

Taking bite out of crime

Constable and police dog make first arrest in break-and-enter

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Halton Regional Police's newest crime-fighting duo has made its first arrest.

Const. Matt Lawless and his partner, a police dog named Storm, tracked down a break-and-enter-and-theft suspect shortly after a Burlington business was broken into last month.

On February 11, shortly after 11 p.m., Halton police responded to a security alarm at RHI Canada Inc. A search around the outside of the building revealed that someone had scaled the fenced yard and entered the business through one of its doors.

When a search for suspects inside the building turned up nothing the Halton police Dog Services Unit was called in. A hunt by Storm and Lawless located a man hiding in a grassy area some distance from the break-in.

The suspect, a 28-year-old man of no fixed address, is charged with one count of break and enter and theft. Police allege that an undisclosed amount of money found on the suspect was taken during the break-in.

Lawless, 39, said his furry friend and partner, Storm — a 15-month-old German Shepherd — picked up the scent of someone who had recently been in the area of the break-in with the canine cop doggedly following the clue.

"We saw footprints and Storm tracked him using his nose." Lawless noted, adding some experts have esti-

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SNIFFING OUT CRIME: Const. Matt Lawless and Storm, who made their first arrest recently, go through a training exercise.

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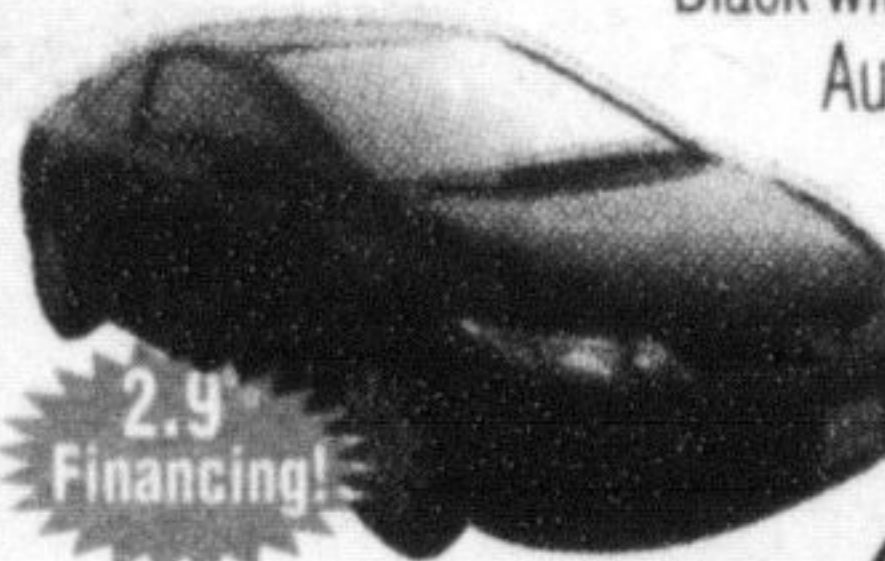


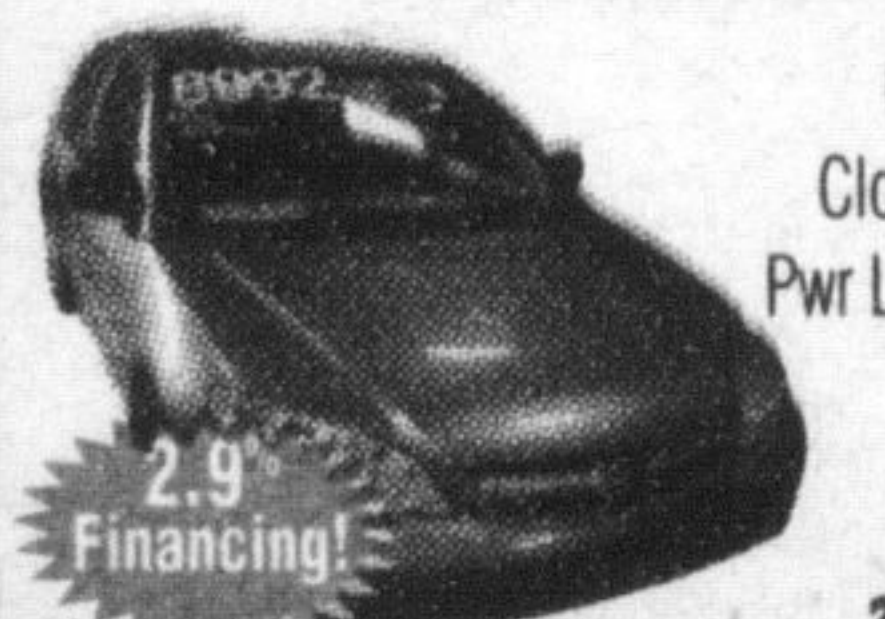





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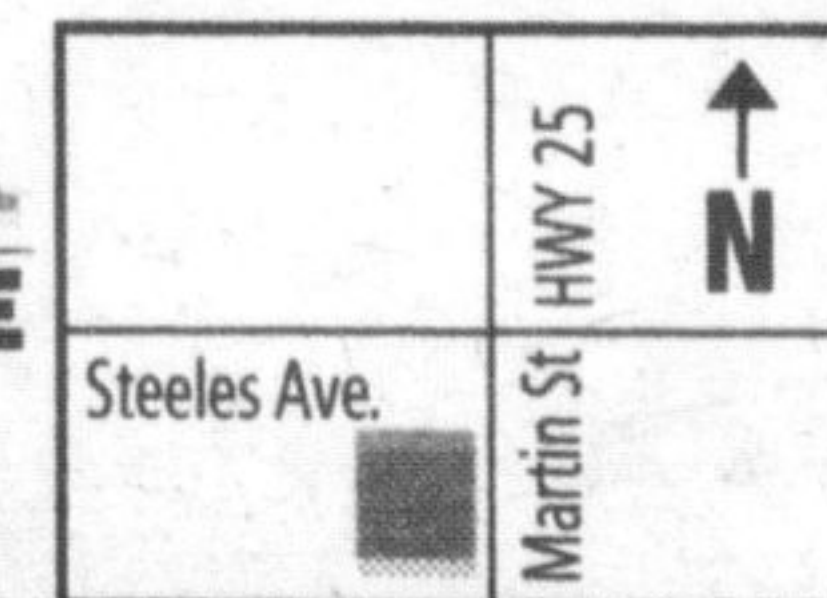
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