

Double-digit charges laid against would-be bandit

A 50-year-old is charged with attempted murder after a police officer was shot during a high-speed chase following a robbery at the Royal Bank in Georgetown, Oct. 31.

Hermann Beier, 50, of Alliston is charged with 85 criminal charges, including attempted murder, four counts of robbery, 20 counts of use of a firearm during the commission of an indictable offence, four counts of wearing a disguise during the commission of an indictable offence, 16 counts of discharging a firearm, one count of carrying a concealed weapon, one count of failing to remain, one count of dangerous driving, and one count of stolen property.

Guelph OPP Constable Daniel Erskine was shot at during the chase, which involved five police forces, the OPP and the RCMP.

Just before 9 a.m. on Oct. 31, the suspect, driving a dark-colored Lincoln Towne Car, was seen parked awkwardly outside of the Royal Bank at 232A Guelph Street in Georgetown.

When the bank opened at 9 a.m., a man wearing a wig, false mustache and dark sunglasses entered the bank, drew a revolver and demanded money.

After getting the money, the man backed out of the bank and threw in a smoke bomb.

A chase ensued throughout Halton Hills, Caledon, Guelph, Fergus and Bellwood areas.

The suspect evaded police, however, as he had time to rob two more banks in Guelph and Rockwood at 9:53 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The chase ended abruptly in a shower of gunfire, as police forced the car off the road at the intersection of King and McLaughlin Roads in Caledon.



The suspect, identified by police as 50-year-old Hermann Beier, then emerged from the car, firing shots

at police. Beier is under police guard at Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton. Conflicting reports stated the victim was shot four to six times.

Russ Miller will be mayor for another three years after the Nov. 12 election.

Mayor Miller was re-elected with 6,337 votes, compared to his mayoral challenger, Bob Barlow, with 3,943 votes.

Mayor Miller said he wasn't surprised at being re-elected and didn't think it was a difficult election campaign.

However, he said he thought some of the challengers ran a "dirty campaign" and said, "it was terrible what some of the challengers did to the incumbents."

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