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I have a family law issue and I want to “go straight to court” for relief. Can I do that?

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The answer is “maybe”. Normally, after a family law application is commenced, the first substantive appearance in court (in the Superior Court) is for a Case Conference. Generally, you cannot bring a motion before a case conference. It can take many months to get before a judge for a Case Conference. In order to get before the court for relief before a Case Conference you have to show urgency or emergency. The court has set a relatively high threshold in terms of what is “urgent” or an “emergency”. Although an issue may be very important and pressing, it may not necessarily be truly urgent or an emergency. Even if your matter does not pass the threshold, it may still be possible to get the matter before the court on an expedited basis by scheduling an Early Case Conference. In any event, unless the circumstances dictate otherwise, the court will expect that parties have tried to resolve matter in some manner before coming to court. We do a lot of family/divorce law, with offices in Georgetown, Brampton and Caledon East. For now, we are continuing to do most everything virtually. So we are happy to have an initial brief Zoom meeting or a telephone call with you without charge to you to see if we can assist you. Be safe and healthy.

CRIME

POLICE INVESTIGATING CHURCH BREAK-IN

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Halton Police Facebook photo
Boston Presbyterian Church.

Halton police are investigating after several items were stolen from a Halton Hills church during a recent break-in.

At some point between Saturday, July 9 and Monday, July 11, someone approached Boston Presbyterian Church at 9185 Third Line and pried open the front door, police said.

The intruder reportedly stole a bronze cross, a bronze depiction of the Last Supper, along with silver goblets, flasks and plates.

No suspect description is available.

STOLEN SIGNS

Police are also looking for the person re-

sponsible for stealing items from the Arbour Garden Centre and Nursery in Milton on Sunday, July 10.

At around 4 a.m., a man attended the 6556 Trafalgar Rd. property and stole two decorative signs from the front lot, police said.

The signs are valued at around \$75 each. The suspect is described as wearing a hoodie and baseball cap.

Anyone with information about either of these incidents is asked to contact Halton police at 905-825-4747 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.haltoncrimestoppers.ca.

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