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Women charged in knife-point robbery of local restaurant owner

Two women are facing charges after the owner of Ming's Place Restaurant on Guelph St. was robbed at knife-point early Wednesday.

Halton Police report about 1:40 a.m. two women, one brandishing a knife, entered the restaurant and demanded money from the owner, a 54-year-old Brampton man. Police say one of the women was known to the owner.

The women forced the man into the women's washroom where he received a cut on the hand. They took his money and alcohol from the bar then fled on foot.

Members of the Halton Police Service's Tactical Rescue Unit and canine unit responded and searched the area. A short time later the suspects were found at Brucewood Rd. and Guelph St. attempting to hail a taxi cab.

The restaurant owner was taken to Georgetown Hospital where he received stitches, then was released.

Charged with robbery and uttering death threats are Monica Mitchell, 24, of no fixed address and Anna Rocha, 29, of no fixed address.

Board asking parents to promote tolerance

The Halton District School Board is calling on parents to assist them in making sure there are no racially motivated incidents in its schools.

The board sent a letter to all parents last Friday encouraging them to reinforce the message of acceptance, understanding and respect for one another.

"It's critical as a system to ensure that our schools are safe," said Halton District School Board chair Ethel Gardiner.

"When such horrific world events happen, we don't know how people will react. Sometimes when there's a lack of understanding as to why these things happen there is the possibility of incidents in schools. We are doing everything in our power to keep kids safe."

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Get shorty?

McQueen Maintenance's Darlene Fournier makes sure Cindy Krenosky of the CIBC Chargers isn't getting away from her during Sunday's Georgetown Ladies Flag Football final. CIBC got a touchdown from Jennifer Reynolds as it pulled out a 7-0 victory to claim the championship. See story page 1 Sports and Leisure section.

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