

Police warn residents to lock their doors

In light of four recent break and enters into Georgetown homes while the residents were at home—in three cases sleeping—Halton Police are urging residents to take precautions.

The incidents include a break-in on Thompson Dr. sometime during the night of June 27. When the resident awoke at 8 a.m. he found approximately \$1,700 worth of items including a laptop computer, digital cameras, and a cell phone had been taken from the first floor of his home. Cash was also taken. The doors had been left unlocked.

There was another break and enter into a home on Appleby Court late June 26/27 while the residents slept. Entry had been gained through an open window. The screen had been cut. Nothing was taken.

In another incident on Elizabeth St. July 3 someone came into a home and took a guitar while the resident was home watching TV on the main floor.

In the most recent incident about 4:10 a.m. Friday a resident of a Charles St. home interrupted a man who was going through the drawers on the second floor of his home. The man who fled is described as white, and was wearing dark clothes. Entry is be-

lieved to be through the rear window. Nothing was taken.

Take these steps to prevent crimes of opportunity:

- During the evening hours make sure your windows and doors are locked, this includes your patio door and screen.
- Residents who work in their gardens are asked to keep their garage doors locked plus any doors not being used or in sight.
- Store any currency or valuable jewelry in a hidden location
- Family heirlooms should be stored in a safety deposit box
- Ensure that your home doesn't show signs of being unoccupied, such as uncollected newspapers or mail
- Maintain an up-to-date list of all valuable electronics including make, model and serial numbers
- Don't leave any valuables, especially car keys in plain view from the outside of your home.

Additional tips can be found at www.haltonpolice.ca under the Community Policing tab on the home page. Residents without access to the internet can contact their nearest Halton Police station and ask to speak to the Community Support Officer.

Police ask residents to be on the lookout for any suspicious people and or vehicles in their

neighbourhood and call 905 878-5511 if they see any. Call 911 in an emergency, including a crime in progress.

Halton Police have charged a Georgetown man in connection with an incident involving a young girl in the ravine area behind an apartment building on Park Ave. Wednesday.

About 1:45 p.m. police say a nine-year-old girl was playing down by the stream in the area when she was approached by an unknown man who picked her up and threatened to drop her in the stream. The girl, who wasn't injured, told an adult what happened. Police arrested an intoxicated man beside the stream. A 20-year-old Georgetown man is charged with assault. Police did not release his name to protect the identity of the victim.

Police report about 11:15 a.m. Thursday a witness saw a man who was walking down Terry Court take a wallet that had been left on a vehicle by the owner. Police were called and charged a man found a short time later in the Delrex Blvd./Edward St. area. The wallet was recovered. Charged with theft under \$5,000 is Kirk Mitchell, 31, of Georgetown.



Funnel cloud spotted in Georgetown

On Friday, July 9 at 6:47 p.m., Sabrina and Mike Keck were driving home from Acton when on Hwy 7 at the Trafalgar Rd. intersection, Sabrina noticed some very dark clouds over Georgetown. Once in their Ontario St. driveway, Sabrina spotted a funnel cloud forming in a dark cumulus cloud looking east, down Ontario Street, and within seconds it extended all the way down and was disappearing behind trees. She did not see whether it touched the ground. Then it quickly moved to the right and started to dissipate into a thin sliver, then it was gone—it only took seconds to form and disappear. Sabrina luckily had her camera handy, and snapped a couple of shots before it disappeared.

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