

# Rash of vehicles broken into, vandalized

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The customer is described as a black male with a heavy build and about five-foot-11. He was wearing a dark t-shirt, shorts and a dew rag. He was driving a Toyota Corolla with dealer plates.

The gas station was equipped with digital video surveillance, which police are analyzing.

## Teens charged in vehicle break-ins

Three Milton teens were arrested and charged in connection with a rash of vehicle break-ins that took place last Sunday.

Police said that at about 3 a.m., a few suspects were observed breaking into a vehicle on Syer Drive. In total, seven vehicles were broken into in the area of Marcellus Avenue and Syer Drive.

Two 18-year-old males and a 17-year-old male have each been charged with theft under \$5,000 and possession of stolen property.

## Windows damaged

More than a dozen vehicle windows were smashed this week and last by unknown suspects.

Two vehicles parked on Laurier Avenue had their windows smashed or cracked overnight Monday. One car was a 2003 Chrysler, while the other was a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier. The total damage is pegged at \$1,500.

The rear windshields of six vehicles were smashed with what appears to be a pellet gun overnight Tuesday on Porter Way.

Police said residents on the street were awakened at about 4:30 a.m. by the sound of shattering glass. At least one resident saw a white male, about 16 years old, ride away on a mountain bike. He had a skinny build and dark hair. The estimated value of the damage is \$500 to each vehicle.

Four rear windshields were smashed in the area of Morley and Coulson avenues last week, causing \$500 damage to each vehicle.

And the windshield of a van parked on Ontario Street was broken overnight August 1, with damage pegged at \$500.

## Rash of vehicles targeted

Four vehicles were broken into earlier this week.

Overnight Sunday, a 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier parked on Hearst Boulevard was ransacked by unknown suspects who took a wallet, iPod, CDs and two cell phones. The property is valued at \$500.

Overnight Monday, two cars parked at a Meighen Way driveway were broken into, with wallets, cash and cell phones stolen — a total value of \$245.

And Tuesday between midnight and 10:30 a.m., a vehicle parked on Robarts Drive was targeted and a Sirius satellite radio and Nextar satellite navigation system were stolen, along with the antennas and power supply. The stolen items were valued at \$1,000.

## Trailer stolen

A trailer was stolen from the parking lot of Memorial Arena on Thompson Road South overnight August 1.

Police said the landscaping box trailer was stolen from the east side of the arena by unknown suspects. The trailer, which is valued at \$2,500, is described as four feet by eight feet, grey, made of galvanized metal with a wood floor and mesh backing.

## Homemade weapon causes damage

What appeared to be a Molotov cocktail was hurled at a van parked in a driveway on Riverplace Crescent early last Friday morning.

Police said unknown suspects threw a wine bottle at the van, causing a couple of dents in the door. Found with the bottle was a burnt rag dipped in Varsol.

The damage is estimated at a few hundred dollars.

## Suspicious fire

Police were called to a Mill Street home to investigate a suspicious fire last week.

The incident occurred sometime between 8:30 p.m. August 2 and 10:30 a.m. last Friday. Evidence of the fire was discovered a short time later — it was no longer burning — when matches and a plastic bottle containing gas were located. The damage is estimated at \$200.

## Motor stolen

An outboard motor was stolen from the back of a boat stored in a Moffat backyard on No. 20 Sideroad.

Police said unknown suspects unscrewed the motor from the boat sometime between July 24 and July 31. It's described as a Mercury 9.9 four stroke motor and is valued at \$1,800.

The boat wasn't damaged.

## Construction part stolen

A theft took place overnight Tuesday in the area of Main

and Martin Streets.

Police said the control box attached to a rental scissor lift valued at \$1,500 was stolen from a company working in the area.

## Copper stolen

Copper cables were swiped from the Hydro One transformer station on Lower Base Line sometime between last Friday and Tuesday.

Police said unknown suspects cut the fence to gain access and then cut copper cables from breakers as well as taking scrap copper valued at a total of \$300.

## Bus shelter damaged

The glass of a bus shelter was smashed overnight Saturday. The shelter is located at Thompson Road and Childs Drive. Police said the damage is estimated at \$1,000.

## Windows smashed

Windows of a local business were damaged overnight July 31. The incident occurred at Auto Tune on Thompson Road North. Three windows were shot with a pellet or BB gun, causing \$500 in damage, police said.

# Two ballots this fall

In preparation for the province-wide referendum on electoral reform this fall, Elections Ontario has launched a public education campaign to get voters up to speed on the issue.

