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Final suspect sought in Tamil gang attack

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York Regional Police are seeking the public's help in the hunt for a man wanted in the attempted murder of two men during a brutal brawl in Markham June 16.

Two victims, 20 and 23, were ambushed by at least 15 suspects who pulled up in three cars and boxed them in as they sat in a car on Dolson

Court, a small, dead-end street in the McCowan Road-Steeles Avenue area.

The suspects were armed with machetes, axes, baseball bats, box-cutter knives and the security device The Club when they attacked the pair.

Both victims were seriously injured, the 20-year-old requiring surgery to repair numerous puncture wounds. "One still has no feeling or

function in his hand, the other had a punctured lung and many, many stitches; he was full of holes. They were horribly beat up and cut," said Det-Const. Chris Palmer.

Investigators believe the fight was over the breakdown of a pact between two Tamil gangs affiliated with the VVT, one of two major Tamil gangs in Toronto. The smaller units are now fighting for control of their members and territory, Det-Const. Palmer said.

"Everybody involved, including the victims, were members of the VVT gang at one point or another or still are," he said.

Six suspects have been arrested — two a short time after the attack, a third less than a week later. Three others were picked up in the three months since the assault.

"This is the last guy we're looking for to lay charges," he said. "He tends to frequent areas both here and in Montreal. We're not sure where he is."

Vimalathas Mohanarajah, 23, of no fixed address is wanted on attempted murder and weapons charges.

He was last seen in the Kennedy Road-Lawrence Avenue area in Scarborough.

He's described as five-foot-eleven-inches tall, weighing about 115 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information is asked to call Det-Consts. Palmer or Donaldson at 905-881-1221, ext. 7541 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Gap workers charged

Six Gap employees are charged after more than \$400,000 worth of clothing was spirited out of the Markville Shopping Centre store over the last year.

Police were contacted after the store's loss preven-



VIMALATHAS MOHANARAJAH: Suspect wanted for attempted murder in Markham may be in Montreal, York Regional Police say.

tion manager noticed a sharp spike in losses — he was missing about 7 per cent of his stock.

He launched an internal investigation and interviewed all employees.

"He came up with several employees he suspected were responsible for the theft," said Const. Steve Morrell.

York Regional Police then began their own investigation and discovered some of the missing merchandise had been recorded as returned, complete with cash refunds paid out and false exchange slips filed in the register.

Police were able to recover some of the stolen clothing, including 16 dresses, 17 boys' tops, 32 women's shirts, 25 sweatshirts, six jackets and 19 tank tops.

Two 19-year-old and two 20-year-old women, all from Markham, are charged with theft over \$5,000 and possession of stolen property over \$5,000. A Toronto woman, 25, faces the same charges.

A 23-year-old woman from Toronto faces an additional charge of fraud over \$5,000 in relation to the fake exchange slips, Morrell said. They appear in court Oct. 25.

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