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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENT: Ward 6 meeting on pool/library complex
WHEN: Sunday, March 28, 2 to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Library, chaired by Councillor Sue Sherban



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Man, 37, charged after two die in crash

Markham man arrested for drunk driving

BY KATHLEEN GRIFFIN
STAFF WRITER

A 37-year-old Markham man is charged with impaired driving after two people died in a Sunday afternoon crash at Warden Avenue and Elgin Mills Road.

Charges against the other driver are possible as police continue the investigation, Staff-Sgt. Brian McDonald said.

North York residents Oi Kit Chan, 42, and her mother Kum Shiu Pang, 66, succumbed to severe injuries after being transported to York Central Hospital following the 3:30 p.m. collision. They were pronounced dead on arrival.

The black BMW in which they were riding was eastbound on Elgin Mills Road and crossing Warden Avenue when it was T-boned by a green GMC van travelling south.

The impact crushed the driver's side of the BMW, with most of the damage to the rear of the car.

The BMW driver, and another passenger were treated for minor injuries and released.

The driver of the minivan, William Clark, 37, of Founder's Way and his 17-year-old son, Nicholas were also treated and released.

McDonald said police are probing why the BMW was in the intersection at the time. The corner is controlled by east-west stop signs.

Post-mortem results will be analyzed as the investigation continues.

Clark was arrested at the scene and charged with two counts of impaired driving causing death.

He was held in custody for a bail hearing late Monday.

POLICE: Store clerk terrified after being pepper-sprayed Thursday

Store clerk lauds hero

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
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A Stouffville variety store owner is angry that two girls won't answer the same pepper-spray attack charges that a Fort Erie teen is facing.

Arman Sabr, whose teenage brother was attacked while working at Sabr's Stouffville Variety & Smoke store last Thursday, is distressed by the incident.

"I don't understand it. How can they be innocent?" Sabr asked.

"The girls were waiting in the car while (a man) came in here and sprayed and terrified my brother."

"He's having a difficult time. He's emotionally upset. He's frightened to go to school."

But York Regional Police Sgt. John Sheldon said there are insufficient grounds for charges against the two girls who were waiting in a car.

There is no evidence the girls knew the store clerk was being terrorized while they waited,

Sheldon said.

"Keeping watch is hard to prove."

At closing time Thursday, wearing a partial disguise, a teen entered the store and asked what time it closed. He then asked for a pack of gum and a pack of cigarettes.

Then, without warning, he sprayed the 18-year-old clerk.

"My brother screamed," Sabr said. "It scared the (suspect) and he ran."

A passerby, who heard the commotion and saw a man running from the store, got into his car and drove across Hwy. 47.

At the plaza, the man parked to block a narrow laneway, cutting off the only escape route for a Pontiac containing a man and two girls.

"He's a hero," Sabr said.

Joshua Fine, 18, of Fort Erie is charged with robbery, disguise with intent and possession of an offensive weapon.



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

HAPPY FACES

Lacey Juk, 12, has a grand time with the birdhouses being collected by her mom, Mary-Francis Juk, in preparation for the Rotary Club of Stouffville One-of-a-Kind Birdhouse auction May 8 at Stouffville Chrysler. The birdhouses have been created by local celebrities, politicians, artists and crafts people. A The proceeds will be divided between Markham Stouffville Hospital and a Rotary International and a local project.

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