# Chocolate milk stolen in school break-in overnight last Friday

About 450 cartons of chocolate milk were stolen from Chris Hadfield Public School during a break-in overnight last Friday.

Halton Regional Police responded to an alarm and observed three males fleeing the scene. Police dogs were used to

track the suspects, but with no success. The suspects had gained access to the building by forcing open a window.

Three skids of chocolate milk, each containing 150 cartons, were found discarded in a nearby park. Also abandoned were two portable cassette/CD players.

The three suspects are described as white males, about 16 years old. One had dark hair and a three-quarter length white coat, and the other two

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were dressed in black. One of the suspects in black was wearing a black

#### Numerous cars broken into

Police are investigating a slew of cars that were broken into overnight Saturday.

Police said it's expected the same unknown person or group of people are responsible for the vandalism of five vehicles. In all but one incident, the vehicles had their rear or driver's side windows smashed with golf clubs.

In one case a club was left at the scene, while in two others pieces of a club were found next to the smashed

windows. One car had its door pried open and was ransacked, but nothing was taken. Damage ranged from very minor to \$500 worth.

The vehicles damaged were parked on the following roads: Dewar Court, Fitzgerald Crescent, Applewood Crescent, Fox Crescent and Willow Avenue.

#### Man charged in meat heist

Police made an arrest after a security officer discovered a man stealing meat from the Loblaws store on Nipissing Road last Friday.

The incident happened just after 5 p.m. Stolen was more than \$120 worth

A 53-year-old Oakville man has been charged with theft.

# Pre-trial set to start in mortgage fraud case

A pre-trial for a Milton couple facing numerous charges in connection with a series of mortgage frauds will be held Thursday.

The pre-trial — which is a meeting held to hammer out legal issues before trial — will take place at Superior Court of Justice in Newmarket.

Frank Basso and his wife, Catherine,

were charged with a total of 16 and 10 counts respectively of fraud over \$5,000, conspiracy to commit fraud, uttering a forged document, obtaining money by a forged document and obtaining credit by false pretence along with three other non-Milton residents.

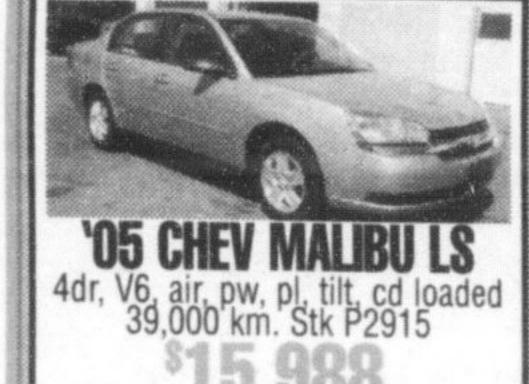
The charges relate to two incidents in 2001 and 2002 in which fraudulent

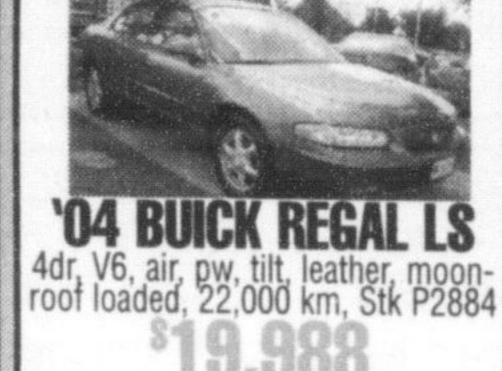
mortgages were arranged on houses unbeknownst to the owners - relatives of the suspects — to obtain money.

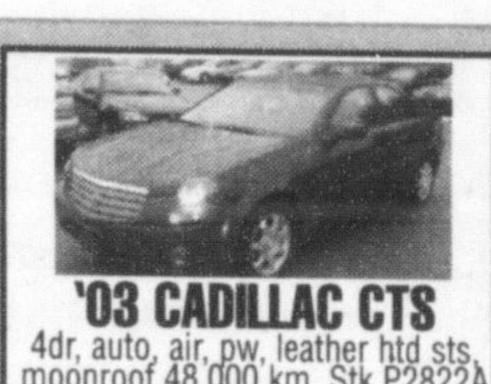
York Regional Police allege \$1.7 million was pocketed by the five suspects during three incidents in Toronto and Vaughan, one in which no charges were laid against the Milton couple.

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