

Thieves pluck goods from unlocked cars at complex

More than 20 cars, all unlocked, were entered by thieves at a townhouse complex at 551 Commercial St. sometime overnight Sunday.

"All they did was walk around and the unlocked vehicles were entered," said Halton police acting detective sergeant Don Cousens.

The culprits stole loose change and cassette tapes, and in isolated cases, a baseball glove, briefcase, flashlight and case of beer.

The acting detective sergeant said an unlocked vehicle is an easy target — "an open invitation to steal whatever you have inside."

The lots of local conservation areas have been hard-hit areas for car break-ins as well, he said.

Detective Sgt. Cousens reminded motorists to lock their vehicles and put any valuable items in the trunk or out of view.

POLICE BLOTTER

Businesses hit

An undisclosed amount of cigarettes was taken in a smash and grab at the Petro Canada station at North End Nissan on Martin Street at about 3 a.m. Saturday.

The thieves smashed the front window of the station office, grabbed the smokes from behind the counter, and fled the scene.

Meanwhile that same night, culprits broke the glass door of C.A. Truck Service on Guelph Line and entered the business, but nothing appeared to be taken.

Regional police are also investigating a break-in at Rideout Auto Parts on Steeles Avenue overnight Sunday. The thieves smashed in the

front door and took a small amount of cash from the office.

House break-in

A compact disc player has been reported stolen from a Coxe Boulevard home sometime between August 20 and 23.

There was no sign of forced entry at the residence, police said. The disc player was worth \$350.

Rocks knocked off

About \$200 worth of rocks were stolen from a ditch on Second Line West, south of No. 10 Sideroad Sun-

day morning. The grey rocks — equalling about a pick-up truck load — had been placed in the ditch for drainage purposes. They went missing at about 8:25 a.m.

A witness has identified a possible suspect. Police are investigating.

Seize stuff worth \$100 million

Horsemen corral more heroin

Milton's RCMP drug section has seized more than \$100 million worth of heroin in connection with an importation scheme from Thailand to Toronto.

The high-grade Southeast Asian drugs were hidden in picture frames shipped by air in two large crates destined to a Euclid Avenue address in Toronto, RCMP officials say.

The local drug team, assisted by Canada Customs, allowed the heroin-choked frames to enter the country under close surveillance, according to the RCMP.

On August 17, the shipment was transported from Lester B. Pearson Airport to a Scarborough hotel, where it was unpacked. Police seized it during the early

morning hours the next day.

A 24-year-old Toronto man and a 30-year-old Markham man face charges of conspiracy to import heroin, conspiracy to traffic, and importing and possession for the purpose of trafficking. The investigation is continuing.

Earlier this month, the drug section seized \$13 million in heroin, which was found by Revenue Canada customs officers concealed in a container of metal bolts.

The shipment originated in Bangkok, Thailand and was destined from Vancouver to a Dundas Street West address in Toronto. Two Toronto men were charged.

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