

Police Blotter

Cops make arrests in stakeout

Police arrested two suspects and seized \$1,500 worth of stolen property from a vehicle in the Milton Mall parking lot Sunday.

Two Halton Regional Police plainclothes officers blocked the suspects' vehicle as it attempted to back out of a parking spot, Halton Regional Police said.

Recovered in the 2 p.m. arrest were Zellers sportswear and camping gear, which the thieves concealed in their clothing, police said.

An investigation into a rash of thefts from area Zellers stores led detectives to the suspects, said Detective Kim Duncan.

Charged with theft and possession of stolen property are a 20-year-old Mississauga man and a 36-year-old Milton man.

Police officer assaulted

A police officer was kicked in the parking lot of the Milton police station Saturday at 10:15 p.m.

A suspect had just been released from custody for being intoxicated in a public place when he started yelling profanities in the municipal parking lot, police said.

An officer approached the youth and was kicked, said Staff Sgt. Roy Smith. A 17-year-old Acton youth faces charges of assaulting police, causing a disturbance and breach of probation.

Driver arrested

A Sixth Line man heard a strange noise outside his home Sunday and discovered a motorist was driving recklessly on his property.

The 55-year-old victim, who reported that he was almost hit by the motorist, saw a vehicle driving over his lawn.

As police approached, the car was driving out of the victim's corn field. A motive is unknown, police said.

A 45-year-old Mississauga man was arrested and charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

Man hit with pitch fork in backstretch assault

A money dispute in the Mohawk Raceway backstretch heated up and ended

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Sparling says watch out next time when it comes to tax cut

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

Oakville regional Councillor Stephen Sparling said he will insist on better accounting of tax savings for future Halton programs and contracts.

When Halton Region's four municipalities agreed on hiring one company to collect garbage, \$1 million in savings was supposed to be delivered to taxpayers on their local tax bill. It did not happen.

According to Mr. Sparling, chair of Halton's planning and public

works committee, it was agreed by council that the savings would be reflected on this year's tax bill, but the windfall was eaten up by provincial grant reductions and used to help maintain budgets.

"We are offering less service so we should show the corresponding savings," said Mr. Sparling. "It was used to cover shortfalls. The taxpayer didn't get the savings passed on."

Mr. Sparling said he would keep an eye on local and regional council in the future to ensure promises

of this sort are kept.

"Unfortunately this is a done deal with the savings on garbage. It's one of those things that slipped through," he said, promising to be more vigilant. "These issues will come up again in the future and I'll be watching them like a hawk. There have to be real reductions in taxes."

Halton municipalities contracted with Phillip Environmental to make all garbage collections in the region beginning January 1 of this year.



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