

# York Police News

It was drug round-up time in Woodbridge last week, as York Regional Police arrested seven people on assorted drug charges.

The arrests followed the purchase by undercover police of a quantity of hashish oil from a man, November 25, and the subsequent follow-up of other suspected dealers.

As a result, police confiscated narcotics with a total street value of \$18,800, and laid a total of 13 charges.

Facing charges are: Edward Fletcher, 35, and Deborah Fletcher, 20, of Wallace Avenue, Woodbridge; Gordon Fletcher, 24, of Brampton; David Thistle, 22, of Weston; Randy McBride, 22, of Mississauga; Vincenzo Greco, 21, of Willowdale; and Roman Derech, of Mississauga.

The drugs confiscated included marijuana, hashish oil, valium, PCP and LSD.

### VAUGHAN, TOO

In Vaughan, a Downsview man was arrested after police had kept a surveillance of his catering truck operation.

Police said the man was checked at one of his regular stops and found to be in possession of a quantity of marijuana.

Charged with possession of the drug, was Frank Bertucci, 24, of Downsview.

### PRESUMPTUOUS?

Two would-be Lotharios — using diversified techniques — got short shrift in their attempts to shine with the opposite sex, in separate incidents last week.

In the first case, police said that a youth called at the home of a 29-year-old Thornhill woman and asked her for directions in the area.

After receiving them he left, only to return shortly afterward. When the woman opened the door in response to his knock, he politely inquired: "I hope you won't find this presumptuous, but would you kiss me?"

Despite his deference, he was shown the door and the woman called police.

Her caller was described as about 17, 150 pounds, five feet, 10 inches, light, brown hair,

blue or grey eyes, and driving a late model red car, with a black vinyl top.

The other incident took place in Newmarket, where a man with a less gallant approach, was reported to have accosted a 26-year-old woman, who was walking on Simpson Road.

The woman told police the man put his arm around her and said: "Hi, sexy, how about a kiss?"

He was told to "Get lost."

Apparently he did, because police are looking for someone between 18 and 20, 110 pounds, with brown hair.

### HIT AND RUN

Juanito Lin, 31, of Willowdale, told police he was followed in his car, while driving north on Woodbine in Markham, by another motorist, who assaulted him after he came to a stop.

The incident took place about 9:15 a.m., December 2 at Woodbine Truck Centre.

Lin, who received minor injuries to his hands and face, refused medical attention, police said. No reason was given for the assault.

### APPLY NAMED

Thieves seemed to hit the right street when they broke into a home on Jewell Street in Thornhill, taking an unknown amount of jewelry and antique china from the home of Sarah Edwards.

Another Thornhill resident, Louis Freedman, Julia Street, lost \$3,000 in jewelry in a break-in at his home.

In Richmond Hill, jewelry was also the target of thieves who broke into the home of Bruno Stirpe, Oxford Street West.

Taken was \$3,400 in women's jewelry. Two teen-agers are suspected.

### WORKMAN HURT

Michael Tsinos, Don Mills, was treated for back and head injuries at York-Finch Hospital, where he was taken after falling off a ladder, while doing electrical work at a home on Oster Street in Richmond Hill.



The crew from Texas Instruments receive congratulations for their fund raising efforts for York Region's United Way campaign. In a four day blitz, the group pulled in \$2,800, representing almost 40 per cent of the Richmond Hill firm's employees. From left are Lorna Veale; Raj Badhwar; general manager

Carl Sheffer; campaign chairman Rob Hejdeman; United Way campaign worker on loan from Robert B. Somerville Limited, Bob Saunders; Grace Barker; Gladys Link; Irwin McCaw and Pat Miller. Missing are Ann McLennan and Peter Mantrop.

## Firm's contribution was "phenomenal" — United Way rep

Everything's bigger in Texas, so they say.

And at Texas Instruments, the story still holds. The Richmond Hill firm turned in a whopping \$2,800 to York Region's United Way campaign after a whirlwind four-day campaign, just three weeks ago.

The money raised represented participation by almost 40 per cent of the company's employees with an average donation of \$40 per participant.

Bob Saunders, who had

Texas Instruments on his industrial campaign "beat", termed the response "phenomenal".

"It was their first in-house campaign," he said. "The results are certainly worthy of recognition."

Texas Instruments, a subsidiary of a Dallas, Texas, based company, comes by its generosity quite honestly. The Texas corporate headquarters pulled in \$1.1 million this year through employee contributions for its

united fund.

Of the four divisions in the Richmond Hill operation, all four gave enthusiastically, according to the company's general manager, Carl Sheffer, despite the fact that they were ap-

proached late in the campaign.

"And a lot of the employees had already given at home," he pointed out. "Next year everyone will know this campaign is coming and I expect we'll do even better."

## Charge against YRP "confuses" Crawford

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If allegations against the police can be substantiated, Mr. MacBeth or his representative should be present to hear the evidence and decide whether further action is necessary, Mr. Stong said.

