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# Salesman escapes armed bandits

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A Markham car salesperson made a daring escape from two armed carjackers by leaping out of the vehicle in the middle of a busy street.

Police are looking for two suspects driving a stolen black Lexus, worth \$50,000, after the Tuesday night incident.

The two men walked into Don Valley North Toyota on Steeles Avenue about 8:30 p.m., asking to test drive the Lexus.

The 53-year-old salesman sat in the passenger seat for most of the ride, moving into the driver's seat after a brief stop when the two supposed buyers got out of the car and spoke briefly to each other.

They approached the dealership and stopped in the centre turn lane while waiting to take a left. Then the salesman felt something in the back of his head. He looked around to see a silver handgun pointed at him from the back seat.

He was ordered to keep driving, but instead he undid his seat-belt and tried to get out of the car. One suspect was holding his shirt, trying to pull him back into the car, while the second suspect was yelling "shoot him, shoot him".

He managed to break free, running across Steeles Avenue to the dealership, where he called police.

The suspects took off in the car.

They are described as male black, about 23, both about five-feet, six-inches tall with average builds. One has dyed yellow/orange hair and was wearing a white T-shirt and long beige shorts. The other suspect has a darker complexion, and was wearing a green button-down shirt.

The 1998 four-door Lexus GS400 had a dealer plate bearing licence number 769DFP.

Anyone with information is asked to call 881-1221, ext. 7873 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

### Gang fight

A 16-year-old Stouffville boy is charged with two counts of assault causing bodily harm after a fight at Main and Stouffer Streets Friday night.

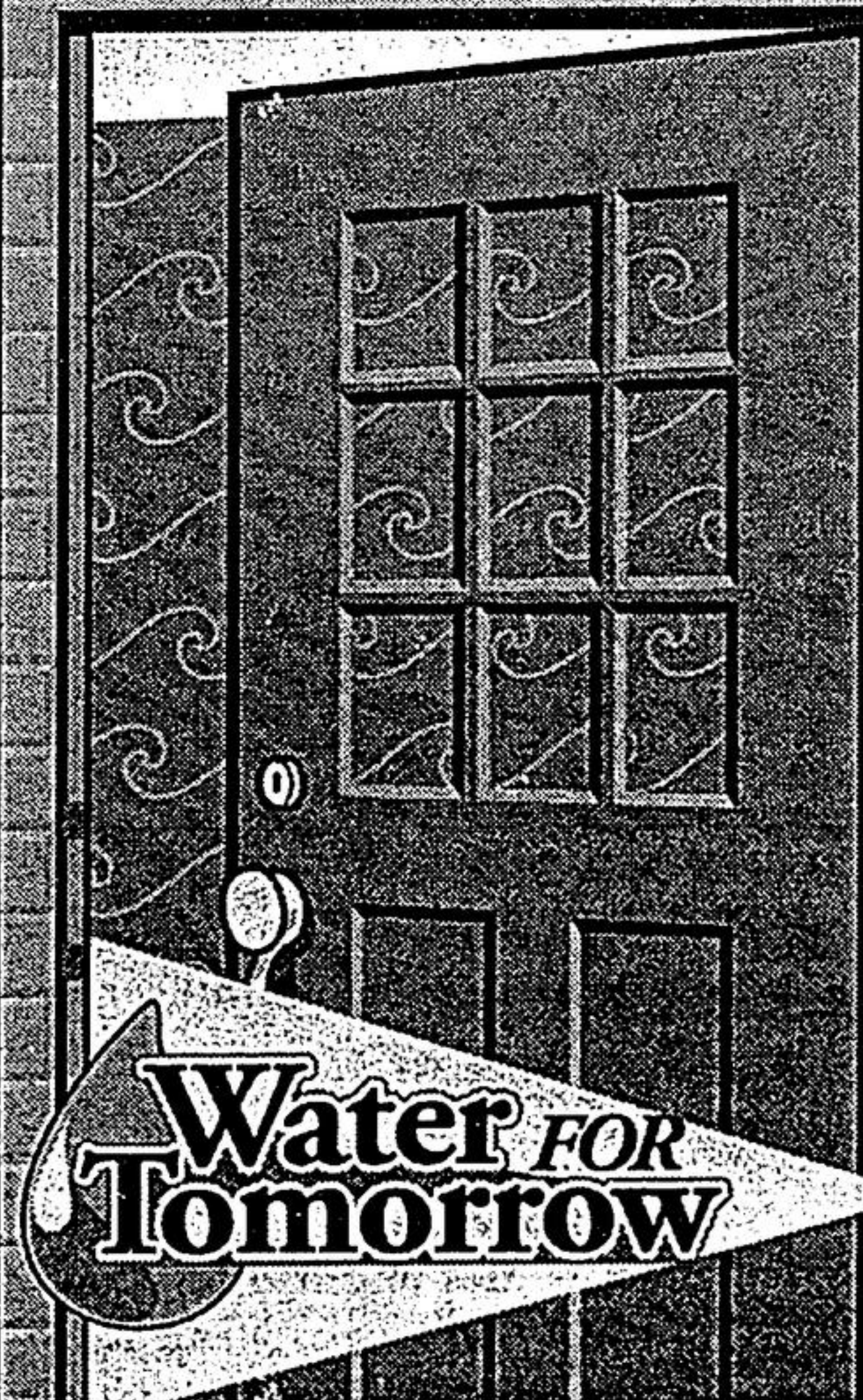
A group of youths confronted another gang on the street about 9:30 p.m., asking if they had any marijuana, which they did not. The discussion escalated into a physical confrontation, with three people hurt.

One boy suffered a chipped tooth, fat lip and possible broken nose. The second victim suffered fat and bleeding lips while the third suffered a swollen right hand.

The boy was arrested two hours later on Main Street.

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