

Alert guard tips police to hold-up suspect

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York Regional Police have made an arrest in a Markham bank holdup, two days after issuing a public appeal through the media. Hold-up officers released

a surveillance tape of a man suspected of being involved with a Royal Bank robbery on Markham Main Street the afternoon of Oct. 2.

Minutes after the tape aired on a Toronto television station Oct. 4, an off-duty jail

guard called police and identified the man.

Investigators soon connected him to two other robberies, one in Barrie and the other in Toronto.

Police in Kingston picked up a 41-year-old Toronto

man on a parole warrant Oct. 6 and recovered a large quantity of cash.

He's charged with three counts of robbery and three counts of disguise with intent.

Motel drug operation leads to charges

Two Richmond Hill residents are charged and \$10,000 worth of drugs seized after a couple was caught making crack cocaine in an Emerald Isle motel room early Wednesday morning.

Const. Sean Doran was walking by the Yonge Street motel about 2:30 a.m. and happened to glance in a window.

He saw a man holding up what appeared to be a bag of drugs. Doran knocked on the door and when it opened realized the two people inside were manufacturing crack cocaine.

Drug paraphernalia, including a beaker kit and burners, were also seized.

A 40-year-old woman and a 36-year-old man are charged with possession of a controlled substance, pos-

session for the purpose of trafficking and possession of proceeds of crime.

Two more arrested in Vaughan stabbing

Two more men have been charged with attempted murder in the stabbing of a 32-year-old Vaughan man in The Promenade mall parking lot Sunday.

A 21-year-old was arrested after the victim was stabbed after a fight with a gang of six or seven men.

Police said the man, his

wife and two friends were returning to their car about 2 a.m. after realizing a nearby restaurant was closed.

They became involved in an argument with the group, one of whom pulled a knife and stabbed the man.

He's at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in serious but stable condition.

In addition to attempted murder, an 18-year-old man and a 16-year-old were charged Monday with aggravated assault and assault with a weapon.

The 21-year-old faces the same charges.

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York Region Police Const. Ben Eng lets nine-year-old Carter Cheng get an earful of fun as he tries out a squad car's light and sound equipment last weekend, during Crime Prevention Week at District 5 station, which serves Markham and southern Whitchurch-Stouffville.

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