

Local girls get 'Swift' brush with fame

Six local girls got the thrill of a lifetime last Friday when they managed a backstage meeting with country pop star Taylor Swift.

The girls met Swift's mother in the audience during the concert at the Air Canada Centre and after a short chat, Swift's mother decided to give them a special pass for a private meet and greet after the concert.

The girls were invited to the "Club Red"

room where they got to chat with Swift. She signed their t-shirts and posed for this "solo" picture.

"Taylor was so down to earth and friendly," said one of her fans.

From left, are Mackenzie Salisbury, Kristen Arnold, Taylor Swift, Kelsie Tuck, Ryann Yeo, Emmerson Toone and Samantha Dimou.

The girls are still on cloud nine...

Stealth the key in drug busts

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One of the five officers is designated secretary each shift— keeping track of everything that goes down over the night. Afterward, they go over the notes and tie the investigation together.

8 p.m.— Another suspected trafficker who's at the residence gets in his vehicle and drives away. Perron's excited because he doesn't know where this person lives— perhaps tonight he'll find out. Regardless of distance, he's ready to follow. Speeding along streets in a carefully planned-out tail, the team radios each other frequently. Eventually, we're directly behind the target, who turns down a sidestreet and pulls into a driveway.

We have a location.

Perron's particularly pleased because this could lead to more arrests if the team can come up with enough evidence.

We watch the residence from various points for several hours, making note of all vehicles or people who visit.

On this night, it's fairly quiet. It gives Perron a chance to explain the difference between crack and cocaine.

Crack, he says, is a broken down version of cocaine that's highly addictive. While cocaine gives users a similar high, it's not even close to the addictive quality that crack is.

On May 30, Halton Police issue a press release announcing the arrest of two men arrested on drug charges after SST concluded a three-week long investigation into an alleged cocaine trafficker in Acton.

Investigators seized the following items: 1/2 lb. of cocaine, 2.5 lbs of marijuana, 1 gram of crystal methamphetamine, 27 ecstasy tablets, a



Items seized in a recent drug raid on a Morningside Dr. home in Georgetown.

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small quantity of MDMA (Ecstasy), 20 grams of psilocybin, 40 grams of cannabis resin and approximately \$15,000 in Canadian currency.

Perron's team was directly involved in the arrest and the search warrant used to gain evidence.

A week later, police issue another release: 'Pair charged with cocaine possession' and arrest a Georgetown man.

"On June 8, members of the SST concluded a two-week long investigation into an alleged marijuana and cocaine trafficker in Georgetown.

Throughout the investigation, the alleged trafficker was observed meeting numerous individuals in Georgetown for suspected drug transactions."

Another arrest, more charges.

It's tedious detective work, but Perron is passionate about the work and his team— and they're never without a project.

Local pair face drug charges

Halton Police have charged two Georgetown men with drug trafficking after an investigation into an alleged drug trafficker in Georgetown.

Throughout the investigation the alleged trafficker was seen meeting with several people in Georgetown for suspected drug transactions.

On Wednesday (June 12) police saw a man go into the suspected trafficker's Georgetown home and left a short time later carrying a grocery bag.

Police stopped the man's vehicle and found he had 495 grams of cannabis marijuana.

Police conducted a search warrant at a Morningside Dr. residence in Georgetown and seized 512 grams of marijuana, one gram of cocaine, five grams of cannabis resin (hashish) and approximately \$15,000 in cash.

Charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, possession for the purpose of trafficking, and two counts of possession of a controlled substance is Juleus Pushparajah, 20.

Charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking is Brandon Boucher, 18.

Investigation leads to charges

Two men are facing drug charges following a two-week long investigation by Halton Police into an alleged marijuana and cocaine trafficker in Georgetown.

On Saturday (June 8) police observed the alleged trafficker meeting with another suspected trafficker in Brampton. Following the meeting, police conducted a traffic stop arresting a man who was in possession of seven grams of cocaine.

The investigation continued and led to the identification

of the suspected drug trafficker who met with the man in Brampton.

Early Sunday (June 9) police searched a home in Brampton and seized seven grams of cocaine, 10 grams of marijuana, and \$14,000.

Charged with trafficking in a controlled substance and possession for the purpose of trafficking is Rainford Miller, 24, of Brampton.

Charged with possession of a controlled substance is Kyle Hope, 18, of Georgetown.

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