# Victim hit with unknown object

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Thinking she had to get out, the woman tried to get past the intruder to the front door, but he pushed her back, she recalled. He then hit her hard on the head with an unknown object.

"I looked at him and said, 'Don't do this, don't do this," she remembered.

He hit her twice more on the head before running out the side door.

Glancing out the front door, the victim said she noticed a bicycle lying there. Stunned and bleeding, she called 911 and waited for police to arrive. She was taken to hospital, where she received three stitches beside her eye

and five staples to the back of her head

The whole ordeal lasted for what "seemed like an eternity," but probably took six or seven minutes, she said.

Having lived in Milton for almost 30 years, the victim said she'd always felt safe. Until now.

Each night when she goes to bed the fear returns, said the woman, who lives with an adult family member who wasn't home at the time of the break-in.

"Every sound, I wonder what it is. I'm very scared to go to bed."

The victim, along with police, is advising residents to be vigilant and take precautions including locking all

doors even when they're at home or in their backyards. And if they see anything suspicious in their neighbourhoods, they shouldn't hesitate to call police.

The intruder is described as fivefoot-nine, thin, wearing a black jacket with a hood.

Anyone who might have information about the incident is asked to call the Milton police station at (905) 825-4747, ext. 2410 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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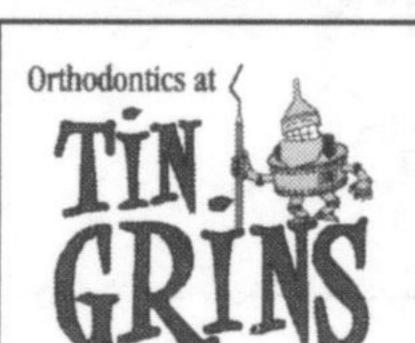
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