

Armed with shotgun

Robber escapes dragnet

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A young man armed with a shotgun made good his escape from Campbellville after robbing a Scotiabank teller of an estimated \$5,000 within minutes of the bank opening Friday afternoon.

Halton Regional Police, assisted by several OPP officers and a Peel Regional Police dog failed to nab a suspect who apparently ran through fields in the surrounding rural countryside to the parking lot at the Mohawk Inn Restaurant where it is assumed he took off in a car.

Shortly after 1 p.m. bank teller Martha De-Bie was removing money from the safety deposit box and putting it into tellers desks when she heard the front door open and the suspect came in.

The man who is described as a white male in his early twenties, with curly hair, is approximately 5'8" to 5'9" and weighing between 140 pounds and 150 pounds.

He was wearing a blue parka with fur trim and was masked.

According to police, he threw a bag across the counter to the teller and ordered her to fill it up with cash, while brandishing a shotgun.

The teller put between \$4,000 and \$5,000 cash into the bag and the man left running, south on Main St.

Within four minutes of receiving the bank alarm, Halton Regional Police arrived at the scene and began an immediate search of the area.

Both Mrs. De-Bie and a second office employee were unhurt in the incident.

Additional officers quickly moved into the area and Milton OPP assisted with a search of rural roads, but with no success.

A Peel police dog tracked the suspect through



Halton Regional Police were assisted by OPP officers and Peel Regional Police in their search for a young man wanted in connection with the armed robbery of the Scotia Bank in Campbellville. An estimated \$5,000 was stolen.

several fields to the parking lot of the nearby Mohawk Inn, where police believe the man left in a car.

As of press time, no suspects had been arrested. It is the second armed robbery for the small picturesque village of Campbellville in several months.

A large, undisclosed amount of cash was stolen from Bert Walton, owner of Carlinbeth Fuels Oct. 21.

Mr. Walton was held at gunpoint by a masked robber who also stole a truck belonging to the gasoline station operator.

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Drama in creek

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A wet and shivering 18-year-old Milton youth surrendered to Halton Regional Police without incident Monday morning, after jumping into a shallow area of the Sixteen Mile Creek and threatening to kill himself or any police officer who approached him.

The drama began at approximately 10.40 a.m. when Halton Regional Police Constables Scott Pringle and Ray Hendry spotted a suspect wanted in connection with several outstanding bench warrants at E.C. Drury High School.

When the two officers approached, the youth fled on foot.

A half mile chase ensued through a Derry Rd. townhouse complex, eventually coming to an end in the Sixteen Mile Creek area south of Derry Rd.

More than a half dozen uniformed and plainclothes officers were involved in the pursuit of the youth who was armed with a knife.

According to Halton Regional Police, the youth waded into waist deep icy water and



Halton Regional Police escort 18-year-old youth to Milton District Hospital, after the youth surrendered to police. The youth had threatened to kill himself and police with a knife, when police attempted to arrest him for outstanding bench warrants.

dared police to come and get him, while brandishing a knife and threatening to kill anyone who came close.

The youth, who had thrown off a leather jacket and was attired only in jogging pants and a heavy shirt, ripped open his shirt and pounded the butt of his knife against his chest, threatening to also kill himself.

Thirty minutes later, the youth gave himself

up to police and was lead away handcuffed to a police cruiser. He was taken to Milton District Hospital where he was treated for superficial wounds.

Charged with obstructing police is Bradley Doerr of 235 Bronte St., Milton.

The youth is also charged with assaulting police in connection with an incident ten days ago.

Halton Regional Pol-

ice had attended at the Bronte St. address Sunday, Dec. 5 to arrest a suspect on outstanding bench warrants, and the accused took off.

Although one officer succeeded in nabbing the suspect a short distance away, he escaped after striking Constable Ken Cormier several times on the head with a police flashlight.

Constable Cormier suffered minor injuries.

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