

Gun-toting robbers hold up driver

In a bizarre incident, a gun-wielding man and an accomplice robbed a driver who had stopped at the side of the road early Saturday morning.

Police said the victim, a Milton teen, was driving with his girlfriend on Main Street near Pearson Way at about 2 a.m. He felt sick to his stomach and pulled over at the side of the road.

A red vehicle then drove up from behind and two men, with their faces partially covered, approached the victim.

One of them produced a handgun and told the driver and his girlfriend to get out of the car. The driver did as he was told, and the man rifled through his pockets, looking for valuables. He took the victim's cell phone and wallet, police said.

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His girlfriend was non-compliant and fled on foot, returning only after the suspects drove off. They were last seen heading eastbound on Main Street.

The first suspect is a tall, black male who wore a green scarf covering his mouth, police said. The second, also black, was shorter and wore a red bandana.

Anyone with information is asked to call Halton Regional Police's street crime unit at (905) 825-4777, ext. 2416.

Vehicle stolen

A brand new car was swiped from a Steeles Avenue dealership overnight

Monday.

Police said the red, four-door 2007 Toyota Camry was stolen from the service bay area of Milton Toyota.

It's valued at \$35,000.

Less than a week earlier, overnight July 18, the rims of the car were stolen. Police believe it was the same unknown suspects who targeted the car both times.

ATV swiped

An ATV was stolen from a horse farm last week.

Police said the green 2004 Arctic Cat vehicle was taken from a Campbellville Sideroad property by unknown suspects sometime between 11 p.m. July 18 and 6 a.m. July 19.

It was valued at \$3,000.

Local firefighters honoured for their years of service

Three veteran Milton firefighters were recently honoured by the Province for over 75 years of combined service to the community.

Deputy Fire Chief David Krantz, now retired District Chief Ron Townsend and Captain Don Stewart were presented Provincial Long Service medals at a ceremony in Markham in recognition of each having served 25 years with the Milton Fire Department.

Mayor Gord Krantz, a former fire-

fighter himself, joined more than 100 guests for the ceremony that was followed by a dinner honouring the service provided by Ontario firefighters.

Townsend was a part-time firefighter while Krantz and Stewart are currently full-time employees who both started their careers as part-time or volunteer firefighters with the department.

"Our firefighters, part-time and full-time, do what they do because of a strong sense of community and not

because they expect to be recognized for their efforts," said Fire Chief Larry Brassard, noting that it's still gratifying for them to be recognized by the provincial government.

"Dave, Ron and Don make a real contribution to the quality of life we enjoy here in Milton every day."

Townsend announced his retirement from the department shortly before the ceremony.

Charges laid in abduction

Three Burlington residents who allegedly abducted a woman last year and held her against her will at two locations in the Milton area have been charged.

On December 21 at about 8:30 a.m., a 22-year-old woman was walking to work in Hamilton when she was surrounded by a group of males who forced her into a nearby van, which then sped off, Hamilton police said.

Det. David Brady of the Hamilton Police Service said she was transferred to another vehicle and taken to a "Milton-area location" where she was held. He wouldn't specify the exact location.

The woman was held there until December 30, and was then taken to another spot in or near Milton, a residence.

Later that day, she managed to escape from the home and went to a neighbouring house where Halton police were called. They began an investigation, which was then taken over by Hamilton Police Service.

Family members of the victim were arrested Sunday.

"It's an ongoing investigation, and we expect further arrests will be made," Det. Brady said.

The victim's father and brother, Burlington residents aged 53 and 25 respectively, have been charged with abduction and forcible confinement. Her 54-year-old mother, also from Burlington, has been charged with forcible confinement.

The accused parties will appear in court August 28.

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