen Williams water project only when money becomes available, meaning when the province deems it a high enough priority. The provincial government is slated to fund 60 per cent of the project, with the Region and the Town covering the remaining amount.

All that is necessary is the province's share, said Mayor Miller.

"It was a pretty ignorant letter for a bureaucrat to write," he said angrily.

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Council defers housing statement once again

Halton Hills Council once again buckled under public pressure and deferred voting on the proposed Town Municipal Housing Statement during Monday's council meeting.

Faced with similar public pressure on the same issue two weeks ago, councillors at that time deferred rather than deal with the item.

The Town's Municipal Housing Statement provides statistical projections on future population growth, land requirements for that growth and the percentages of low, medium and high density housing that should be encouraged over the next 20 years.

However, several residents Monday, as was the case two weeks ago, took exception to the projections outlined in the report.

It was after hearing from the residents that council decided to defer the issue until staff had time to determine if any of the public's comments could be incorporated into the report.

Town Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson introduced the deferral motion explaining the report, as it stands, isn't positive enough. Her comments were in reference to the fact the Town currently has a three-year supply of serviced

land for development, and, and Official Plan which designates sufficient land to accommodate growth over the next 10 years.

Coun. Serjeantson requested the deferral so these facts could be included in the statement.

She requested the deferral after Ken Thorn, speaking on behalf of Residents Active in Development Decisions (RAIDD) said the three and 10-year land supply statistics should be included in the housing statement.

Without this information, Mr. Thorne said, "the report indicates we (town) don't have enough land to accommodate future growth, when we do."

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Judge sides with residents in condominium "horror story"

By BENDUMMETT
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Residents living at the Royal Ascot Club condominium on Hall Road in Georgetown will sleep a

little better knowing they survived what is being described as their living "nightmare."

A Toronto judge ruled Friday the 30 people who bought into the

condominium should be refunded the deposit monies plus the money they paid for upgrading their condominiums, and incurred interest.

"No purchaser should be subjected to the horror story which unfolded for these purchasers. What was advertised as a prestigious and intimate new condominium residence . . . with a privileged new way of life in Georgetown, turned into a nightmare for the applicants," according to Justice Blenus Wright's decision.

The judge went on to write "although possession was slated for September 1989, occupancy was not available until February, 1990. What purchasers occupied at that time was literally a construction site."

People should be reminded the Royal Ascot Club is the same condominium where residents were stranded in their apartments earlier this year when the building's sole elevator was vir-

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Death car driver gets 18 months

The Brampton man who pleaded guilty to two counts of dangerous driving involving the death of Trevor Kemp of Ballinad, has been sentenced to 18 months in jail.

Christopher Pettit, 19, was also prohibited from driving for five years by Judge Ron Thomas in Brampton Ontario Court, general division, July 23.

The judge could have given Mr. Pettit the maximum prison sentence for dangerous driving of 14 years but instead sentenced him to 18 months in jail on both counts which are to be served concurrently, said Constable Steve Phillips of the Peel Regional Police Special Accident Bureau.

Mr. Pettit pleaded guilty to two counts of dangerous driving in April after the car he was driving slammed into a tractor trailer last May 25 on Steeles Avenue and Rutherford Road in Brampton.

Trevor Kemp, 20, was a passenger in the car along with 20-year-old Daniel Anaka of Brampton. Both died from injuries sustained in the crash.

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