

Teens charged in robberies

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Police have arrested two teens in connection with a couple of armed robberies Thursday that marked Milton's seventh and eighth of the past month.

Just after 12:30 a.m., a male suspect entered the Rabba Fine Foods at Derry Road and Trudeau Drive, police said. The suspect brandished a handgun and demanded cash from the clerk. After receiving a small amount along with cigarettes, he fled.

The 49-year-old male clerk wasn't injured.

A dark-coloured, four-door sedan was seen speeding away from the area.

Just before midnight the same day, a 20-year-old man

answered a knock at the door of the Main Street home he shares with his family.

Police said he was confronted by two masked men. He tried to close the door on them, but the men forced their way inside.

One man produced a handgun and ordered the victim to be quiet. A scuffle followed, but the victim was quickly subdued, police said. The suspects stole some DVDs, a knapsack and a small amount of cash and fled the house.

The victim wasn't injured.

A canine search of the area was conducted, but the suspects weren't immediately located.

On Friday, a 17-year-old Halton Hills male was arrested in connection with both robberies.

Police recovered a pellet gun as well as clothing allegedly

worn during the robberies.

He was charged with two counts each of robbery, breach of probation, wearing a disguise, possessing weapons and break and enter.

A 15-year-old Milton boy was arrested in connection with the home invasion. He was charged with robbery, break and enter and wearing a disguise.

Det. Sgt. Peter Hodgson said Halton Regional Police have formed a task force to deal with the rash of recent robberies in Milton.

So far, charges have been laid in connection with four of this past month's armed robberies.

"We're confident we're moving in the right direction," he said.

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Suspicious man story made up

Parents are breathing easier now that Halton police have determined two girls were lying when they said a man tried to force them into his trunk last week.

In reality, there never was a suspicious man, said Det. Sgt. Peter Hodgson. "They misled us."

Police had sent out a press release reporting two 10-year-old girls were stopped by a suspicious man last Tuesday afternoon as they walked home from school on Costigan Road near Gorham Way.

The girls said they were told to be quiet and get into the trunk. They said they screamed and ran

to a neighbour's house for help. The girls gave a description of the supposed suspect and his car. The mother of one of the girls called police.

Parents of children at the nearby school were told of the incident and urged to talk with their children about not going with strangers.

He added officers are relieved at the outcome.

"There's obviously relief that there isn't a predator out there. That's our first response. And there's satisfaction (the case) was concluded before a lot of panic spread," he said.

No charges will be laid.

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