

POLICE BEAT



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Sign damaged

Halton Regional Police report unknown culprits caused \$3,000 damage to the Georgetown Cinemas sign in the Halton Hills Shopping Centre July 25. Police believe the culprits damaged the sign by throwing rocks at it from a nearby construction site.

Fishing thieves

Police say \$800 worth of fishing equipment was stolen from a Stewarttown man's boat that was parked in the driveway of his home July 29. Unknown culprits stole two downriggers and one fishing pole. Police are still investigating.

House break-in

Police report unknown persons broke into a Glen Crescent home in Georgetown between July 15 and 17 stealing only a Nintendo game and 11 game cartridges. The unknown culprits entered the home by sliding open a front basement window, say police, who are continuing their investigation.

Female assaulted

A Georgetown man has been charged with assault after he allegedly struck his female roommate on the back of the head several times. Police say the 41-year-old man and the roommate became involved in an argument when the victim alleges the accused pushed her to the floor and gave her several blows to the head. The man will appear in Milton Court Aug. 19.

Assault charge

A Weston man has been charged with assault, by police after another Weston man suffered a broken nose and abrasions to the face July 30. Police say the victim and a co-worker left their place of business for a donut shop. After leaving the donut shop, the two talked for a while in the female co-worker's car on Steeles Avenue and moved to the rear seat where they began kissing. Moments later the women's ex-boyfriend opened the rear door and allegedly began punching the victim in the face. The accused will appear in Milton court Aug. 26.

Arson suspected

Police suspect arson was the cause of a minor blaze at an abandoned storage shed on Queen St. in Acton Wednesday night (July 31). Police say the fire started in the loft of the shed and was quickly put out by Halton Hills firefighters. There was little damage. Police say the shed is a well-known hang-out for youths and believe kids playing with matches may have started the blaze.

Careless driving

Police have charged a Georgetown man with careless driving after his car, a 1988 Chevrolet coupe, collided with a 1984 Mercury coupe driven by a Toronto woman on Guelph St., July 30. Police say the woman had stopped her car on Guelph St. intending to turn left when the Georgetown man ran into the back of her car. His car was moderately damaged while her car was demolished. She suffered minor injuries.

Truck demolished

Police say an Erin man's 1989 Ford truck was demolished when he rolled it into a ditch to avoid colliding with another car on 10th Line north of 27 Sideroad July 31. Police say the man was driving south on the 10th Line when he saw another car heading towards him in the middle of the road. He turned to the left to avoid a collision, entered the ditch and rolled over. The other car fled the scene. The Erin man sustained minor injuries. Police are still investigating.

Careless driving

An Etobicoke man was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital July 23 with major injuries after the 1991 Toyota coupe he was driving struck a tree on Adamson St. and Ole Pine Crest Road in Halton Hills. Police say the man was southbound on Adamson when he lost control of the car, struck the east shoulder, rolled over, struck a tree and landed in an upright position. A passenger in the car sustained minimal injuries. The driver's car was demolished and he was charged with careless driving.

Robberies in Halton Hills lowest in Halton Region

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT
The Herald
In sharp contrast to the number

Floodplain charge

Terra Colta resident Maurice Deforest was found guilty of building a garage in the Credit River floodplain at a recent Milton court hearing, confirmed Sue Jorgenson, CVCA Regulations Officer, during an interview with the Herald Friday.

Mr. Deforest was fined \$100 and ordered to remove the garage within 60 days, said Ms. Jorgenson.

Mr. Deforest applied to the CVCA last September to build a garage, in the floodplain. At that time Mr. Deforest was told to obtain a structural assessment study, explained Ms. Jorgenson.

Mr. Deforest went ahead and built the garage without commissioning the assessment, she said.

Ms. Jorgenson said Mr. Deforest explained during the hearing he didn't obtain a structural assessment because he couldn't afford it.

The charge of improperly building in the floodplain carries with a maximum \$1,000 fine. Mr. Deforest was only fined \$100 because the court took into account the expense of commissioning the structural assessment, said Ms. Jorgenson.

She said Mr. Deforest still has a chance to keep the garage. He is currently meeting with the CVCA about doing a structural assessment on the garage, said Ms. Jorgenson. If he completes the study and the garage's construction conforms with the findings, then it will be permitted to remain, said Ms. Jorgenson.

Although he will submit the required information, Mr. Deforest said Monday he can't understand why it is necessary.

"It's not fair," he said. Mr. Deforest explained the new garage is replacing an old one. When the old one was built similar studies weren't required, he said.

According to Mr. Deforest, the CVCA requires the study to ensure a serious flood wouldn't wash away the new garage. "They (the CVCA) is talking about a flood that I've never seen and I've lived her all my life," said Mr. Deforest.



Det. Woudstra

of break, enter and thefts and petty thefts, robberies in Halton Hills seldom occur, Halton Regional Police statistics prove.

In 1991, to date, only one other robbery has occurred besides the dramatic robbery at Mac's Milk on Mountainview Road in Georgetown that occurred just after midnight July 26 said Detective Sergeant Keith Woudstra.

The other robbery took place when a young man, armed with a knife, commanded a vehicle

and coerced \$10 from the driver. "Robbery occurrences are down," said Det. Sgt. Woudstra.

Last year, there were six robberies in Halton Hills - two with a simulated gun and four with some other type of weapon, mostly knives.

In all of Halton this year (up to June 30) there have been 25 robberies, the majority occurring in Burlington and Oakville.

In 1990, there were 71 robberies in all of Halton, up from 48 the year before.

Det. Sgt. Woudstra believes few robberies occur in Halton Hills because "you don't find that type of person here yet."

"These people are associated with the large urban areas," he said. "It's a lot easier for them to disappear into the woodwork in Toronto than it is in Halton Hills."

The speed in which investigators tracked down a suspect for the Mac's Milk robbery proves it's hard to hide in Georgetown.

The day after the armed thief forced a night clerk to hand over \$200, a carton of milk and a carton of cigarettes, police tracked down a suspect to 127 Prince Charles Drive where, after a two-hour stand-off between members of the Halton Regional Police Tactical Rescue Unit team, the suspect emerged peacefully from the house.

Charged with armed robbery is Victor Steven Cunningham.

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