

Halton Regional Police photo

A Halton Regional Police officer investigates one of the scenes following a wild chase Sunday morning in Acton that resulted in the canine unit responding and the subsequent arrest of a 20-year-old from Toronto.

Alleged vehicle, credit card thief tracked down in Acton

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A 20-year-old Toronto man led Halton police on a lengthy chase Sunday morning before being arrested in Acton with the assistance of the canine unit.

Officers responded to a call from an attendant at the Esso gas station at Highway 7 and 22 Sideroad at approximately 5:30 a.m. Sunday indicating that a male had just used a stolen credit card to purchase several hundred dollars in gift cards and had left in a vehicle driving toward Acton.

Police were provided with the licence plate number of the vehicle, which had been reported stolen in Durham Region.

An officer located the suspect vehicle parked in front of the Shell gas station on Queen Street near Acton Boulevard and observed the male suspect in the kiosk. After a brief confrontation, the male fled on foot and police set up a perimeter, awaiting the arrival of the canine unit.

An off-duty Halton officer who had just completed his night shift was on his way home and observed the male in a residential area south of the Shell station. The suspect fled again, running through backyards into a forested area bordered by train tracks.

As police continued to search for the suspect, a homeowner called 911 to report a suspicious male on his rural property who had asked him to call a taxi. Officers converged on this area and again the male fled into a crop field. The male was observed by officers crawling in the low growth and was confronted by the canine unit. He was arrested without incident, however, was found to have had a fixed blade knife concealed in his waistband.

Further investigation revealed that the male had entered several vehicles while on the run from police in a likely attempt to steal one and make his escape.

Police are asking area residents to report if their vehicle had been entered on this date and to contact police if they locate any discarded property in and around their homes.

The suspect was in custody on Monday morning awaiting a bail hearing on a slew of charges, including possession over \$5,000, theft under \$5,000, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, obstruct and breach probation.

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The Town of Halton Hills is undertaking a study into the mature neighbourhoods of Glen Williams. It will examine whether the Town's Zoning By-law is effective at controlling large home rebuilds and maintaining the character of these neighbourhoods.



Thursday June 14 6.30pm (Doors Open) 7.00pm (Presentation) Glen Williams Town Hall, 1 Prince Street, Glen Williams

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