And if the charges are without foundation, "let's lay it to rest and exonerate the police and let them get on with their work," he said.

"I think the meeting is going to determine what exactly is being talked about, and what is meant by the word 'misconduct,'" Mr. Stong said.

Chief Crawford said he was "confused" when he heard of the lawyers' concern.

"Frankly, I don't know what they're talking about," he said.

"I would welcome and encourage any inquiry anyone wants to have into misconduct, and I would co-operate 100 per cent," the chief told The Banner.

He said he thinks the lawyers are referring to "brutality" when they mention "misconduct," but he is concerned about the inferences the public can draw from the vague allegations.

"It has not even been determined that there is a problem, and the purpose of the meeting was to ascertain if there is a problem," the release stated. "It also had not been determined what, if anything, would be done about any problem."

The proposed meeting was made public "possibly due to a misunderstanding by a recipient of the notice," Mr. Evans wrote.

In an interview, Mr. Evans said the topic of police "misconduct" had not been discussed at past law association meetings, and that he himself is unaware of any incidents of "police misconduct and brutality." Mr. Evans is not involved in criminal law, he stressed.

Mr. Stong said the letter he received as a law association member made no mention of the subject being confidential.

"I treated it as that (confidential) at first, but then when I discovered lawyers in Toronto talking about it, and when I found out so many people were expressing interest in attending the meeting, that's when I decided to ask the Solicitor-General to attend as well," Mr. Stong said.

## Danson, city considering Langstaff farm swap

"The incidence of police being charged with brutality and assaults is minimal over the last three years," Chief Crawford said.

In 1975, citizens who had been charged laid three separate counter charges of assault against police. All the counter-charges were dismissed in court, the chief said.

In 1976, a citizen filed another counter-charge against police, and after some time withdrew it, Chief Crawford said. The police then charged the man with public mischief for laying the "frivolous" charge, the chief said, and the man pleaded guilty and was given a substantial fine.

In October 1977, a Newmarket man charged with a break-in filed an assault charge against an officer for allegedly kicking him in the shins. And as a result of Aurora's Halloween night fracas, an Aurora suspect has filed charges against three policemen. The 1977 cases remain before the courts.

Chief Crawford said a regional police officer never has been convicted of assault on a citizen in the line of duty.

In a prepared statement approved at a Friday night meeting, the police commission said it "wishes to reaffirm its confidence in the members of the force and to indicate that no cases of misconduct have been brought to the (commission's) attention which have not been dealt with in an acceptable manner."

The commission says it would welcome any inquiry "into such matters which may be necessary or advisable."

Commissioner Ray Twinney said his colleagues were "dumbfounded" at the lawyers' charges.

He said he also was annoyed to read in a Toronto paper that Chief Crawford reportedly said: "I might even consider launching an inquiry myself into the conduct of certain solicitors."

"I don't think the chief of police has any right whatsoever to say he's going to investigate some lawyers," Mr. Twinney said. "As far as I'm concerned, he tars all solicitors with the same brush."

Mr. Twinney said he opposes the chief's tendency to "attack somebody" when forced to defend himself or his force against criticism.

Through the years, the Langstaff Jail Farm has been suggested for a variety of uses, including the site for a domed stadium.

But the latest suggestion seems to be provoking serious discussion between the Minister of National Defence, Barney Danson and the City of Toronto.

According to Richmond Hill Mayor David Schiller, the minister is considering the possibility of turning part of the 600-acre site north of Highway 7 into an athletic training facility both for military and regular use. The farm runs between Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue.

The land, although located in Richmond Hill, belongs to the City of Toronto. But the city would like to acquire some land in the Downsview area where the defence ministry has a training base.

Mayor Schiller said that in his talks with Mr. Danson about six weeks ago, he got the impression that he was interested in "some kind of a swap".

This proposal would not interfere with Richmond Hill's desire to have the farm included in the parkway belt, a request which has not been granted to date, the mayor explained.

If you take a look at the parkway belt regulations, I think this kind of facility would fit in," he said.

The jail farm, which has not been in active use for the past 20 or 25 years, is now being farmed and contains "extremely good agricultural land", he added.

## Youth stabbed, still 'critical'

A Willowdale youth was still listed as "critical" in Toronto Sick Children's Hospital Monday afternoon, where he was taken Friday night after being stabbed in the heart.

York Regional Police said William Mitchell Hughes, 15, was injured by a man he and his friend Allan Barker, 16, also of Willowdale, had been riding with, on Dufferin Street near Langstaff Road in Vaughan.

According to police, the two youths had met the driver and another man in a Metro pool hall and had allegedly driven out of the city to negotiate a drug deal.

After stopping in a laneway on Dufferin Street, the driver is said to have asked Hughes for some money, and when he was slow in responding, he was stabbed, police said.

A second man bound the wrists of the two youths and they were ejected from the car shortly after.

Barker then ran to a nearby house for help, police said.

The driver of the car is said to be about 19, with

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