

Search for men with handguns unsuccessful

An intensive search was undertaken in rural Milton Friday after Halton Regional Police, for the second time in a week, received a report of two men carrying handguns.

A wide area bordered by Guelph Line, 25 Sideroad, Fourth Line and 30 Sideroad, was cordoned off during the incident. Police also made a door-to-door check.

However, the six-hour search, which included members from the

Police Blotter

force's Tactical Response Unit (TRU) and the canine unit, failed to turn up anyone.

Police responded to a similar complaint two days earlier.

Hayride accident

An Oakville youngster escaped

serious injury during a hayride accident on Highway 25 in Milton on Aug. 20.

Brigitte Goodwin, 10, was participating in a hayride sponsored by the Oakville Parks and Recreation Department when she fell off and was run over by the wagon.

Luckily, she escaped with just a broken wrist.

Break, enter and thefts

The Livery Convenience Store in Campbellville was hit with yet another break-in, sometime overnight Aug. 21. Entry was gained by smashing a sliding glass door. Four cartons of cigarettes were removed.

Thieves hauled away about \$3,500 worth of jewelry, stereo equipment and computer accessories from a residence at 4105 Five Sideroad on August 21. Entry was gained

through a rear basement window.

Wanton vandalism

Vandals caused more than \$3,000 damage to a new plaza under construction at 917 Nipissing Road by throwing rocks through windows. The incidents took place overnight on August 21 and 22.

Theft from autos

There was a rash of car stereo thefts on Aug. 19. Stereos were stolen from: A Z-28 parked at 101 Millside Dr.; a Ford Taurus parked at 211 Ontario St.; a Volkswagen parked at 82 Millside; and a Jeep Comanche parked at 224 Bousfield Cres.

Also reported: Sometime between Aug. 18-20, the front licence plate and a car battery were removed from a Ford Mustang parked at Durante's; a CB radio unit was stolen out of a

tractor trailer cab parked at 7443 Trafalgar Road; the cover was stolen off a 1989 Cavalier parked at 285 Ontario Street.

Police even investigated a theft from a bicycle case. A Meaford resident complained that while taking a look around Rattlesnake Point on Aug. 21 culprits stole a wallet, containing more than \$700, out of a backpack on his bike. He returned to his bike to find two youths speeding away on mountain bikes.

Charity theft

Culprits who broke into the Acorn Tea Room on Martin Street dealt a big blow to charity.

After gaining entry to the eatery sometime overnight last Wednesday through a window, the culprits left with more than \$200 from a coin box for the Canadian Diabetic Association.

Impaired driving

Drinking and driving was at a minimum last week with Halton Regional Police and Milton OPP only charging two motorists with impaired driving.

Labour Day Weekend

Police are encouraging safe and attentive driving during the last holiday weekend of summer.

OPP Sergeant Bob Lyon said the usual heavy volume of traffic, particularly on roadways leading to and from recreation areas, puts a strain on drivers.

"Reaction time is lessened when a person has been behind the wheel for more than an hour," says Lyon, the provincial traffic programs coordinator. "And if a driver is distracted at all, that's another reason to pull off the highway for a break."

Statistics indicate between 11 and 19 people died and more than 500 people were injured in accidents investigated by the OPP during each of the past three Labor Day weekends.

"I encourage motorists to allow sufficient time for their trip and to resist the desire to make up for lost time by passing other vehicles when it is not clearly safe to do so."



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Vandals on the GO in Burlington

Police are looking for the culprits responsible for more than \$25,000 in damage to vehicles parked at automotive dealerships and a GO Transit bus shelter on Fairview Avenue in Burlington.

The businesses are located on the north side of Fairview Avenue between Brant Street and Walkers Line backing onto the railway tracks.

Vehicles parked at Leggat Motors, Newport Leasing, Aro Motors and Fairview Nissan have been damaged by vandals throwing rocks and stones at the cars. The GO Transit bus shelter also suffered \$1,000 damage.

Three male youths were observed throwing rocks at the vehicles parked at the rear of Leggat Motors about 10:20 p.m. on July 28.

Police were notified but the suspects fled the scene. The youths were described as wearing shorts, two had white shirts on and one was wearing an orange shirt.

Property damage is a crime that affects everyone and is one of the highest reported crimes in Canada.

There have been 2,034 incidents of property damage reported in Halton during the seven month period from the beginning of January to the end of July.

If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this or any other case you may be eligible for a cash reward. You need not give your name and your call will be treated with complete anonymity. Please call 1-800-668-5151.

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