

Stun guns not being turned in, York police say

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York Regional Police are offering an amnesty period for turning in stun gun devices until July 31.

Stun guns were declared prohibited weapons across Canada on July 13 because they have been used in criminal offences.

A licence was not required to own the palm-sized weapon and they could be purchased in Canada for approximately \$170.

They transmit an electrical charge capable of incapacitating, injuring or immobilizing a person.

Previously, someone could only be charged if they used

the stun gun. Under the new law, possession of the prohibited weapon could lead to a maximum five-year imprisonment.

Until the end of the amnesty period, people travelling directly to York Regional Police District Headquarters will not be charged with possession of the device.

Amnesty

But no one will be let off after the amnesty period, "no matter what the circumstances," warned Sgt. Norm Miles.

"People who spent the money and figure they'll be ripped off of \$170 should figure out the cost of a lawyer

and going to court," said Miles.

No stun gun devices have

been turned in to York Region offices yet, said Miles.

Miles


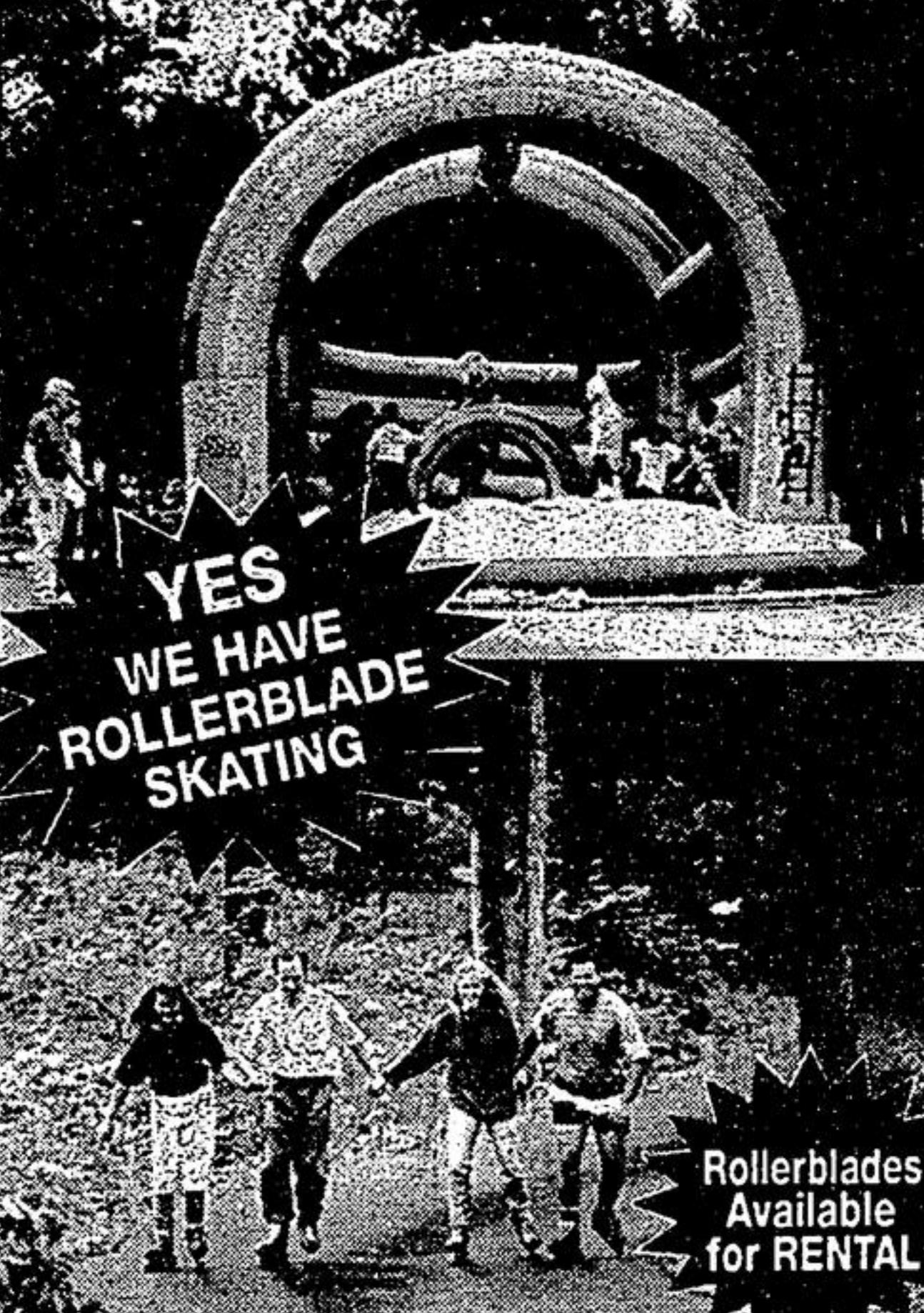
And none have been previously confiscated in the region after use in crimes.

