

Stouffville woman wakes up to find a male intruder in her bed

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Police are investigating an attempted rape at a Stouffville home after a woman woke up to find a man in bed with her.

The incident happened Wednesday about 12:30 a.m. and police say the suspect is known to the woman.

When she opened her eyes, she found the man in her bed, caressing her back and breasts and trying to place his hand beneath her pajamas.

He left only after repeated requests by the woman to leave her alone.

The investigation continues.

Four charged after theft of dirt bike from Stouffville garage

Four people have been charged in connection with the theft of a \$500 dirt bike from a Stouffville garage last month.

After the bike was recovered by Durham Police, evidence led York investigators to the four young people.

The bike was stolen from a Basswood Court garage Oct. 21.

Two youths, both 16, of Stouffville are charged with possession of property obtained by crime. The second boy also faces a charge of failing to comply with recognizance. An 18-year-old and a 20-year-old, both of Stouffville face one count each of possession of property obtained by crime.

Women escapes injury in carjacking at shopping mall

A 44-year-old woman escaped injury when she was carjacked in the parking lot of the Promenade Mall in Vaughan Thursday evening.

And police are warning shoppers to be extra vigilant during the Christmas season when thieves know residents are carrying extra cash and merchandise.

The woman made her way to her 2001 black BMW about 8:25 p.m., piled two large Sears bags on the passenger seat and tried to close the driver's door.

Thinking her coat had become stuck in between, she reached down to grab it and found herself staring into the eyes of a man crouched down low beside the car.

She screamed and he brandished a small knife or paper cutter at her, telling her if she didn't keep quiet, he'd kill her.

He then told her to get out of the car and leave the keys. She ran back to the store and called 911 as the suspect took off.

He's described as male black, 5'10" tall with a slim build. He was wearing a three-quarter length black leather coat with a belt, a dark knitted hat and a dark scarf with light stripes over his face.

The car was bearing plate number AHWJ 945. Anyone with information is asked to call 881-1221, ext. 7873 or Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS.

Man threatened and robbed by gunman in parking lot

Police are searching for suspects after an Oshawa man was threatened and robbed by a lone gunman Thursday morning in the parking lot of a Vaughan plaza.

The victim was loading his cube van with building materials outside the Northview Boulevard Home Depot, when he was approached by the suspect. The suspect showed him the butt

end of a handgun and told him they were going for a ride.

He directed the man to a nearby ScotiaBank, at Weston Road and Highway 7, where he was forced to make a \$500 withdrawal from the bank machine. The suspect then jumped into the passenger seat of a waiting green Dodge Caravan.

The suspect is described as male white, five-feet, 10-inches tall, 180 pounds, about 25 years old. He had short black hair, a goatee and was wearing a dark-coloured ski jacket.

Certifying stolen cheque leads to fraud and forgery charges

A Scarborough man is charged after someone attempted to certify a cheque worth \$61,500 reported stolen weeks before.

Police were called after employees at the Toronto Dominion branch on Woodbine Avenue became suspicious when a man passed the cheque for certification, payable to a company owned by his wife.

Signatures on the cheque appeared forged and the cheque was reported stolen Nov. 7.

A 46-year-old stands charged with

fraud, possession of property obtained by crime and uttering forged documents. He appears in court Dec. 27.

Airport arrivals followed, then contents of car stolen

It what seems to be a recent trend, police are on the hunt for suspects who cleaned out \$18,000 worth of designer clothing after breaking into a car of a man who just arrived from Hong Kong.

Police say there have been a number of similar incidents over the last year where travelers arriving at Pearson International Airport from Hong Kong have their cars broken into and suitcases stolen as soon as they stop for a bite.

In this case, the victim's 2000 Lexus SUV was parked outside Chiu Chow Gardens restaurant on Leslie St. at Hwy. 7 in Richmond Hill.

The rear passenger window was smashed and the suitcases of clothing removed.

It included five Versace ties worth \$12,000; three Versace black belts worth \$700; three Filo sports jackets worth \$600; four pairs of Cesare Pelloppi leather shoes worth \$1,500; five button-down long sleeve T-shirts worth \$300; and a \$700 Gucci blazer.

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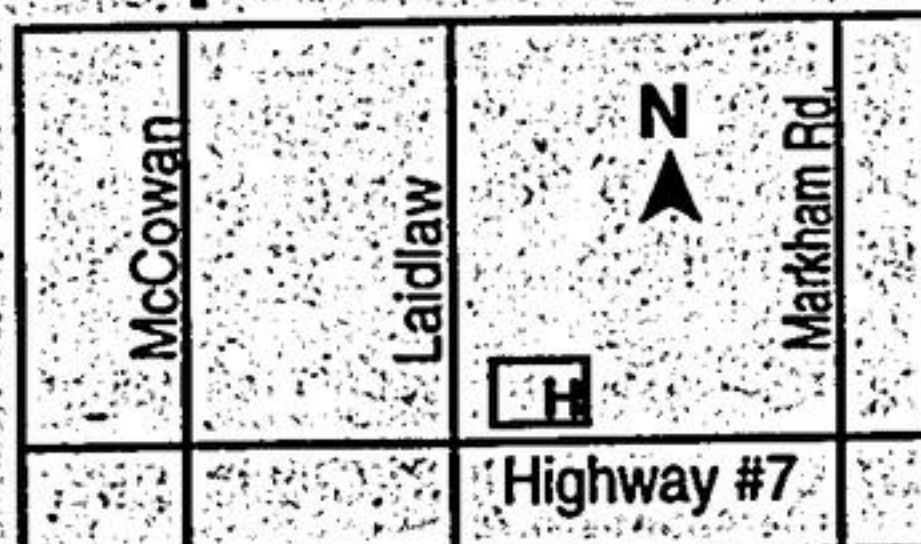
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