

# Farmer sheepish over strange theft

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Baaaa!

A Whitchurch-Stouffville farmer was surprised Monday morning when he found his barn door forced open and 78 yearling lambs stolen.

Police are looking for suspects in the theft, which occurred between 1:30 a.m. and 8 a.m.

The farmer found his gate open and the handle of the barn door broken.

Inside, he found two pens empty — one that had contained 12 lambs, the other 66.

They were between 90 and 95 pounds each and worth more than \$10,000.

Police are investigating tire tracks leading northbound on Hwy. 48 and are looking for witnesses.

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

## Cops probe smash-and-grabs

Two similar smash-and-grabs at Ballantrae variety stores have police seeking both suspects and witnesses.

Thieves smashed a glass window and climbed over security bars to gain access to Ballantrae Variety on Felcher Boulevard Saturday morning just after 2 a.m.

Lottery tickets, lighters and batteries were stolen. Police were alerted by the

store's alarm system.

Const. Steve Morrell said officers discovered "good evidence" at the scene and the investigation is progressing.

Three days later, thugs smashed the front window of Ballantrae Food Market on Hwy. 48 just before 2:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Close to \$1,000 worth of cigarettes and lottery tickets were swiped.

A witness observed a late-1980s Pontiac or Buick, with the rear lights in a solid band across the back, leaving the scene.

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



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