

# Charges laid in library fire

Police have charged a local man in connection with a fire that was started outside Milton Public Library April 3.

The incident occurred at about 3:15 p.m. at the Bruce Street facility. Police said a witness observed several youths using the rear service door of the library. One suspect then poured lighter fluid on some garbage bags, which caught fire.

She yelled at the group, which fled, and police and the Milton Fire Department were

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called and the fire extinguished, police said.

The damage was limited to charring on the brick wall of the library and is estimated at about \$100.

Police later charged a 19-year-old Mountainview Drive man with arson and damage to property.

### Vehicle broken into

A van parked on Wheelihan

Way was broken into early Wednesday morning.

Sometime between midnight and 6:30 a.m., a 2003 Astro van was entered by an unknown suspect who smashed the driver's side window to gain access, police said.

Stolen were two red plastic cases carrying a hammer drill and a drill.

The total estimated value of the stolen property is \$1,000.

Police are investigating.

# Thieves target construction truck

Halton Regional Police are investigating a theft from a construction vehicle.

At 2 p.m. March 7, a man stole a power tool from the back of a truck at 500 Laurier Ave. Stolen was a green Hitachi chipping gun valued at \$1,500. The tools' blue/green carrying case was also stolen. The tool is used to break up concrete and is sim-



ilar to a jackhammer.

The thief was seen leaving the area. He's described as white, 25 years old, about five-foot-10 with dark hair and a medium build. He wore a cream-

coloured hooded sweatshirt with a two-inch horizontal stripe at mid-chest.

If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this or any other matter, you may be eligible for a cash reward. You will never have to give your name or testify in court. Call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visit [www.halton-crimestoppers.com](http://www.halton-crimestoppers.com).

# Cocaine bust suspect back in court May 1

A suspect in Halton's largest ever cocaine bust will return to court in Milton May 1.

Brampton resident Avtar Sandhu, 39, was charged with possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking after his truck was pulled over February 4 at James Snow Parkway and Hwy. 401 and more than 200 kg of cocaine was allegedly

discovered inside. The cargo had a street value of up to \$20 million.

The return court date was set April 3 when Sandhu appeared at Ontario Court of Justice in Milton.

Sandhu has been released on bail, with his wife and brother acting as sureties.

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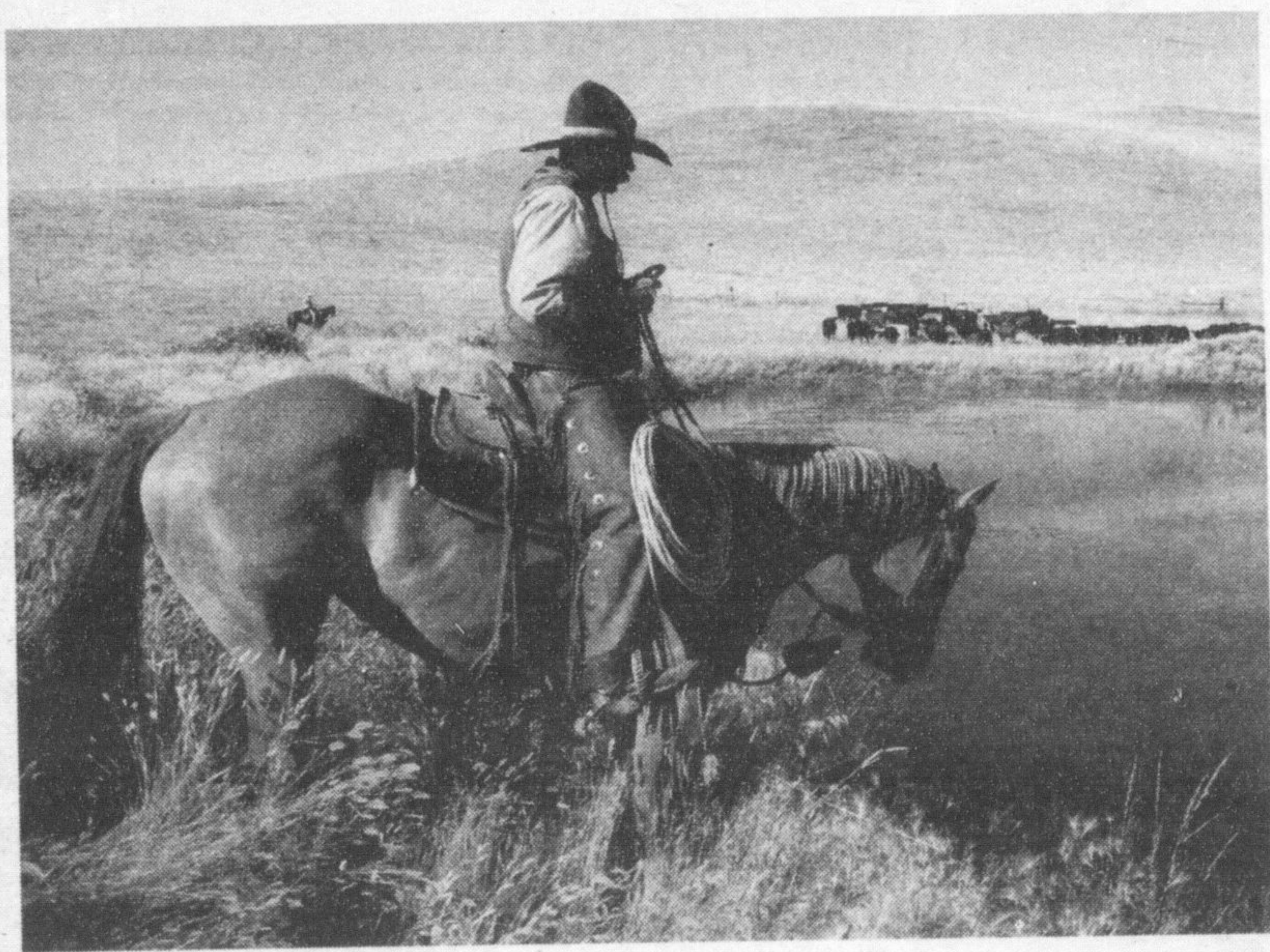
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