

## Investigation involved several police forces and other organizations

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operation with representatives from Toyota Canada, local car dealerships, the Insurance Bureau of Canada and the National Insurance Crime Bureau in the United States.

Auto theft investigators from the Peel, York and Toronto police services also assisted in the case.

The collaborative investigation eventually led to the identification of several suspects alleged to be involved in an organized network of auto thieves from across the GTA.

Halton police estimate the total approximate value of the stolen vehicles related to the charges to be more than \$700,000.

Four Toronto men have been arrested and charged in connection with a series of vehicle thefts that occurred in Oakville, Peel Region and Toronto from December 2013 to March 2014.

Charged are:

Yusuf Omer, 22, with theft of motor vehicle (21 counts), attempt theft of motor vehicle,

possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, possession of break in instruments, breach of an undertaking and fail to appear in court

Yusuf Muse, 21, with attempt theft of motor vehicle, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, possession of break in instruments and breach of probation

Abdulkadir Abilrashid, 21, with possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 (two counts) and breach of probation

Manuel Boadu-Twun, 35, with theft of motor vehicle, attempt theft of motor vehicle, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 and possession of break-in instruments.

The suspects were arrested in March and April and have made appearances in Milton court. On June 30, Omer was arrested and charged with an additional 21 counts of theft of motor vehicle. He appeared by video in Hamilton court for a bail hearing Tuesday.

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