

CRIME

3 charged after gas station robbed

Three Chatham residents are facing charges in a bizarre series of events stemming from the robbery of a Shell gas station at Trafalgar Rd. and Steeles Ave. last Friday morning.

At around 6:15 a.m., two masked assailants entered the station kiosk, one carrying a baseball bat and the other a knife, and proceeded to take several items, which included cigarettes and lottery tickets. A customer was also forced to hand over cash during the robbery before the suspects fled the scene.

A few minutes later, according to Halton Regional Police, one of the suspects entered the garage of a nearby home and removed a chainsaw.

The accused stopped to relieve himself in a ditch and was being observed by the homeowner when a black pickup truck with three Acton men aboard stopped to pick up the chainsaw, which had been left at the side of the road.

In the meantime, the homeowner notified police of the chainsaw theft.

After some interaction between the parties beside the roadway, the four men got back into the black pickup truck and drove near the perimeter set up by officers who were investigating the Shell station robbery. The vehicle was stopped by police and one of the suspects in the gas station robbery was arrested and charged.

Then, later that evening, Halton Regional Police received a call from the Cedar Springs Motel

on Hwy. 7 regarding a possible drug overdose.

Officers determined that a male and female in a motel room were under the influence of magic mushrooms. Also found in the room was evidence linking one of the suspects to the Shell gas station earlier that day.

Charged with two counts of robbery, one count of disguise with intent to commit an indictable offence, two counts of fail to comply with probation and one count of possession of a weapon was Joshua Wood, 26 of Chatham.

Also charged is 23-year-old Wesley Hebert of Chatham with two counts of robbery, one count of disguise with intent to commit an indictable offence, three counts of fail to comply with probation and one count of possession of a weapon.

Charged with failing to comply with recognizance is Samantha Lozon, 23, of Chatham.

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A Georgetown man is facing impaired driving charges after a citizen called 911 to report an erratic driver on St. Patrick's Day at about 11:15 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a Ford Escape traveling westbound on Armstrong Ave. and observed the vehicle veering across the centre of the roadway before making a traffic stop. Charged with impaired driving and exceeding the blood alcohol limit is Joshua Stroud, 25, of Georgetown.

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