

# Stouffville cop chase ends near hospital

The aftermath of a police pursuit in Stouffville closed Ninth Line in Markham for several hours Sunday afternoon.

York Regional Police said the chase began at around 1 p.m., when an officer

on patrol at Ringwood Drive south of Stouffville Road approached a suspicious vehicle on foot.

"It sped off, spinning the officer around," police spokesperson Cons. Steve Morrell said.

The officer on Ringwood was unharmed. He drove after the fleeing vehicle but lost sight of it.

However, after a few minutes police discovered a vehicle had hit a hydro pole on Ninth Line at Church Street, near Markham Stouffville Hospital.

A 28-year-old North York man was arrested at the scene and treated for minor injuries at the hospital.

He is charged with dangerous driving, engaging police in a pursuit and dangerous operation of a vehicle. One resident said the normally busy arterial road was closed until 6 p.m.

# Jury still deliberating in Wong trial

At press time Wednesday, the fate of four men charged in the first-degree murder of Maria Wong was still undecided.

The six men and six women on the jury, who began their deliberations Monday, were still at it in Newmarket late Wednesday afternoon.

The 44-year-old Ms Wong was found stabbed in her Markham driveway Feb. 11, 1999.

Shu Kwan (Johnny) Wong — the victim's husband — Andre Jones, Chris Ortiz and Norman Figueroa are all charged with first-degree murder.



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