Police arrest a rural break and enter suspect

A 27-year-old man was arrested Tuesday in connection with a break and enter at the Halton County Inn on Sixth Line.

Two rifles, a shotgun, a video cassette recorder, a television and a chain saw were stolen after an apartment at the club was entered between October 2 and 3, said Det. Sgt. Ron Welsh of Halton Regional Police.

An Eramosa Township man was charged with break, enter and theft.

Four generators missing

Thieves made off with about \$20,000 worth of goods after breaking into Racers Edge on Bronte Street overnight October 2. Four Honda generators and clothing such as snowmobile suits

Police Blotter

were taken after the culprits forced open the front door.

Tires and rims stolen

Four tires and rims were stolen from Kilbride Distributing on Martin Street sometime between October 4 and 6.

Thieves kicked in a piece of plywood that covered the entrance to a storage shed, police said.

The loss totalled \$900.

Two women assaulted

 A 56-year-old woman reported to police last Friday that she was choked at her rural Milton home at 8:30 p.m. after an argunent. She fled her home and contacted police. Charged with assault is her 63-year-old husband.

 An Ontario Street woman, 36, told police she was choked and her head was hit on the floor while she was sitting on her balcony Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Police responded to a noise complaint and arrested a 34-year-old man who also lived at the residence. He was charged with assault.

House break-ins

· Electronic equipment, jewelry and cash were snatched by thieves from a No. 14 Sideroad home Saturday between 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The culprits forced open a rear door. The loss totalled \$10,000.

• Thieves grabbed a small amount of cash from a Gowland Crescent home October 1. The culprits pried open a open a window between 2 and 6 p.m.

 About \$12,000 worth of computer and stereo equipment was lost to thieves Saturday in a daytime break-in. The heist occurred between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at a Bell School Line home.

 A No. 30 Sideroad home was the target of thieves October 2. Sometime between 7 p.m. and midnight, the culprits forced open the front door of the house. Stolen was about \$2,000 worth of property, including a computer, a video cassette recorder, cash and liquor.

· Thieves helped themselves through the unlocked door of a Hayward Crescent home Tuesday. Sometime between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., they stole compact discs, liquor, cash and a lamp for a loss of \$600 in property.

Magna looking at a local expansion

By BRAD REAUME

The Champion

Auto parts manufacturer Magna International has taken a step towards construction of a new manufacturing facility in Milton.

Monday night at Town Hall Magna requested a zoning amendment for 50 acres of property they recently purchased on Esquesing Line, formerly Fourth Line, north of Highway 401.

Mike Everard, Magna's director of land development, said his company is simply preparing the property for future develop-

He would not comment on the timing of any construction nor its potential size.

Mr. Everard said the site would be used for manufacturing. At one time there was some speculation Magna would construct a company headquarters on the property.

Anne Bouck, Milton's senior planner, said the site plan indicates a large industrial building with construction taking place in several phases, eventually covering most of the property.

Councillor Rick Day wanted more detail on the scope of any future project but it was not available.

Mayor Gord Krantz said Magna is already the largest single employer in Milton through its operations at Karmax Heavy Stamping.

The initiative is at its early stages. Milton's planning department will present a full technical report later regarding the request for a zoning amendment.

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