

Police hunt for man who grabbed girl

Halton Regional Police are searching for a man who grabbed a teenage girl behind the A&P grocery store in Georgetown Sunday evening.

Police report that at 7:15 p.m. Sunday a 15-year-old girl was walking through the alleyway behind the Sinclair Ave. store when a man walking the other way grabbed her arm as she passed by. The man attempted to pull her towards the back of the store, when she screamed, punched the man, broke free and ran home. The alleyway is used as a shortcut to access Raylawn Cr. and is well traveled by pedestrians.

The girl received minor injuries as she struggled with the man.

Police officers and the canine unit searched the area but did not find the man who may have fled to the area of an apartment building at 35 Raylawn Cr. It is unknown if he lives there or if he left in a car.

The man is described as 30 to 35,

6', with an average build, 170 to 180 lbs, with brown hair, a thin goatee, and one ear pierced with a silver hoop.

He was wearing a plain white t-shirt, light blue jeans rolled at the

bottom of the cuff, and a white baseball cap worn backwards.

Anyone with information is asked to call Halton Police at 905-878-5511 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

Town says no to Bower St. stop sign

After reviewing "data that is under-whelming", Halton Hills council agreed with a staff report that a stop sign is not warranted for Bower Ave. at Frederick St. in Acton but the speed limit will be dropped to 40 km/h.

Residents along Bower Ave. concerned by speeders and drivers attempting to bypass congestion on Mill St., asked for the stop sign to slow down drivers.

But a report by the town's traffic co-ordinator Bob Butrym stated that there is not enough traffic traveling the road to warrant the stop sign. He said it would unlikely slow drivers as many would ignore it or

come to full stop. That, he said, creates a false sense of safety for local residents.

A survey of traffic speeds revealed that while only 70 per cent of drivers complied with the current 50 km/h speed limit, this is "low operating speeds and higher speed limit compliance, when compared to other streets of similar road and traffic characteristics." Top speeds of over 72 km/h were recorded.

Acton Councillor Clark Somerville recommended that staff monitor the speed limit and report back within a year.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

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