Robber threatens variety store clerk with a knife

A Mac's convenience store clerk was robbed for the second time this year early yesterday morning.

Refusing to give his name but willing to talk, the clerk — who suffered no injuries in either incident — said the latest robbery at the Steeles Avenue store occured shortly before 1 a.m. lasted only a few minutes. "He had a big butterfly knife. He came around the counter and demanded the money.

I gave it to him and he left. That's it," the clerk said calmly while back at work around 7:30 a.m.

In addition to an undisclosed amount of cash, the suspect took some cigarettes and fled on foot. He was last seen running southbound on Ontario Street.

Halton Regional Police officers and the canine unit were unable to locate the armed assailant, who had his face covered with a dark hooded jacket during the robbery.

The suspect is described as white, about six feet and 200 pounds. He was wearing a dark sweatshirt and pants.

The first Mac's robbery occurred January 6.

Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to call Halton Regional Police at (905) 825-4777 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Chudleigh says Bill 8 is 'wrong'

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"It puts us further behind the eight-ball."

Halton Tory MPP Ted Chudleigh, who took part in the protest, said Bill 8 — which he stressed isn't connected to the former ruling Progressive Conservative government — is "blatantly wrong."

"The Liberals want to interfere with the due process of negotiations. When a union and management sit

down and negotiate a contract, that is a part of our heritage. They're passing a bill that will throw that out the window. We (the Tory government) did a lot of things that controlled costs, but we never interfered with the due process of negotiations between labour and management."

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