Stouffville man charged after assault in Toronto jail

A Stouffville man has been charged in connection with the assault of an inmate at a Toronto jail in early February.

On March 3, Toronto police charged 35-year-old Mark Dewar with aggravated assault, following a lengthy investigation into an incident at Toronto East Detention Centre.

Police reported that the victim bumped into a female guard early in the day of Feb. 2. The inmate was then taken to a room where he was allegedly assaulted by as many as eight men.

The inmate was taken to hospital, treated and released. The inmate was in the centre awaiting a trial for aggravated assault. Six male guards were charged with aggravated assault on Feb. 17, while police charged Dewar and another guard on Saturday.

All the accused, including Dewar, are scheduled to appear in court March 21.

Markham teen beaten

A 14-year-old Markham teen, who ran up an $8,000 gambling debt, was robbed and assaulted by teenage thugs looking for payment, police say.

According to police, the teen was accosted in the Milliken Mills Community Centre by two suspects armed with scissors and a metal pipe.

The victim suffered minor injuries and did not require hospital treatment.

Police say the 14-year-old was lured into a game of dice by teenage gambling sharks in January. Police had become aware of the problem and warned a suspect to leave the victim alone.

However, last Monday two teens confronted the victim looking for money.

Charged with uttering threats, robbery, extortion, assault and assault with a weapon is an 18-year-old Markham youth. A 16-year-old, who cannot be named, also faces charges.

Stouffville businesses damaged

Two Stouffville businesses were damaged early Friday morning following a break-in and attempted break-in.

The drive-thru window was smashed by burglars attempting to get inside the Coffee Time doughnut shop on Main Street at about 1:20 a.m. The break-in was thwarted by the owner. About two hours later, then front window of the liquor store on Main Street was smashed.

Police aren't sure if anything was stolen. Damages are estimated at about $550.

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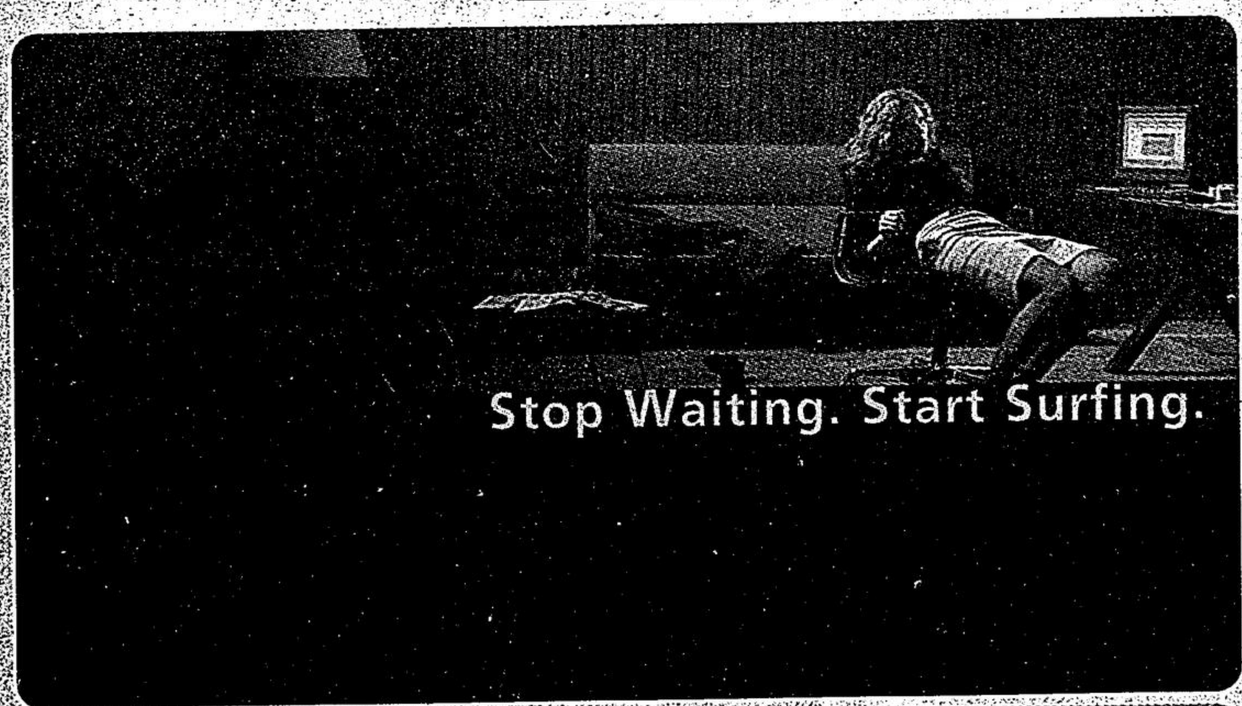

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