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# Another gas station robbed

Yet another local gas station has been robbed — the third in the past two weeks.

This time, a weapon was clearly seen.

Police said that shortly after midnight yesterday, two men entered the Esso gas station on Martin Street.

One of the suspects pointed a silver handgun at the lone attendant and ordered him to open the cash drawer and then to

drop to the ground.

The two men made off with an undisclosed amount of cash and about 24 packs of cigarettes as well as the employee's wallet.

Police said they took off in an unknown direction; it's not known whether they fled on foot or in a vehicle.

The first suspect is described as a black male wearing a black or navy hooded sweatshirt and a black ski mask covering half of

his face. The second suspect is a black male who also wore a hoodie and a mask over half of his face.

On January 19, the Petro Canada gas station at Steeles Avenue and Trafalgar Road in Hornby was robbed, and the Esso station at Trafalgar and Britannia roads was robbed the next day.

A suspect in these incidents was arrested Monday.

# Halton police to continue spot checks

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 imize distractions while driving.”

The increase in traffic fatalities this year is at least somewhat consistent with previous years. From 2006 to 2007, there was almost a 100 per cent increase, with 13 deaths from 12 accidents in 2006 and 24 deaths from 20 accidents in 2007.

Nine of the victims in the 2007 fatalities were killed in

Milton, six were killed in Burlington, two in Oakville and seven in Halton Hills.

An aggravating factor in 12 of the deaths in 2007 was speed, while alcohol played a part in six, Carr said. Seatbelts weren't used in four of the deaths, while in 10 deaths distractions — including cell phones — were a contributing factor.

In light of these new statistics, police will be continuing

spot checks, targeting the main arteries that fuel the 400 series highways, Carr said.

Last year, police restructured the six-officer regional traffic unit, creating district response units with six officers assigned to each district to address speeding and community traffic concerns.

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# Man charged in rural gas station robberies

A Georgetown man has been charged in connection with two gas station robberies that took place recently.

On January 19, the Petro Canada station at Steeles Avenue and Trafalgar Road was robbed by a suspect who indicated he had a weapon and demanded that the clerk hand over money, which

he did. The next day the Esso station at Trafalgar and Britannia roads was robbed.

Nobody was hurt in either incident.

Monday, a 29-year-old man was arrested and charged with two counts each of wearing a disguise with intent to commit a crime and breach of probation.



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