

'Porno Claus' wedged in adult video store chimney

Police say soot-covered man was lucky he wasn't hurt

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Richmond Hill firefighters had to knock a hole in a chimney after a man tried the Santa Claus approach to get into an Oak Ridges adult video store Wednesday night.

"I think if he had his druthers today, he would have chosen the front door during business hours instead of the chimney after hours," York Regional Police Sgt. John Sheldon said Thursday.

"We can chuckle about it now, but he's lucky he wasn't seriously hurt."

Sheldon said passers-by called police shortly before midnight after hearing calls for help from the VIP Adult Video store at 13164 Yonge St.

An officer investigating the cries shone his light down the chimney of the store and saw a man 12 feet down, Sheldon said.

After several unsuccessful attempts to remove the stuck man, firefighters knocked a hole in the chimney and pulled the man out. He was treated by paramedics at the scene and turned over to police.

"It was an operating chimney, he came out full of soot," Sheldon said.

It appeared the man had been stuck in the chimney for a little more than half an hour, he added.

Part of the problem was the people who heard the pleas couldn't figure out where they were coming from.

A 33-year-old Markham man from Woodbine Avenue faces break and enter and breach of probation charges. He was in court Friday for a bail hearing.

Man charged in double fatality

A Richmond Hill man will appear in court Dec. 20 to face careless driving and insecure load charges in connection with an Oct. 20 crash that claimed the lives of a Downsview couple.

The 49-year-old truck driver was charged Wednesday. The truck had just left Hwy. 407 when it collided with a Honda, killing the couple.

Trio arrested in abduction

Three youths face a variety of charges after they were arrested this week in connection with the abduction and beating of a local high school student.

A 16-year-old male was abducted from the parking lot at Bayview Secondary School by a group of six youths in a red van shortly after noon Monday. He was taken a short distance, beaten and robbed. He received a broken nose and some minor injuries.

At the time, Sgt. John Sheldon said, some of the assailants appeared to be acquainted with the victim.

Three youths, all 17 and from Vaughan, face kidnapping, assault causing bodily harm, robbery and forcible confinement charges. One of the youths has also been charged with threatening death.

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Cole, Sherman & Associates Ltd. has been retained by the Region of York to undertake a study to improve Warden Avenue from Steeles Avenue to Major Mackenzie Drive. The purpose of this project is to ensure that sufficient traffic capacity is provided for future traffic flow and a satisfactory level of safety is maintained. This project is classified as a "Schedule C" undertaking by the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Municipal Road Projects (1993 Document).

THE PROCESS:

This project will utilize a multi-disciplinary team approach to ensure that the full range of issues and concerns of provincial ministries, local municipalities, agencies, the public and local interest groups are included and addressed.

Consultation will be an integral component of this project. Progress meetings will be held on a regular basis to allow local municipalities and stakeholders to assist in the generation and evaluation of alternatives.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRE:

The first Public Consultation Centre has been scheduled for this project. The purpose of this Consultation Centre is to introduce the study and obtain comments on the scope of work required to complete the EA study. The Consultation Centre will be at the following date and location:

Tuesday, November 30, 1999
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Town of Markham Civic Centre
Canada Room
101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham

You are encouraged to attend the Consultation Centre and to relay your views so that they can be addressed during the project. A second Public Consultation Centre will be scheduled for early in the year 2000.

COMMENTS

Comments and information regarding this study are welcome to aid in the planning of this undertaking. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

For further information, or to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

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