

Store owner chases – and catches – thief

An Acton store owner chased a suspected thief, and with the help of a witness, held the man until police arrived to make an arrest. The incident began in the Acton Discount Convenience Store on Mill

Street at 8:42 p.m. on Saturday when a male customer fled with a carton of cigarettes, an energy drink and at least one lottery ticket. He ran with the goods, valued at \$100, after his debit card was declined.

“There was a bit of a chase – looks like the convenience store owner probably chased him,” Halton Acting Detective-Sergeant Krystal Kelly read from an occurrence report on Tuesday. “And

then, there was a witness who saw the happenings and went to intervene, or assist,” Kelly said, adding they kept the suspect at the corner of Willow Street and Bower Avenue until police arrived. There

were no injuries. Kelly was not surprised the suspect used his own debit card. “These people aren’t smart – they keep us in business.”

A 27-year-old Georgetown man is charged with

three counts of theft under \$5,000; two of the counts involving Georgetown convenience store thefts in January and February. He was released on a promise to appear in court. More police – see page 4.

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ACTON ACES: Acton businesses and employees did very well, taking three of four awards, at the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement dinner last Wednesday at the Club at North Halton. Bill (left) and Val Manes, owners of Acton Home Hardware received the Business of the Year award, Andrea Clark of Tanners Pub & Grill accepted the Entrepreneur of the Year award, and Nancy LaRose of the Salvation Army Thrift Shop is the Employee of the Year. – Ted Tyler photo

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