

CRIME STOPPERS OF HALTON



Damage estimate was set at \$500,000 after this GMC van was sent through the back entrance to Milton Mall and crashed into two stores.

Hunt is on for mall vandals

Police are looking for the culprits responsible for a costly act of vandalism at Milton Mall.

Sometime overnight on Sunday, Oct. 14, a 1986 white GMC van with the marking, "Bratti Group", was stolen from Laurier Plaza (at the corner of Laurier and Ontario Street) in Milton.

A red tool box with a variety of tools used in the sheet metal business was also in the van and remains missing.

At about 5 a.m., employees working at Milton Mall heard loud crashes which were followed by an alarm. Police and fire vehicles arrived at the scene to discover the devastation wrought by the stolen van as it was sent crashing into the mall.

Investigators discovered the van was set on fire, the accelerator pedal jammed to the floor and the vehicle placed in gear. The vehicle crashed through the eastern entrance glass doors, destroying stores as it traveled 200 feet before coming to rest.

Police are investigating and looking into the possibility that other vehicle thefts in Milton are related. Do you know who is responsible?

Crime Stoppers is appealing for your help in solving these crimes. Callers are not required to give their name or testify in court. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this case or any other case. Call 1-800-668-5151.

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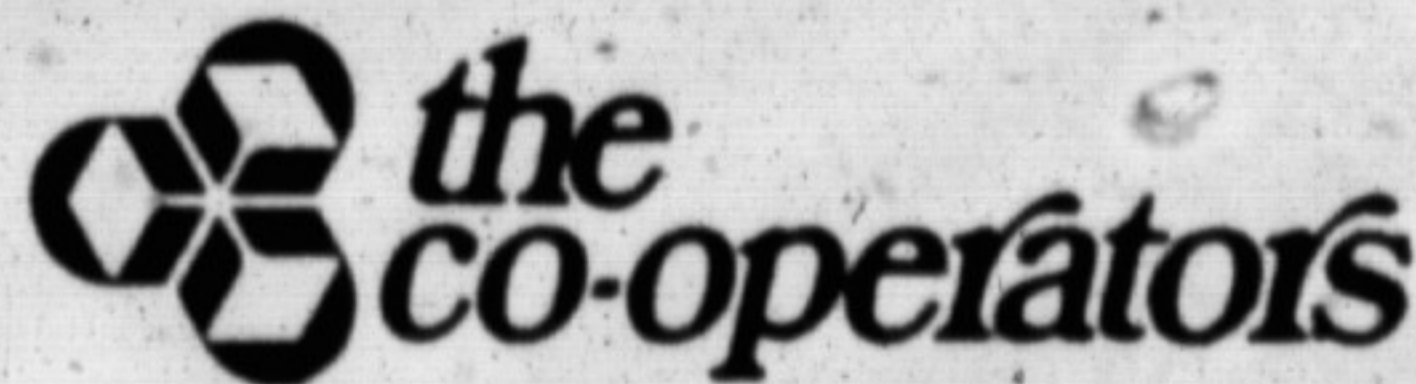
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Machine gun pointed at driver

An incident where a machine gun was allegedly pointed at a motorist and a trigger pulled is being investigated by Halton Region Police.

A 38-year-old Milton man, with his family in his car, was stopped for a red light at Main and Ontario streets early Saturday evening when another vehicle pulled alongside, say police.

"A male party in the suspect vehicle pointed the machine gun out the window and pulled the trigger," said Sgt. Frank Phillips.

The victim pulled into Milton Mall and phoned police.

Dangerous driving charge

Police have laid a dangerous driving charge after a Suzuki Swift GTL, southbound on Fifth Line, went off the road about 9:30 p.m. Friday night and struck a tree.

Police say three of four teenagers in the car managed to walk out while a fourth had to be extricated by Milton Fire Department.

Two of the four required treatment at Milton District Hospital.

The 17-year-old driver has been charged with dangerous driving.

Drunk driving charge

A 53-year-old Milton man faces an impaired driving charge as a result of an accident at Martin Street and Steeles Avenue just before midnight Saturday night.

Police say a 1983 Chev pick-up collided with the traffic light stand, knocking it over. The driver suffered

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only minor injuries.

Workplace accident

A 31-year-old Burlington man was rushed to Milton District Hospital with serious leg injuries on Saturday following an industrial accident at Karmax Heavy Stamping.

Police say Rick Houle was pinned between a piece of machinery and a utility cart.

Egg problem continues

The egg throwing saga continues on many fronts this week.

Police are investigating an incident in which a 17-year-old Milton youth strolling through a Commercial Street park on October 21 was accosted by an adult who accused him of throwing an egg at his car.

When the victim denied involvement, police say he was grabbed and thrown to the ground.

A Childs Drive resident awoke Thursday morning to find obscenities spray painted on his garage door and toilet paper strewn on his property. Police say the resident is a previous victim of egg tossers.

Satok Crescent resident complained that for several nights last week, youths had been burning toilet

paper behind a townhouse complex and throwing eggs.

Logger in a jam

David Church, a 32-year-old Milton logger, is out almost \$5,000 after he left his tool box unattended last Thursday while at work at a site on McNiven Road. Items reported missing include three chainsaws, grapple, axe and gas container.

Crimes & misdemeanours

Two 42-year-old girls were turned over to police after Milton Mall security observed two customers exiting Shoppers Drug Mart without paying for merchandise.

A portable at Sam Sherratt School was broken into sometime over the weekend and a fire extinguisher removed.

On Saturday night, a security guard at E.C. Drury reported a gang of about 15 to 20 youths smashed windows at the power plant. Police say suspects are under investigation.

Culprits, smashed the front door of Mary Brown Fried Chicken on Laurier Avenue about 1:30 a.m. early Thursday morning.

About \$2,000 worth of housewares were taken during a break-in on Woodward Avenue last Thursday. Entry was gained through a rear window.

A 30-year-old hockey player reported his wallet stolen from a dressing room at John Tonelli arena sometime between 10-11 p.m. last Wednesday.

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