

Police blotter

Cars entered at commuter lot

Halton Police report approximately \$300 worth of items, including a Sirius headset, cordless razor, and wallet containing identification was taken from a Ford parked at the commuter lot at Trafalgar Rd. and Hwy. 401 at about 9 a.m. Monday.

A passenger window had been smashed to gain entry.

Also at approximately the same time in the lot a Chevrolet Blazer was entered and a \$900 stereo system was stolen. A rear windshield was smashed to gain entry into that vehicle.

A John Deere snow blower valued at \$1,500 was stolen from beside a Five Sideroad home

sometime between last Sunday (Feb. 10) to Wednesday.

Police report a construction trailer parked at Holy Cross Church on Maple Ave. was entered sometime between Friday and Tuesday. The walls and a desk were spray-painted and someone attempted to set fire to some site plans and other documents. Damage is estimated at \$100.

Two cell phones, a Samsung and LG model, valued at \$200 each, were taken from the change room at Halton Hills Gymnastics Club on Armstrong Ave. sometime between 7 and 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Police warn about e-mail fraud scheme

Halton Police are warning area residents about a fraud scheme that has been circulating via e-mail in Oakville recently.

Police are investigating several complaints from Oakville residents regarding the spam e-mail received from an unknown person.

This past month several residents of that community have received random e-mail messages that appear threatening in nature from an unknown sender. Police say the e-mails are an apparent fraud scheme to extort money.

The spam e-mails are not specifically addressed to any one person in particular, and are sent to business and personal e-mail addresses.

In the e-mails the sender alludes he has been hired and paid money as a contract killer to track down the person receiving the e-mail and to kill them.

The sender advises that a "friend" of the recipient has arranged and paid for this contract

killing to take place.

The person sending the e-mail indicates the recipient can have the pertinent information regarding the identity of the client for an amount of money.

Police advise people not to respond to these types of e-mail messages and say thousands of these e-mails are sent out daily around the world with the intent to alarm and defraud citizens who respond out of concern. Many of the solicitations are sent from outside of Canada and in many cases from various countries in Africa, say police.

People are encouraged to report apparent fraud incidents to Phone Busters at 1-888-495-8501 or at www.phonebusters.com or www.recol.ca.

Phone Busters is a joint program between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and OPP that collate fraudulent solicitations received by telephone or e-mail.

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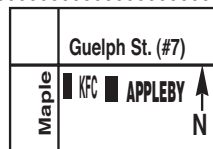
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