

Brampton man charged with impaired driving

A teenager was charged with impaired driving early Friday morning in Halton Hills following a traffic stop by Halton Regional Police.

Officers were conducting proactive patrols in the area of Nashville North in Norval when they observed three young males in a vehicle exiting the parking lot at around 1:20 a.m.

The suspect vehicle, a Toyota Sienna, entered the roadway at a high rate of speed and was driven erratically, at one point veering into the opposite

lane of traffic, police reported.

The vehicle was pulled over and the investigating officer noted a strong odour of alcohol when speaking with the driver, who showed signs of intoxication.

The suspect said he was unfamiliar with "the dark roads" of Georgetown before failing a roadside screening test.

Charged with impaired driving and exceeding the blood-alcohol limit is William Christopher Reyes, 19.

Pharmacists, police concerned by illicit use of cough medicine

Halton Regional Police Service are warning parents and youth regarding the illicit use of cough medicine containing 'Dextromethorphan.'

The Drug, Gun and Gang Unit has received several calls from local pharmacists and parents regarding this recent trend. Dextromethorphan is the active ingredient in several over the counter cough medicine.

The illicit use of Dextromethorphan causes a high or a so called 'robo-trip.' The effects can be compared to effects of Ketamine or Phencyclidine (PCP).

Dextromethorphan is not listed in the Con-

trolled Drugs and Substances Act and is therefore an over-the-counter medicine. Several pharmacies in Halton have noticed youths coming into to buy cough medicines containing Dextromethorphan, some pharmacists have placed them behind the counter. Although Dextromethorphan is not a controlled substance, the recreationally use and possible overdose could lead to other criminal charges such as; administering a noxious substance or criminal negligence.

The Halton Regional Police Service would urge pharmacies to place all cough medicines containing Dextromethorphan behind the counter.

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