

# Arrest made in bank holdups

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A Markham man has been charged in a string of bank robberies, including three at the same National Bank on McCowan Road — the latest one on Tuesday.

Working with the Toronto Police Service, York Regional Police investigators identified a 22-year-old man and arrested him without incident at his home Wednesday.

He's charged with Tuesday's noon-hour heist, in which two people fled the bank with a bag of cash they later dropped while being chased by police.

Officers are still searching for a second man, described as a black

male, six-foot tall, early to mid 20s, wearing a hooded sweatshirt, dark glasses and a red ball cap.

The accused also faces charges relating to two daytime robberies at the same National Bank on Oct. 9, 2001 and January 9, 2002.

In the first incident, a man brandished an 18-inch sword, threatening the tellers about 3:10 p.m.

He demanded cash and placed it in inside a backpack before fleeing.

Three months later, police believe the same man indicated he had a gun and demanded cash about 2:25 p.m.

On July 15, 2002, a woman

waiting for her husband in the parking lot of the CIBC at Yonge and Centre streets watched as a man wearing a mask and carrying a bag approached the bank. He was scared away and fled in a waiting vehicle.

July 15, 2001, a female teller at a Royal Bank on Steeles Avenue in Toronto was threatened by a man carrying a handgun. She handed over cash and the robber fled.

Ferbian Acosta is charged with three counts of robbery, two counts of robbery with a weapon, five counts of disguise with criminal intent, two counts of possessing dangerous weapons and one count of using an imitation firearm.

## FUTURE SHOP CORRECTION NOTICE

•HP PSC 750 All in One Refurbished Printer

This product was incorrectly advertised in our September 9th flyer for \$39.99. Please note that the correct price is \$129.99, after a savings of \$10.00.

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## CORRECTION NOTICE

On the back page of our weekly corporate flyer dated September 5th to 11th, we advertise the Toshiba notebook (T0030847/A10-5WM) for \$1699.99 (save \$200) as stated correctly in the yellow price tag. The blue tag has the wrong calculation and should have equaled the same.

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Stouffville Road (Regional Road 14)  
Improvements  
Woodbine Avenue to Highway 48  
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
Class Environmental Assessment Study and  
Preliminary Design

The Regional Municipality of York is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment for roadway improvements on Stouffville Road from Woodbine Avenue to Highway 48. A number of road improvement alternatives will be examined as part of the Study including improvements to Stouffville Road, improvements to other roadways, and improvements to public transit service, among others.

This notice signals the commencement of the Class Environmental Assessment. This study will define the problem, identify and evaluate alternative solutions, and determine a preferred solution in consultation with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, regulatory agencies, and the public. The Study is being conducted in compliance with Schedule "C" of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (June 2000), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

A key component of the Study will be the consultation with interested stakeholders (public and regulatory agencies) at two Public Information Centres (PIC's). The PIC's will provide stakeholders with an opportunity to meet the Project Team, review the Study, scope and discuss issues related to the project including alternative solutions, environmental considerations and evaluation criteria. Details regarding the forthcoming PIC's will be advertised as the Study progresses.

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