## Charges laid after single-vehicle crash in Acton

A Rockwood man is facing several charges following a single-vehicle motor vehicle collision in Acton Friday morning.

At approximately 6:50 a.m., Halton regional police officers responded to the intersection of Highway 7 at Lakeview Avenue on the northwest outskirts of Acton.

While en route, police received further calls from citizens reporting that a male near the collision scene was trying to flag down motorists.

When officers arrived, they found the vehicle abandoned and the driver having fled the scene.

An investigation was conducted and the driver was later identified and arrest-

The accused, Joseph Araujo, 22, of Rockwood, has been held for bail and was charged with the following offences:

. Four counts of driving while disqualified

- . Fail to comply with probation order
- . Fail to remain at a collision
- . Fail to report an accident

. Driving while under suspension

The vehicle, a 2017 grey Chevrolet Cruze, was loaned to the accused and is now subject to a 45-day Vehicle Impoundment Program seizure.

"It's important for all vehicle owners to take the appropriate steps to ensure that they permit only licensed drivers to operate their vehicles," said the arresting officer Const. David Rivers of the 1 District Response Team.

"In this case, that was not done and the owner is now without a car for 45 days and is responsible for the tow and storage costs, which will be considerable. In this case, it's fortunate that no one was hurt or seriously injured."

Police are asking for anyone with information concerning this collision to contact 905 878-5511 ext. 2410 or Crime Stoppers' "See something, Hear something, Say something" program at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), through the web at www.haltoncrimestoppers.ca or by texting "Tip 201" with your message to 274637 (crimes).

# Teen charged following incident with alleged firearm

A 19-year-old male has been arrested and charged in connection with an incident where an alleged firearm was pointed at three 13year-old girls in Geory town.

Just before 5:30 p.m. last Thursday (Oct. 5), Halton police responded to a call for service involving a pointed firearm.

Officers learned thatthree 13-year-old girls were walking along the Credit River in the Maple Avenue and 17 Sideroad area of-Georgetown.

Along the way, the girls encountered a group of males. One of the males was observed to be in possession of what appeared to be a firearm. The firearm was pointed in the girls' direction, causing them to imme-

diately flee the area. No one was injured in the incident.

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call pants, a black T-shirt and a
g a black sweater. He had a tattoo of a teardrop under his
thatleft eye and various otherwere tattoos on both of his
credit hands.

In the early morning hours on Oct. 6, Kenneth Gill of Georgetown was arrested, charged and held for bail.

Gill is facing one count of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Police have not recovered any weapon and believe the firearm involved to be a pellet gun. The investigation is continuing.

Anyone who may have information about this investigation is asked to call-Det. Derek Moyes of the Georgetown Criminal Investigations Bureau at 905-878-5511, ext. 2114. They can also contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), through the web at www.haltoncrimestoppers.com or by texting "TIP 201" with their message to 274637 (CRIMES).

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Paying off your mortgage when you inherit money is something that I see regularly. Unfortunately, I see this often when spouses have separated. I have the unfortunate duty to inform my client when they paid off their mortgage on the matrimonial home they have given ½ this money to their separating spouse with no way to get it back. Under the Family Law Act inheritances received during the marriage are protected and do not have to be shared with your separating spouse. The exception to this rule is if you use the inheritance for the matrimonial home, i.e. paying off the mortgage or renovations. This can be prevented by having a simple marriage contract stating in the event you separate money spent on the matrimonial home from inheritances comes back to the person that inherited.

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