

CRIME WATCH

Arson suspected in \$10,000 late-night car fire

Police are searching for suspects in a late-night car fire in a Stouffville gravel pit Sunday.

Police say the fire was deliberately set after wood placed under the rear of the sport utility vehicle was ignited. A passerby noticed the flames in the Dufferin Aggregate Gravel Pit lot on Warden Avenue about 11:30 p.m. Four doors were missing from the vehicle, there were no plates and the VIN (serial) number could not be identified.

The vehicle was completely burned with damage pegged at \$10,000. Anyone with information is asked to call 881-1221 or Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS.

Youth faces extortion charges

A 17-year-old is charged with extortion, robbery, use of a dangerous weapon and breach of recog-

nizance after a dispute with another teen Saturday night.

The 17-year-old victim and the accused were involved in an ongoing dispute and the victim called the suspect to discuss the situation, police said.

When they met, about 9:30 p.m. at St. Benedict's Church on Aldergrove Drive in the town of Markham, the accused had several friends with him.

A teen said the only way to solve the problem was to give him cash, Det. Sgt. Wayne Kalinski said.

Then the accused opened his jacket and the victim saw a handle at the end of what he believed was a knife.

The friends grabbed the victim's wallet, which contained no cash, and told him to go home and get some money or his family would be hurt. When he got home, police were called to investigate.

Youth faces theft charges after house key stolen

Two 16-year-olds face charges after stealing a house key from a classmate's locker, entering the home and stealing two Nintendo games and a Sony Walkman worth \$250.

The accused told police he intended to sell the property for \$70.

He's charged with theft under \$5,000 and break and enter. His friend is charged with theft under \$5,000 and possession of stolen property.

They appear in Newmarket Provincial Court July 8.

Golf equipment worth \$13,000 stolen

More than \$13,000 worth of golf equipment was stolen from a Logan

Court garage Tuesday.

Police say thieves waltzed into the unlocked garage sometime after midnight. No damage was reported. Theft value is pegged at \$13,621.

Thugs steal lumber

Thugs made off with more than \$400 worth of lumber from a Hwy. 48 construction site Monday.

Though suspects pried locks on both the construction trailer and a storage container, only the lumber was removed from the B. Gottardo Construction site, police said.

Damage is estimated at \$30.

House raid uncovers child pornography

A Woodbridge man faces a variety of child pornography charges after a raid on his home Sunday.

York Regional Police Sgt. John Sheldon said the house was searched by York sex assault squad officers and members of Project P, the OPP's anti-pornography unit.

The investigation came as a result of child pornography being distributed and exhibited through the Internet, Sheldon said.

No further details were released. The investigation is continuing, he added.

A 26-year-old Forest Drive man faces five counts of distributing child pornography, four counts of possessing child pornography and charges of printing obscene materials and exhibiting obscene materials.

He is to appear for a bail hearing in Newmarket court today.

— Kathleen Griffin

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will be held on

Monday, June 21, 1999

at 7:00 p.m.

in the Auditorium of
Markham Stouffville Hospital
381 Church Street
Markham, Ontario
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Amendments to By-Laws will be presented for ratification

James R. MacLean
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