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MORE THAN \$100,000 IN STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED

Police make arrests in theft ring

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Toronto Police have arrested four men they believe to be members of the "Ruthless Russians," a break and enter gang suspected of being responsible for numerous residential thefts in Thornhill, Richmond Hill and Toronto.

Officers recovered more than \$100,000 worth of stolen property

including leather coats, computers, cameras, jewelry and cash after Monday's arrest at Bathurst Street and Rutherford Road.

Undercover officers observed three suspects driving a stolen car going door-to-door in the area until they didn't get an answer. They then forced open the front door of the house and went inside.

Police waited until they came back

out before arresting them. They seized property including walkie talkies, gloves and toques.

A fourth man was arrested later that day after he attempted to flee by reversing his car along Rockford Road. He plowed into a parked car causing \$5,000 damage.

The gang drove stolen cars bearing plates from other vehicles and used

crowbars to force open doors of unoccupied homes. If a homeowner answered the door, they would ask if they needed snow removal services.

Residents are asked to report any suspicious activity in their neighbourhoods, especially people canvassing door-to-door.

Three of those charged are from Thornhill, an 18-year-old, a 17-year-old and a 22-year-old man. The fourth man is aged 21 of Toronto.

They face a total of 43 charges including break and enter, possession of stolen property and possession of stolen vehicles.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call 416-808-3200 or Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS.

Three face charges after safe stolen from donut shop

Three men and one 17-year-old boy are charged after a safe containing \$20,000 was stolen from a Richmond Hill Tim Hortons.

Police say four former employees devised a plan to steal the safe and carried it out earlier this month.

Investigation led police to the four suspects and they were arrested Monday.

A 20-year-old Markham man is charged with theft over \$5,000, possession of stolen property over \$5,000 and breach of probation.

Three others from Scarborough, 17, 18 and 20, face one count each of theft over \$5,000.

Youth gang fight in Markham mall sends three to hospital

A fight between two youth gangs in the lobby of Pacific Mall in Markham sent three people to hospital and ended with four Scarborough residents charged.

The confrontation happened in the mall's south lobby area Tuesday about 9:15 p.m.

A dispute between 10 males turned physical and steel pipes and expandable batons were used on at least three victims.

Police said there was a history of problems between the two groups.

Three victims, two 16 and one 21, were treated and released at Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Four males from Scarborough, two 16, one 17 and a 21-year-old are charged with possession dangerous weapons.

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