

# Furniture store operators in court on fraud charges

*It's alleged customers of the Village Pine Shop left deposits for merchandise they never received*

An ongoing police probe has netted more charges against Guelph Line resident Charles Currie, 43.

He appeared in Ontario Court (provincial division) in Milton Monday morning on nine additional charges of fraud under \$5,000 in connection with Campbellville fur-

niture business the Village Pine Shop.

Also charged Monday were Oriana Currie — Mr. Currie's mother — and Sherri Duff, 35.

Ms Currie, 66, was charged with five counts of fraud under \$5,000, while Ms Duff, who is the girlfriend of Mr. Currie, was charged with four counts of fraud under \$5,000.

The allegations are that customers of the furniture shop left deposits for merchandise they never received.

The most recent charges stem from incidents alleged to have occurred between August last year and this month.

The trio are free on their own recognizance and will return to

court September 18 to set a trial date.

Mr. Currie was charged with eight counts of fraud earlier this year.

Monday was the first time Ms Currie and Ms Duff were charged through this investigation.

The only one of the three to speak at court Monday, Mr. Currie said their lawyer was waiting to get a handle on the charges from the Crown.

"We're waiting on disclosure, so he would be just as in the dark as we are," he told the court.

The investigation, which commenced last October, is continuing, Halton police said.

## Correction


A recent article on the upcoming fundraising Scott Early Foundation Golf Tournament carried an incorrect date.

The tournament won't be held September 8, as was written.

The actual date is September 18.

The Champion regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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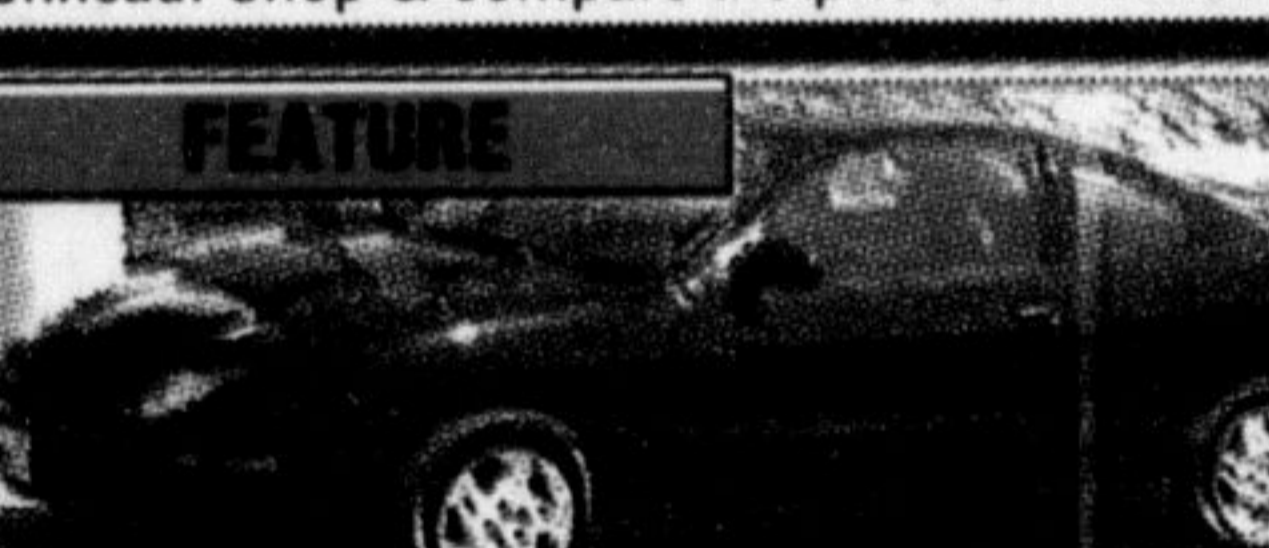

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