

York Regional Police News Briefs

BREAK, ENTER & THEFT CHARGES

On February 19 at 2 p.m. a man was seen leaving through the back door of Herbert Gerrard's home on Brook Street in Thornhill. He was arrested shortly afterwards on Yonge Street and taken to 28 Division.

During an investigation he admitted breaking into the following residences between December 1978 and February 19, 1979: 1) Mario Masucci, Clarke Avenue, 2) Martin Essig, Clarke Avenue, 3) Leon Woodward, Johnson Street, 4) William Ruse, Johnson Street, 5) Betty Gossier, Johnson Street, 6) Roy Jolicoeur, Bayview Fairways Drive, 7) Giovanni Lombardo, Vanwood Road, 8) Richard Long, Hampton Way, 9) Ross Brown, Brook Street.

Total value of the stolen property is \$10,000 and nothing was taken from the Woodward residence.

Charged with nine counts of break, enter and theft, break, enter with intent and possession of goods over \$200 is Gary Sheldon Fotheringham, 29, of Eglinton Avenue East in Toronto.

The same day a search warrant was carried out at the man's home and a quantity of stolen property was recovered. A further investigation resulted in another 11 charges of break, enter and theft for Mr. Fotheringham. The following Thornhill home owners were victimized:

Rose Tanenbaum, Old English Lane; Jack Hoffman, Simonston Boulevard; Hazel Pacitto, Morgan Avenue; Stephen Rappaport, Tamarack Drive; Jack Heffeli, Norrisway; Albert Bergson, Willowbrook Road; John McConnell, Jondan Crescent; Vanda Palter, Grandview Avenue; Lucille Hazel, Apple Orchard Path; Sandra Ross, Royal Orchard Boulevard and Theodore Calder also of Royal Orchard Boulevard.

The same suspect has also been charged with an additional 16 counts of break, enter and theft and break and enter with intent in connection with offenses allegedly committed in Scarborough.

He was to have appeared at a show cause hearing last week.

GROSS INDECENCY CHARGE

On February 20 at 11 a.m. a Richmond Hill man was arrested at his home on an outstanding Canada-wide warrant held by Winnipeg Police for gross indecency.

Taken to 28 Division and later released on his agreement to attend Winnipeg Court yesterday was Allan Frederick Spraggett, 46 of Longhill Drive.

KEEP DOORS LOCKED, IF YOU CAN'T DRIVE

At about 6 p.m. on January 12, Darell Driscoll of MacDonald Drive in Aurora and another man were both travelling northbound on Yonge Street in Richmond Hill when Mr. Driscoll cut the other driver off. While stopped at a red light, the other driver pulled Mr. Driscoll from his vehicle and punched him in the face — giving him a fractured jaw and a deep cut to the left eyelid.

Arrested on February 21 and charged with

assault causing bodily harm was Greig Stuart Timmarsh, 20, of Harper Way in Thornhill. He was released for a court appearance on March 12.

FATAL INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT

On February 25 at 10 a.m. while Antonio Falcone, 39, of Symington Avenue in Toronto, was cleaning a laminating machine at Topper Artistic in Concord, the press was started. His head was forced into the base of the press and Mr. Falcone was decapitated. He was pronounced dead at the scene at 11:15 a.m. and a post mortem was held on February 26.

STRANGE PLANT PHOBIA

At 12:30 a.m. on February 24, two youths were at the J. Valente and Son Limited greenhouses on Crosby Avenue in Richmond Hill. They smashed 140 south-side windows with their fists.

Both boys received cuts to their wrists and were treated at York Central Hospital. As a result, police arrested Harry John Lantuiti, 16, of Alsace Road and Brian McNamara, 16, of Ocean Side Drive for mischief to private property. They were both released for a Richmond Hill Court appearance on March 5.

PARROT PINCHED

A scarlet macaw worth \$2,000 was found missing from its cage at Toronto Aquarium in Hillcrest Mall on February 19 between 5 and 5:30 p.m. A police investigation showed the bird was likely stolen.

BUSY UNIONVILLE YOUTH

On February 22 at 11 p.m. Penguin Petroleum Products on Kennedy Road in Unionville was entered by forcing open a small sliding window. One of three assailants took the keys to the premises and opened the door. Two of the youths entered while one acted as a lookout. Stolen was a cash drawer containing a quantity of change. All three then fled.

On February 23 at 2 a.m. the same three suspects were stopped for a routine check on Wooten Way in Markham. At that time a search of a vehicle revealed a pair of bolt cutters, plastic surgical gloves and a screw driver.

Arrested for break, enter, and theft, possession of burglar tools and conspiracy to commit a break and enter was Michael Stacey, 16, of Fred Varley Drive in Thornhill and two 15-year-old juveniles.

Stacey was released for a court appearance on March 5, the juveniles were turned over to their parents, court dates pending.

As a result of a search warrant carried out on Michael Stacey's home on February 23, he was arrested and taken to 28 Division for alleged thefts from four places.

It was learned that two suspects entered the Unionville Centennial Library on Kennedy Road on October 18, 1978 and stole 150 long playing records.

Towers can shift but not by much

The latest report about the proposed hydro towers through Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill suggests the possibility of moving them closer to King — but only by about 100 feet.

February 15, the Parkway Belt Steering Committee delivered a report on the re-design of the Parkway Belt, from Bathurst Street to Bayview Avenue, to representatives of the affected municipalities, local MLAS and residents of 29 properties on the north side of Longbridge Road in Thornhill whose lands are affected.

Members of the steering committee plan a presentation of the "possible redesign" of the parkway, Thursday March 1 at 8 p.m. in the Thornhill Community Centre.

Consultants for the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MTC) had completed a study for the steering committee which revealed the amount of space required for Highway 407 and a diversion for Highway 7.

They found the Ontario Hydro

right-of-way could be shifted farther north to increase the distance between the towers and the homes.

With new designs the centre line of the nearest tower to the property line of the homes on Longbridge would be approximately 200 feet in the Yonge Street area and 150 feet at the extreme westerly limited of Longbridge Road.

The report from MTC said the new design would allow maximum separation from the Longbridge Road area, while ensuring no further encroachment toward the Boyle Community, Langstaff Community and the sugar bush on Bathurst Street.

This design, said the report, was not satisfactory to MTC but could be considered acceptable.

The wider separation was provided originally to reduce salt spray contamination of tower line insulation as well as a visual separation of the two facilities.

MTC report states the squeeze will crowd the Highway 407 and 7 corridors.

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