

Cops make arrest after golf course chase

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Two teens suspected of bailing out of a stolen car on Markham Road just south of Hwy. 407 Wednesday afternoon led police from three forces on a merry chase through the Markham Greens Golf Course.

While details were sketchy at press time, the pair were apparently spotted by an Ontario Provincial Police officer.

They dumped the vehicle and fled on foot, prompting York Regional Police uniform officers to give chase. The Toronto canine unit was called to assist.

The boys were described as white, 16 to 17 years, wearing white T-shirts and blue jeans.

Anyone with information is asked to call 905-881-1221, ext. 7500 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Man in debt to loan shark convicted of manslaughter

A Markham man, who was almost \$50,000 in debt to a loan shark he was then accused of killing with a meat cleaver, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and has been sentenced to four years and 11 months jail time.

Wai Leung (Patrick) Lee, 50, a former real estate agent plagued by gambling debts, was also convicted of two counts of fraud after he tried to sell a house he wasn't authorized to sell to pay off Hing Kuen Tsang, 38, in the March, 2000 homicide.

Police say when Tsang found out about the scam, the two men fought and Tsang was slashed to death with a meat cleaver.

Mr. Lee was also ordered to pay back more than \$330,000 he owed creditors

Arrest made after Tuesday robbery in Ballantrae

York Regional Police nabbed a robbery suspect who was on a spree Tuesday morning in Ballantrae.

Police said a suspect surprised a 33-year-old clerk at the Ballantrae Variety Store on Felcher Boulevard about 10 a.m.

He indicated he had a gun and demanded cash. She complied and the man fled northbound on Hwy. 48 in a blue van. A short time later, police were called to two residential break-ins on Warden Avenue, near the Vivian Road. Witnesses spotted a suspect leaving the area, again, in a blue van.

Police searched the area and arrested a man without incident. Officers also recovered an undisclosed amount of cash and property.

A 22-year-old Holland Landing man is charged with robbery and two counts of break and enter.

Popular Stouffville murder mystery train gets extra runs

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The distinctive green heritage train that chugs through Stouffville seems to attract more than its fair share of characters.

If it isn't a slimmed-down Santa — in July, yet — claiming to be here on vacation, it might be cowboys with lariats, a ghoul or two, and a variety of mysterious Sherlockian types hitching a ride on the York Durham Heritage Railway Association train.

The mysterious characters will be on the train on Saturday.

The heritage train's murder mysteries, now in their second year, continue to gain in popularity.

Two extra runs had to be added to keep up with the demand last year, noted Rob Pare of the

YDHRA. August's murder mystery was sold out.

More are scheduled after this Saturday, including Oct. 26, Nov. 23 and 30 and Dec. 7 and 14.

The events start from Uxbridge at 6:30 p.m., with patrons enjoying a gourmet dinner while trying to figure

out "whodunnit".

For the October murder mystery, "A Ghoulish Halloween", riders are encouraged to come in their Halloween costumes.

The murder mysteries at the end of November and in December will reflect a Christmas theme and many of these will be reserved by corporate groups.

Tickets for the special theme runs are available from Stonehouse Travel at 905-640-5491.

There are also the regularly scheduled weekend runs between Stouffville and Uxbridge from June to October.

Each of the three hour murder mysteries is different, said Mr. Pare. The productions are put on by Larry Zaidlin Productions who specialize in this kind of interactive theatre.

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June to October. The heritage train, which winds along the Oak Ridges Moraine for 20 k, first began operation in 1996.

About 40 to 50 historic train enthusiasts come out regularly to run the murder mysteries, keep the trains running, act as conductors and make repairs.

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