

Suspected car thieves caught by helicopter

York Regional Police's canine unit and helicopter were used to arrest two young offenders accused of stealing a van early Wednesday morning.

Just before 3 a.m., an officer on a routine patrol in the parking lot of the Woodbridge arena at Hwy. 7 and Islington Avenue saw two young people drive across the lot.

They stopped the van, jumped out of the vehicle and ran into a field.

A check of the van's license plate revealed the vehicle had been stolen on Tuesday in Toronto.

The canine unit and police helicopter were brought in to help track the teens down. The helicopter's infra-red system detected them hiding in the field.

A 16-year-old Woodbridge girl and a 17-year-old Bradford boy have been charged with theft and possession of stolen property over \$5,000.

They are scheduled to appear at the Newmarket courthouse Sept. 27.

Attackers sought

York Regional Police are searching for a man and woman wanted in connection with a brutal assault on two men in Georgina last month.

The victims got into an argument with two women at the Town Pump Tavern in Keswick on June 24, according to Sgt. John Sheldon.

They left the bar just after 3 a.m. and began walking home.

But a couple of blocks from the bar, the victims were attacked by two men, one of whom was carrying a baseball bat or a pipe.

Sheldon said detectives believe one of the women involved in the argument called friends from the bar to arrange the assault.

The victims, who were beaten, were taken to hospital with serious head injuries.

They have since been released.

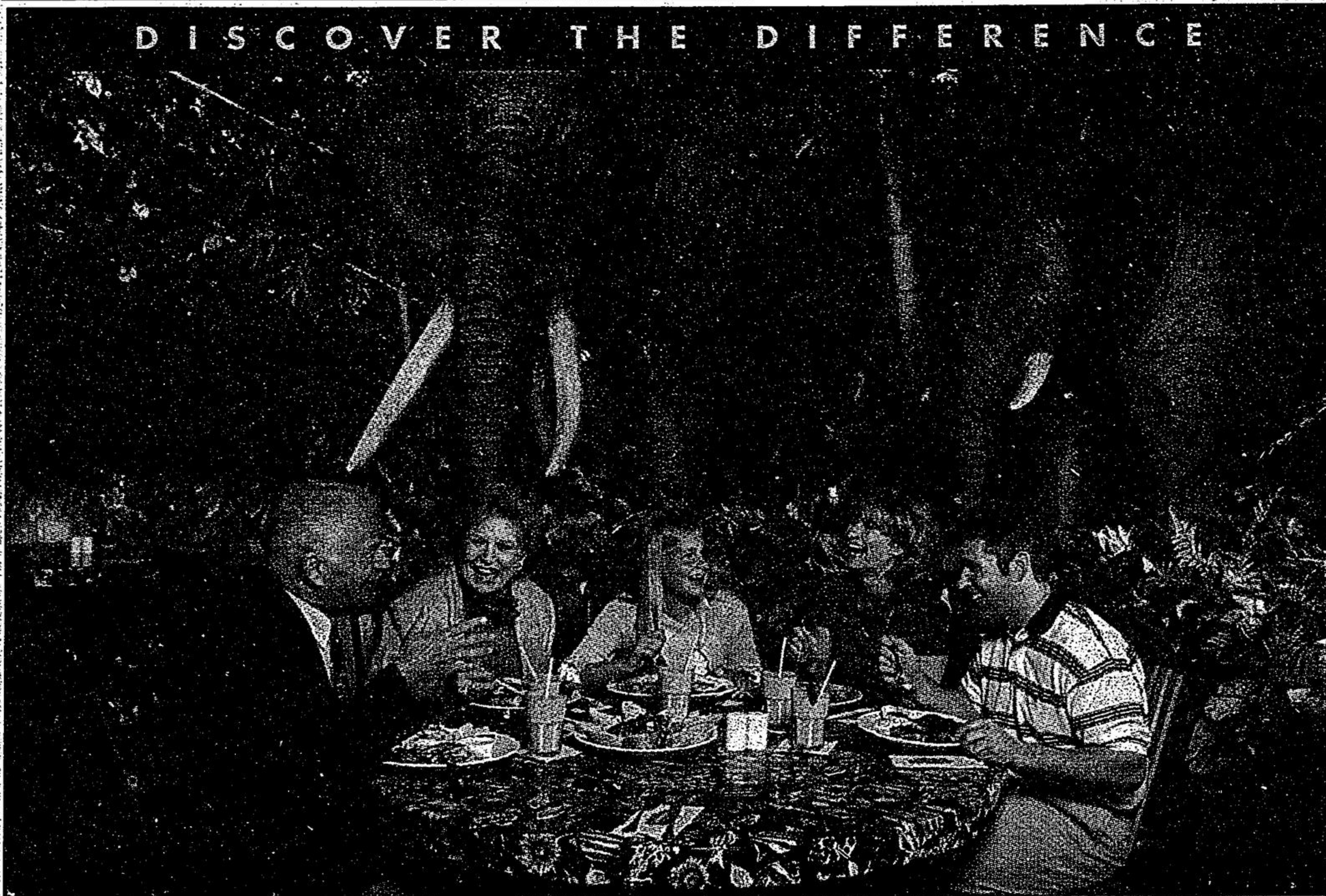
Detectives, who haven't been able to recover the weapon used in the attack, have issued warrants for William Vickerson, 24, and Lisa Heaton, 19, both of Georgina.

They each face two charges of aggravated assault and two charges of assault with a weapon.

Anyone with information is asked to call 895-1221 ext. 7340.

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