



A stolen van and an unmarked police cruiser rest in the south ditch of Steeles Avenue East, near Ninth Line, Wednesday following an early morning police pursuit that began after a Georgetown variety store was broken into. Photo by Ted Brown

Two charged after break-in, chase

Two Toronto men are facing several criminal charges following a break-in at a Georgetown variety store that ended in a police pursuit on Steeles Ave. early Wednesday.

Halton Police responded to a report of two men breaking into the Main Mart variety store on Main St. S in downtown Georgetown at 3:48 a.m. As the suspects fled the scene in a white van, an officer spotted the van, which failed to stop when the officer activated the cruiser's emergency lights.

The van, which was stolen, traveled into the rural area of south Halton Hills and along Steeles Ave. E., near Ninth Line, where it collided with an unmarked police cruiser, causing both vehicles to land in the south ditch.

The suspects fled the scene on foot but were arrested shortly after with the help of the Halton Police Canine Unit. Two officers and one suspect were treated and released from hospital after suffering minor injuries.

Steeles Avenue was closed for five hours while the collision was investigated by the Regional Traffic Bureau.

Charged with break and enter and commit theft, possession of stolen property over \$5,000, disguise with intent and breach of probation are Herbert S. Porras, 23, of Sandhurst Circle and Kirk Ainsley Ewart, 25, of Blue Eagle Trail. Porras also faces a charge of cause pursuit.

Both men were scheduled for a bail hearing in Milton court yesterday (Thursday).

Open houses planned for residents to discuss rural trash pickup

Halton Hills residents will have the opportunity to ask questions about the possible introduction of rural roadside garbage collection services at two open houses next week.

An open house will be held Tuesday, September 16 at the Civic Centre from 5 to 8:30 p.m., and Wednesday, September 17 at Limehouse Memorial Hall, 12389 Fifth Line, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Regional staff and local councillors will be on hand to answer questions and address concerns.

Rural residents will be receiving a survey in the mail this month asking them if they are interested in receiving garbage collection service from Halton Region. Currently, rural residents dispose of their own trash or contract with a local waste collector.

Earlier this year council voted to start rural garbage collection in the hamlets of Glen Williams, Norval and Stewarttown next year.

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