

Usually no money in churches

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there would be money from Sunday services, St. Andrew's minister Fred Styles said this week.

But the culprits came back anyway. On Dec. 24, the day before Christmas, the third burglary in 10 days was discovered.

According to all three clergymen, for a thief looking for money, breaking into a church is a poor decision — usually there isn't any

Styles said St. Andrew's may soon install a security system to surprise intruders.

The minister said congregants normally "lean over backwards" to avoid keeping money in the church, but the Christmas fund was put aside there as a special project. That won't ever happen again, Styles said.

"I can remember the days when we used to be able to leave the church open," he said. "I guess those days are gone now."

Shooting under investigation

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was superficial, Moffatt hurried toward the front of the house where he found the neighbour, whom he identified as Tony Romagnuolo, 44, lying lifeless in the snow.

Romagnuolo's wife was kneeling by her husband's side as their injured son also lay on the ground about 20 feet away, Moffatt said.

Rocco Romagnuolo was rushed by air ambulance to Sunnybrook Health Science Centre and underwent emergency surgery.

The York police officer who suffered the bullet wound was taken to the Port Perry site of the Lakeridge Health Corporation where he was treated and later released.

He required a number of stitches, police said.

"He's down, a lot has happened," a colleague of the officer said.

His partner suffered a "severe beating" during the struggle and was treated for serious facial

bruising and cuts at York County Hospital in Newmarket, a York officer said.

Lorenzo Romagnuolo, 20, one of the dead man's sons, was arrested and charged with threatening bodily harm in connection with the York investigation which lead to the police visit to the house.

He is also charged with assault causing bodily harm and assault with intent to resist arrest, and appeared in Newmarket court Tuesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, Ontario Provincial Police is investigating the wounding of the York officers as an attempted murder at the request of Durham Regional Police Chief Kevin McAlpine.

The police shooting is being probed by the province's Special Investigations Unit, which investigates any civilian death or serious injury involving police to determine whether the officers' actions were appropriate or if criminal charges are warranted.

The SIU sent seven investiga-

tors to the scene. Lead investigator Steve Lechnowsky would not say whether any weapons other than those belonging to police were seized from the home.

It remains unclear whether police fired the only shots, however, all but one of the four officers drew and discharged their 40-calibre semi-automatic handguns, according to the SIU.

Investigators have so far interviewed three family members who were home at the time of the shooting, and have designated one Durham Regional Police a "subject" officer, the focus of the SIU investigation, and one "witness".

The two York officers, whose names have not been released, have both been designated "subject" officers.

Constables Nancy George, an 18-year veteran, and Alan Robins, a seven-year veteran, were the Durham officers involved.

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