

Police Briefs

A man, who allegedly went berserk last week in Richmond Hill, picked the wrong place to do it. Or, maybe the right place, so far as York Regional Police are concerned.

According to police, a man drove his car across the front driveway of the 28 Division police station on Major Mackenzie Drive in Richmond Hill, about 5 a.m., November 20.

He then crossed the sidewalk in his vehicle and climbed the first six steps of the station front, taking out two railing posts at the same time. With his car well parked, the man went into the station, where we acted in a "violent and irrational" manner, police said.

He was apprehended by police and then taken to York Central Hospital, and later committed to the Whitby psychiatric centre.

Yousef Fadl-Alla, 30 of Corkoway Drive, Thornhill, is being held under the Mental Health Act, and is also charged with dangerous driving.

MORE VIOLENCE

An Aurora man faces a total of seven charges as a result of an early-morning donnybrook at a private residence there.

Police said the altercation took place at the home of Nancy and Robert Guthro, Murray Drive, when a man, who was unlawfully on the premises, threw a glass of beer in the face of Mrs. Guthro when asked to leave.

He then took on two guests in the house, hitting one of them in the eye with a beer glass, and punching another, before finally being removed.

While outside, police said the man started shouting and then swung an axe at the same two men when they came out after him. He also smashed the rear window of a car belonging to Mr. Guthro.

About the same time, two more people in the house reported various sums of money missing.

Charged with assault occasioning bodily harm, two of common assault and two of theft under \$200, plus possession of a dangerous weapon and causing mischief to private property under \$50, is Robert Gerald Chapman, 20, of Temperance Street.

ARMED ROBBERIES

Police reported two armed robberies in the area, one with a gun and the other with a knife. In the first instance, police said that a man, driving a stolen taxi cab, drove into Woodbine

Truck Centre gas station, Woodbine Avenue, Markham, produced a long-barrelled revolver and demanded money.

After getting \$250 from the attendant, he drove off, abandoning his car a short distance away.

The man was described as about 25, 5 feet, 10 inches, medium length brown hair, and neat, brown moustache, wearing a Toronto Blue Jays' cap and blue jacket.

Police will probably be watching a certain rock concert, as a result of the second theft.

Gary Byran, 17, of Alliston, Ontario, told police that, while hitch-hiking from Islington and Steeles Avenue, Toronto, he was picked up by a man and driven to an area, just south of Schomberg on Highway 27.

There, the driver pulled off the road and threatened him with a knife, Byran said. He was then relieved of \$8 cash and three tickets to a rock concert.

The robber was said to be five feet, 10 inches, 33 to 35 years olds, with short, curly hair.

RIM SHOTS

The industrial area was popular with Markham thieves.

Radial tires and rims were the items most sought, with thefts being reported at Don Valley North Toyota, Steeles Avenue, East, \$240 worth; Canadian Paper and Packaging, Telson Road, \$1,500; Consolidated Bathurst Containers Division, McCowan Road, \$2,000.

TRUSTEE TAKEN

A break-in at a house-under-construction at Ravenshoe Road and Weir Sideroad, belonging to York County Board of Education trustee, Keith Hargrave, Keswick, was broken into, and a water tank and water pump, were taken.

AREA THEFTS

Among area break-ins and thefts last week: Sam Scarmozzino, Kleinridge Road, Kleinburg, reported the theft of \$4,419 in items from his home: Joseph Comelle, St. Andres Court, Thornhill, cash, jewelry and liquor, amounting to \$3,135; Tullis Estates Limited, 16th Avenue, Richmond Hill, electric typewriter, \$160 cash and quantity of liquor, for a total loss of \$900; 60 sheets of marine plywood, four feet by eight feet, from house-under-construction on Fairglen Ridge, Woodbridge, valued at \$800.

Majorettes join events

The Richmond Hill Lions Majorettes will combine a garage sale with a Christmas bazaar Friday, November 25, at the Lions Hall on Centre Street East.

Earlier, poor weather forced the cancellation of a planned garage sale. Ina Kennedy told The Liberal, and the Majorettes decided to combine the two events.

Toys, treasure and trivia will be available during the bazaar which runs from 6 to 10 p.m.

For further information, call 884-4185.

Lighting dramatizes photographs

Effective lighting can dramatize and improve even simple photography subjects. This was demonstrated to members of the York Regional Camera Club by Fred Hunt, guest speaker at last week's meeting in Richmond Hill.

Mr. Hunt showed slides illustrating the added depth given a photo with sidelighting, and showed how backlighting a subject can bring out design and pattern in an otherwise dull scene.

Hunt spoke on several types of light meters and suggested setting a meter a step faster than the film speed rating to result in more saturated colours in slides.

The next meeting of the camera club will be Monday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Richmond Hill High School.

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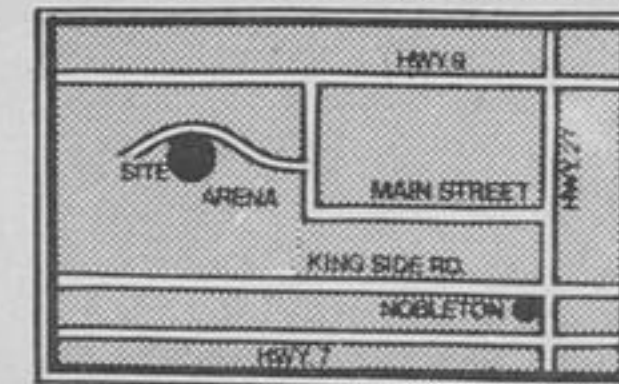
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