

Paintball gun pointed at motorist

A 17-year-old Markham youth has been charged after a paintball gun was pointed at a passing motorist Thursday.

A Markham woman and her boyfriend were driving on Willow Heights Boulevard, in the Woodbine-16th avenues area, around 8:30 p.m. when a car in front of theirs came to a stop in the middle of the road.

As they passed, the driver pointed a gun in their direction.

Police were called and managed to stop the car and arrest its occupants.

Two paintball guns and more than 2,000 paintballs were found inside.

A 14-year-old passenger was given a formal warning and released unconditionally to his parents.

A 17-year-old Markham boy was charged with pointing a firearm and possession of dangerous weapons.

Youths wielding guns in public, real or not, place their lives at risk and often

face arrest, police said.

Imitation guns often look similar to genuine guns, particularly in the dark.

Convenience store robbed

A Richmond Hill laundry and convenience store was robbed early Friday morning by three men wielding knives and sticks.

The Toronto man behind the counter at the Yonge Street shop was sitting down around 3:30 a.m. when three men entered.

Two jumped over the counter and one waved a knife at the clerk.

Another waved a wooden stick at him as the third watched the door.

The employee was ordered to the ground and a chair put on top of him.

Cigarettes were taken.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the York Regional Police at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7873, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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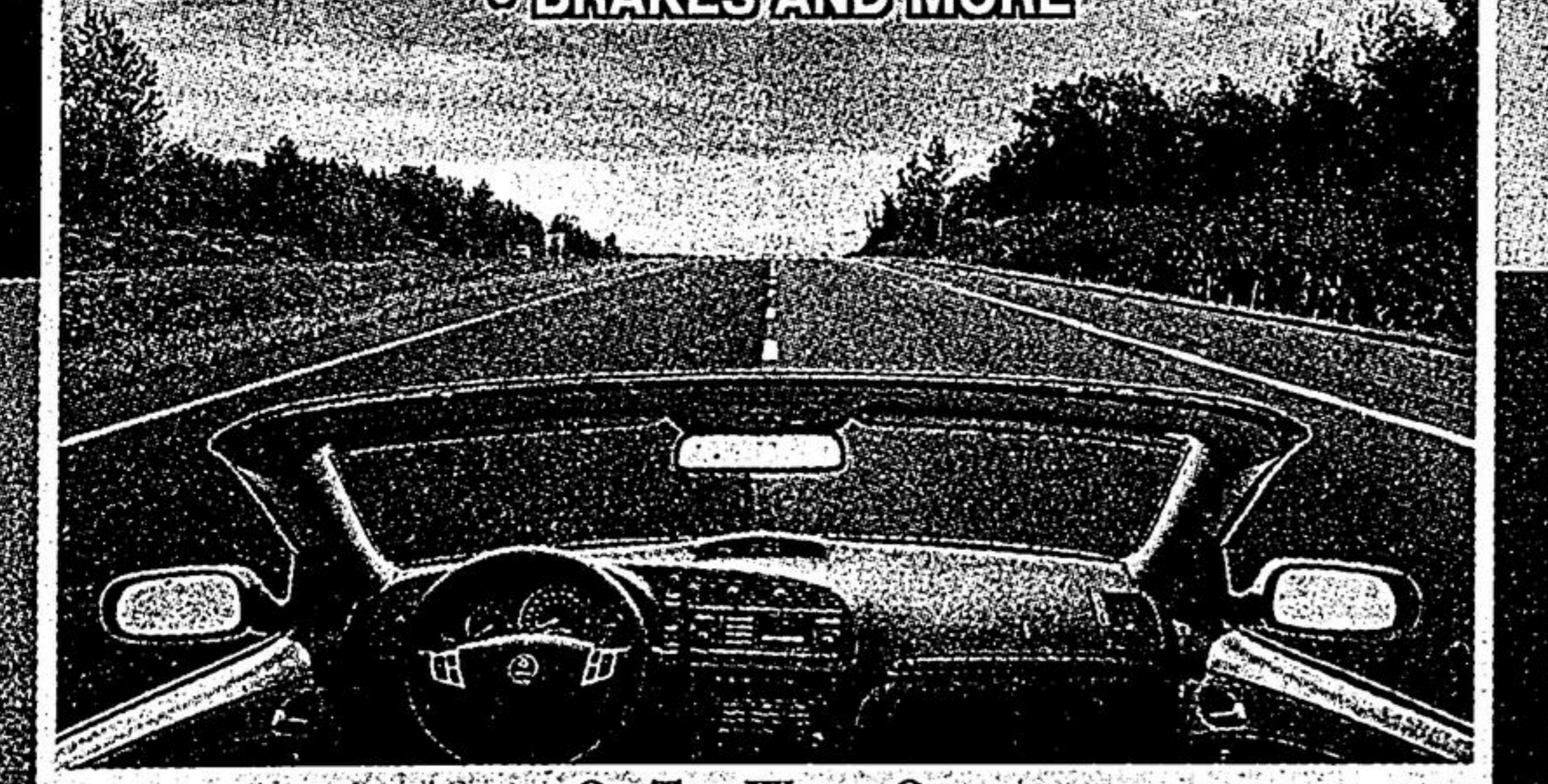
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