

# Rash of Georgetown break-ins prompts warning from police

Halton Police are investigating multiple break and enters into homes in the River Rd. and Maple Ave. area over the past three weeks.

The break-ins occurred between August 1 and August 21 while homeowners were away during both the day and night.

In the incidents the culprit(s) have gone through areas of the homes, but have not always taken anything.

Police encourage residents to make sure their homes are secure and alarm systems are activated. They recommend people take several steps while away on vacation:

- Use automatic timers that turn lights on and off to give your home the appearance of being occupied
- Leave your travel schedule and phone number with a trusted neighbour or relative so that you may be contacted if necessary
- Also provide that neighbour with the phone number of a close relative or friend in case of emergency
- Leave a door key and key to your alarm system (if you have one) with a neighbour
- Let close neighbours know how long you will be gone and provide details about any persons who will be visiting your home during your absence
- Have a neighbour pick up newspapers and mail or discontinue all deliveries
- Arrange to have your lawn mowed or snow shoveled
- If you have a second car, leave it in your driveway or arrange to have a neighbour park their car in your driveway
- Check all windows and doors to make sure they're locked
- Lock your garage
- Check with your insurance agent regarding home checks while your residence is unoccupied. You may not be

covered if your home has not been visited while you are away on vacation

- Consider a house sitter

If anyone sees and unfamiliar or suspicious person around a house call 911 immediately. Also, anyone with information related to the recent break and enters is asked to call Halton Regional Police Service 905-878-5511 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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An Acton man is facing charges after police received a complaint about an erratic driver about 10:05 p.m. Saturday. Police located and stopped the vehicle on Scene St.

Charged with impaired driving and having over 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood is Thomas Niblock, 66.

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Police stopped the driver of a tractor-trailer at Steeles Ave. and Sixth Line after receiving a report about an erratic driver Sunday at 7:30 p.m. The man was found to be in possession of a substance believed to be marijuana.

Charged with impaired driving, having over 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood and possession of a controlled substance is William Noyes, 51, of Milton.

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Two guitars valued at about \$900 were stolen from a River Rd. home during a break and enter between 6:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday. Entry was gained through a rear door. Taken was a red Epiphone guitar in a hard case and a gold B.C. Rich guitar.

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Police report four recent theft from auto occurrences in Georgetown including one on Anderson Court in which a purse was taken between Aug. 12-18, another on Craig Cr. between Aug. 9-18 in which gift cards were taken, and two at a Megan Dr. residence in which a GPS and CDs were taken.

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