

Tractor-trailer crash snarls 401

Traffic on the westbound Highway 401 was backed up for four hours Monday morning following a collision involving three tractor-trailers.

Heavy fog is being blamed for the accident which occurred just west of Guelph Line shortly after 8:30 a.m.

A truck travelling in the right lane swerved into the left shoulder to avoid rear-ending a tractor-trailer which had stopped due to traffic congestion, the Milton OPP said.

A third truck, also travelling in the right lane, couldn't stop in time and hit the tractor-trailer ahead of it. The vehicle then bounced off and collided with the truck sitting in the left shoulder.

No one was injured in the crash which caused damage to all three tractor-trailers and closed the left lane for more than two hours.

Three people hurt

The second accident this week on the westbound 401 left three people with minor injuries yesterday morning.

A Ford Thunderbird was destroyed when it drove onto the south shoulder a kilometre east of Guelph Line and went out of control at about 8:45 a.m.

The car then travelled into the north ditch and rolled over several times, said the OPP.

The Milton Fire Department rescued a 32-year-old woman who was trapped in the passenger seat of the car.

The driver, a 39-year-old man, the trapped passenger, and her nine-year-old daughter, all of Toronto,

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suffered minor injuries. They were taken by ambulance to Milton District Hospital, treated and released.

At press time, charges were pending.

Break-in suspect arrested

A 16-year-old Milton youth has been arrested in connection with a break-in last spring.

A culprit broke into Belvedere Floor and Wall Covering on Main Street East through the attic in May, regional police said.

The owner of the business was in-

side the store at the time of the break-in and confronted the thief who then fled the scene.

Nothing was taken. A 16-year-old boy faces a break and enter charge.

Trailer stolen

A 48-foot flat-bed trailer has been reported stolen from Harrop Drive.

The equipment went missing between August 17 and 21, police said. The 1985 Rousey trailer bears licence plate K17 385.

Hit and run

About \$500 damage was caused to a 1988 Chevrolet Beretta Monday morning in Halton Centennial Manor's north parking lot.

Daring thieves snatch \$20,000 painting

A \$20,000 painting was the target of thieves who broke into a Main Street East art gallery early yesterday morning.

The culprits smashed out the front window of one of three neighbouring art and antique stores owned by Peter Haight shortly after 4:30 a.m., police said.

An original painting by European artist Endre Szasz was stolen from The Gallery, which is connected to the store the thieves entered. The art piece depicts an Indian sorcerer, called a shaman.

Residents above the store heard glass smashing and called police, according to Mr. Haight.

A cruiser arrived "within seconds," he said, but the culprits had fled the scene.

The thieves must have been familiar with the connecting stores' passageways to make their way in and out that quickly, said Mr. Haight.

"It's (the passageways) quite complicated," he explained. "They had to know where they were going."

The suspects are described as male, white and aged between 17 and 18 years. One was wearing a green shirt and a black baseball cap.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Joe Taylor or Detective Constable Kevin McCart at 878-5511, ext. 2416.

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