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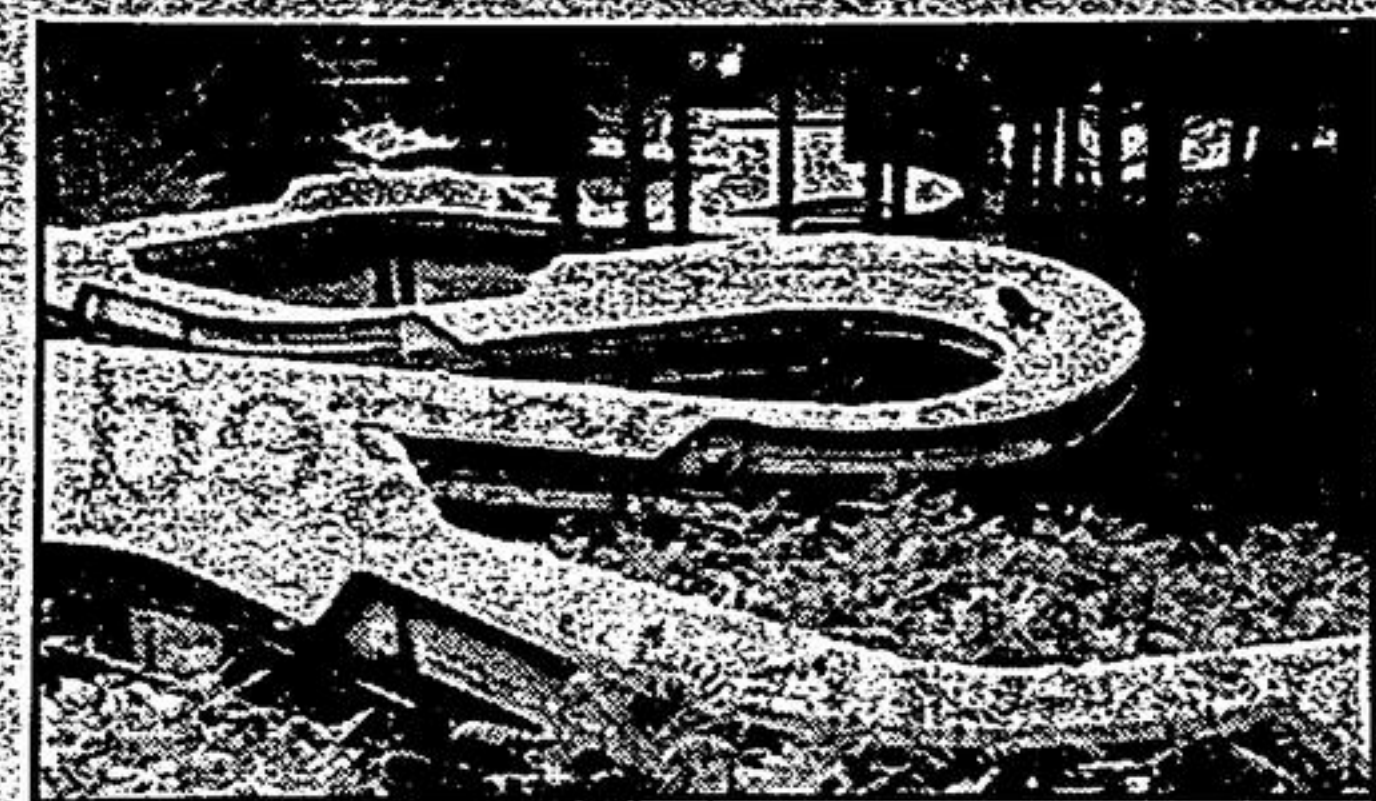
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