

Booze suspected in fatal crashes: Police

Alcohol may have played a part in two fatal car crashes on Steeles Avenue last week.

A 28-year-old Markham man, Vijndharakumar Thangarajah, was killed and two companions were injured when the Honda Accord he was driving failed to stop for a red light Friday at Steeles and Islington Avenue, according to Toronto Police.

The westbound Honda struck a northbound Hyundai Santa Fe in the intersection at 9:17 p.m.

Mr. Thangarajah's passengers and two occupants of the Hyundai received non-life threatening injuries. Police are still investigating the crash's cause, but say alcohol was believed to have contributed.

On Thursday, Dec. 19, a 19-year Thornhill man was charged with several offences, including impaired driving causing death and criminal negligence causing death, after an 11:23 p.m. head-on collision on Steeles east of


Bayview Avenue killed a 38-year-old North York man.

Man clubbed in holiday parking dispute at mall

Police say a man not in the holiday spirit clubbed another man's head with a blunt object Sunday over a parking spot at a Markham mall.

The victim, a 28-year-old Markham man, told York Regional Police he was pulling into the space at 1 p.m. at First Markham Place when a silver Honda drove into it. The frustrated motorist, clubbed during an argument with the Honda driver, was not seriously hurt.

The suspect drove away from the Hwy. 7 mall. Police, appealing to shoppers to show patience during a busy time of year, are looking for an Asian man in his early 40s, five foot six inches tall and wearing a dark puffy jacket.



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