

Acton man faces charges in Hwy. 7 racing incident

An Acton man is facing charges after a racing incident involving three vehicles on Hwy. 7 Sunday afternoon.

Halton Police report an officer was on patrol at about 4 p.m. on the highway westbound between the Fourth and Fifth Lines east of Acton when he saw three vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed eastbound.

Police say the vehicles were moving in and out of traffic, crossing the solid line and passing other vehicles. At one point the driver of a 1993 Honda drove onto the gravel shoulder of the eastbound lane and tried to pass another vehicle. Police say the Honda was doing 140 to 160 km per hour.

The driver of the Honda lost control of the car, and veered into the east-

bound lane between the two other racing cars.

One of those cars braked hard and skidded to avoid the Honda. Two other vehicles, as well as the police officer, also managed to avoid the Honda, which came to a skidding halt facing northbound in the westbound lane.

The two other vehicles that had been racing with the Honda left the scene.

Charged with dangerous driving and racing is Adrian Schroeder, 18, of Church St., Acton.

Police ask anyone with information on the drivers of the other two cars involved to contact them at 905-878-5511 ext. 2405 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.



Acton area residents Kim Kirk and Larry Melton had a large maple uprooted on their Hwy. 25 property during Wednesday's storm.

Photo courtesy Kim Kirk

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The high winds came in at about 8:30 p.m., bent their trees "like candy canes," and knocked their power out, said Kirk.

Soon after they were startled by the sound of "something breaking" and later discovered their 100-year-old maple tree had been ripped out of their front yard.

Ted Drewlo, Manager of Public Works for the Town of Halton Hills, said Wednesday's storm was not as intense as the last one on July 17, but it did knock four trees down on

area roads.

He said crews were out until 10:30 p.m. after the storm passed through, removing trees from Main St. in Glen Williams, 15 Sideroad west of Sixth Line, Fifth Line between 5 and 10 Sideroads, and Ninth Line north of Wildwood Rd. They spent much of Thursday finishing the clean-up.

Kurt Durski of Halton Hills Hydro said fortunately Wednesday's storm didn't take out any major hydro feeders or cause large-scale power outages.

He said crews were busy, however, dealing with individual power outages at some homes in the rural areas.

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