The initiative, dubbed 'Understanding the Question', is designed to ensure Ontario residents are aware the referendum is taking place and feel adequately informed to make a decision when it comes time to mark their ballots on October 10 — the same day as the provincial election.

Voters will receive two ballots, with one to elect their next MPP and the other being a referendum ballot to choose whether to continue with the current 'first-past-the-post' electoral system or adopt a mixed-member proportional system. The latter refers to a method where residents would have two votes in future elections — one for a local MPP and one for a political party.

The Understanding the Question campaign has several elements, including a website, toll-free information line, advertising campaign and direct mail information program.

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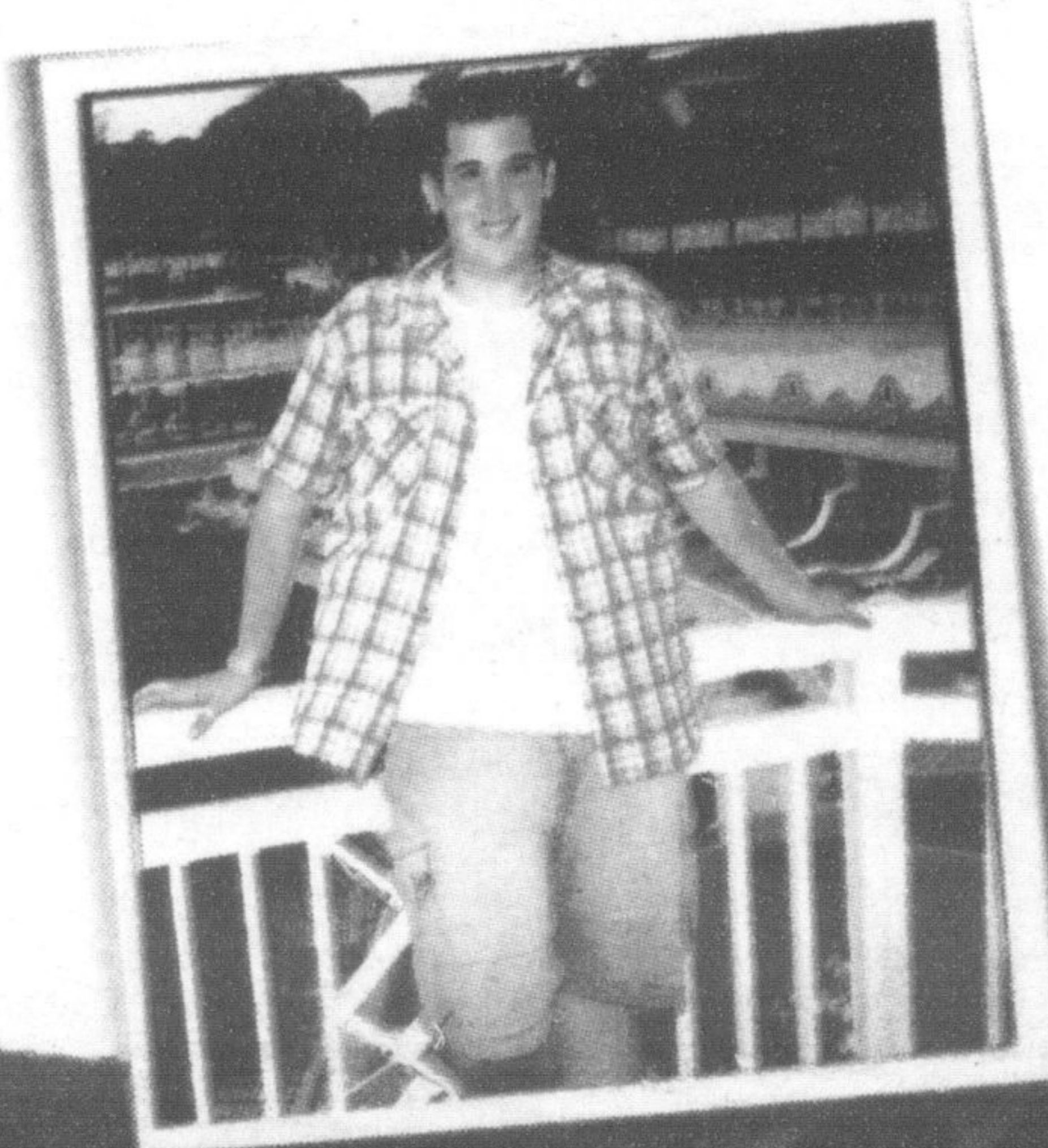
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