

# Neighbourhood trashed by vandals

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A vandalism rampage in Thornhill Thursday morning caused more than \$10,000 damage.

Det.-Const. Mark Charlebois said four suspects, all in police custody, began the escapade on Harlech Court, gaining access to the roof of two commercial businesses and smashing windows.

They continued down to Green Lane, where they damaged the security gate and fire doors at the Landmark Condominium building before vandalizing cars on Tamarack Drive.

"They ripped the antennas and windshield wipers off eight cars," Charlebois said. "Then they knocked over street signs, trashed the greens at the Toronto Ladies Golf Course, then moved on to the

Shouldice Hospital."

On the Shouldice grounds, the four suspects ripped the plastic off the centre greenhouse and made off with garden tools.

"It was a trail of destruction," Charlebois said. "It was a whole rampage through half of Markham. They were all intoxicated."

A call from a Tamarack Drive resident alerted police who arrested two youths on the spot a short time later. Another turned himself in a few hours later, the last surrendered by the end of the day, Charlebois said.

Three 18-year-olds, two from Markham and one from Toronto, and a 17-year-old Markham boy are charged with numerous offences, including break enter and theft and mischief.



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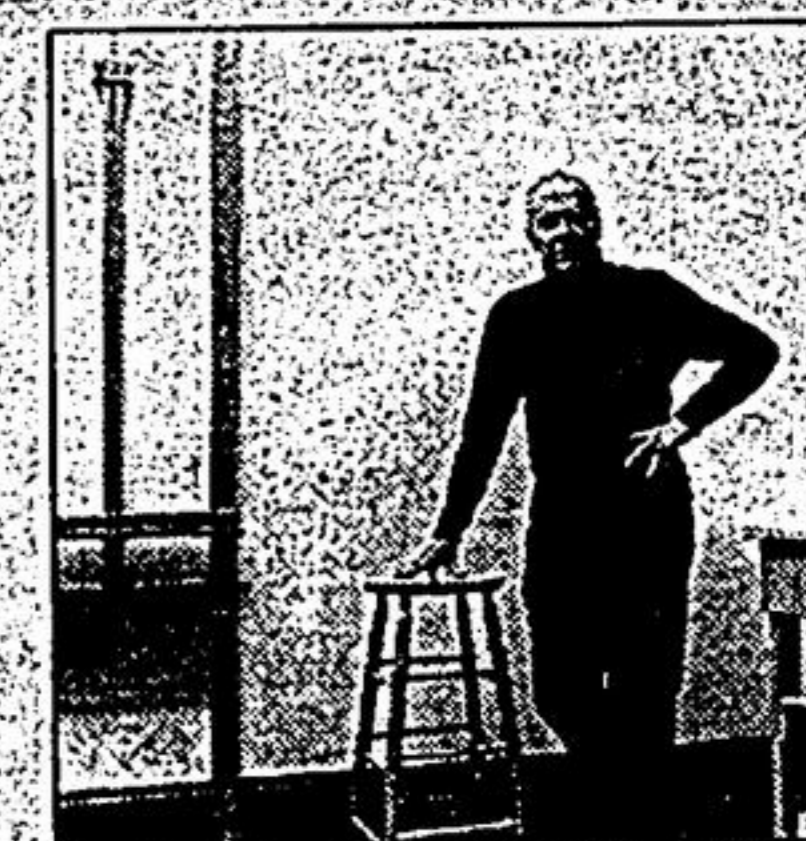
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