

Lack of co-operation hampers police work

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"There may be other victims, ones we don't know about," Mulholland said, adding there may be people who were not injured seriously enough to require a trip to hospital.

"We have a rather reluctant bunch of witnesses and a reluctant owner of the premises," said a frustrated Mulholland yesterday. "Everybody saw what happened, everybody knows what happened, but no one wants to come forward."

Three victims, including one with a punctured lung and another with serious gashes to his face, arrived at Scarborough Grace Hospital about 3:15 a.m. Staff there notified police.

"We're well ahead in the investigation. It's not difficult to find out who did it. It's difficult to get people to come forward and say who it was. We need people who saw it to come forward, especially those who are friends of the victim."

Mulholland added the Liquor Control Board of Ontario will be notified about the incident and the management's lack of co-operation.

Meanwhile, three people were arrested at Markham's The NOT (North of Toronto) bar on Anderson Avenue early Monday morning after a

19-year-old Markham man was stabbed and cut with a broken beer bottle.

He was treated at hospital for non-life threatening injuries after an "inappropriate exchange of glances", Conley said.

"He suffered one puncture wound from a knife and head injuries from a beer bottle," he said.

Two, 18-year-olds and a 19-year-old, all of Toronto, are charged with several assault and weapons-related charges, said Det. Frank Auld.

Officers from the Markham police station also responded to a fight call at the Other Room bar on Woodbine Avenue about 2:45 a.m. Sunday.

A group of 15 to 20 youths attacked another group with beer bottles. Seven people were hurt, two seriously.

"One victim was hit in the face with a beer bottle," Auld said. "Security intervened and ejected the people from the bar. We found them in the parking lot and they were transported to hospital."

One victim remains in hospital with severe head injuries, including a broken jaw, while the other's face was stitched up before he was released.

Five others suffered cuts and bruises. Police are asking any witnesses to call 881-1221, ext. 7541 or Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS.

Shoppers beware: purse pinchers at large

York Regional Police are warning women to keep an eye on their purses and wallets after 19 women had valuables stolen while shopping.

The thefts occurred while the victims shopped at grocery stores, clothing outlets and second-hand shops in Newmarket, Aurora, Richmond Hill and Markham.

Police are looking for two suspects, both of whom appear to be of East Indian origin.

The thieves distract their victims by asking for assistance in reading a label or checking the size of a garment. While one suspect talks to the shopper, the other snatches the wallet or purse from the shopping cart.

One suspect is between 20 and 30 years old, about five feet, five inches tall and wears her long black hair in a pony tail. The other suspect is about five feet, six inches tall, between 45 and 50 years old and wears her long black hair in a bun.

Residents can view a security video of one of the suspects at www.police.york.on.ca

Anyone who can identify these women is asked to call 881-1221, ext. 7141 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Woman in critical condition

A 71-year-old Markham woman is in critical condition after a minor collision last Tuesday made

an existing medical condition worse.

Traffic investigators are seeking witnesses to the crash at Markham Road and Bullock Drive at about 3:40 p.m.

The collision occurred in the southbound lanes of Markham Road when a burgundy Honda rear-ended a red Buick, just north of Bullock.

At first, it appeared the woman's injuries were minor. But the Buick's elderly driver is now in critical condition at Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Anyone who witnessed the accident is asked to call 881-1221, ext. 7703.

Cars stolen during warm-ups

Police are warning residents not to warm up cars in their driveways — it's a good way to get them stolen.

Six thefts have occurred in Richmond Hill and Thornhill over the last two months as high-end cars are left running in the early morning hours.

Police estimate the stolen vehicles were worth more than \$300,000.

Police say insurance companies may not cover the cost of a vehicle if it is stolen while its keys are in the ignition.

For more information, call Det. Const. James Needler at 881-1221, ext. 7241.

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