

Police blotter

Officers arrest man found in shed

Halton Police have charged a man in connection with a break and enter into a shed on a Tenth Line property.

Police say a friend, who was taking care of the property for the homeowners while they were away, stopped to check on it about 3:20 p.m. Tuesday when he saw a man in a shed.

He contacted police. When police arrived they found the man still in the shed.

Police say the man became confrontational and threatened to harm himself.

Officers were able to negotiate with the man and arrest him.

Police believe the man may have been staying in the shed for some time. A lock had been broken to gain entry.

The man was taken to Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital for an assessment, released, then held for bail.

Charged with two counts of break and enter is Darrin Rosenberger, 43 of no fixed address.

Approximately \$5,000 worth of damage was caused to a 2006 Toyota parked at a Tanners Dr. residence sometime late Sunday or early Monday. The car was scratched extensively.

Several residents on Morris St., Georgetown were evacuated from their homes for a short time Tuesday evening when a youth accidentally struck a gas line, severing it. Union Gas responded to fix the line.

Safeguards in place to prevent credit card abuse—Treasurer

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Town Treasurer Ed DeSousa recently assured Halton Hills council that numerous safeguards are in place to prevent credit card abuses, as the civic leaders renewed a five-year purchasing card contract with the US Bank Canada recently.

In 2007, close to 8,100 transactions, totaling \$1.7 million were billed to the US Bank Purchasing card—about 7 per cent of Town's overall purchases for the year.

Acton Councillor Mike O'Leary asked DeSousa to outline the program, citing the recent publicity over the exorbitant expenses of the Toronto Catholic School Board trustees.

"It is important to keep in mind that these credit cards do not have any cash advances, they're strictly purchasing cards for Town purchases," said DeSousa. "In the 10 years, we've had a few instances of people making a mistake by

using the card by accident. An honest mistake ... pulling the wrong card. But those are quickly caught and the Town is quickly reimbursed."

The Town has issued 150 cards to full-time or part-time staff. Monthly limits are capped at between \$3,000 and \$25,000. They are used for small purchases such as buying office supplies or fuel and vehicle maintenance from local merchants. The cards reduce the use of paper, cost and administrative time for requisitions, purchases and cheques. As a bonus, the Town gets a cash reward for the use of the credit card, which is transferred into the Town's Corporate Miscellaneous Income account.

Each time the card is used, a report is automatically generated said DeSousa. Staff must reconcile their purchases through a web-based software, and attach receipts and receive their manager's approval before being reviewed yet again by the Finance Department. The Town has the ability to suspend or terminate cards at a moment's notice.



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