

**Second woman robbed in her garage**

Another Markham woman has been robbed in the garage of her home, the second such incident in a little more than a month.

A 47-year-old woman parked her car in the garage of her Duborg Drive home around 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and started unloading the trunk.

Suddenly, she was approached by two men.

One grabbed her briefcase and the pair took off running down Duborg.

Similarly, on Sept. 30, a 55-year-old Markham woman was robbed returning to her Golden Tulip Court home from work.

As she opened the garage door, she was accosted by a man demanding her briefcase.

A brief struggle ensued, and the woman was hit on the back of the head.

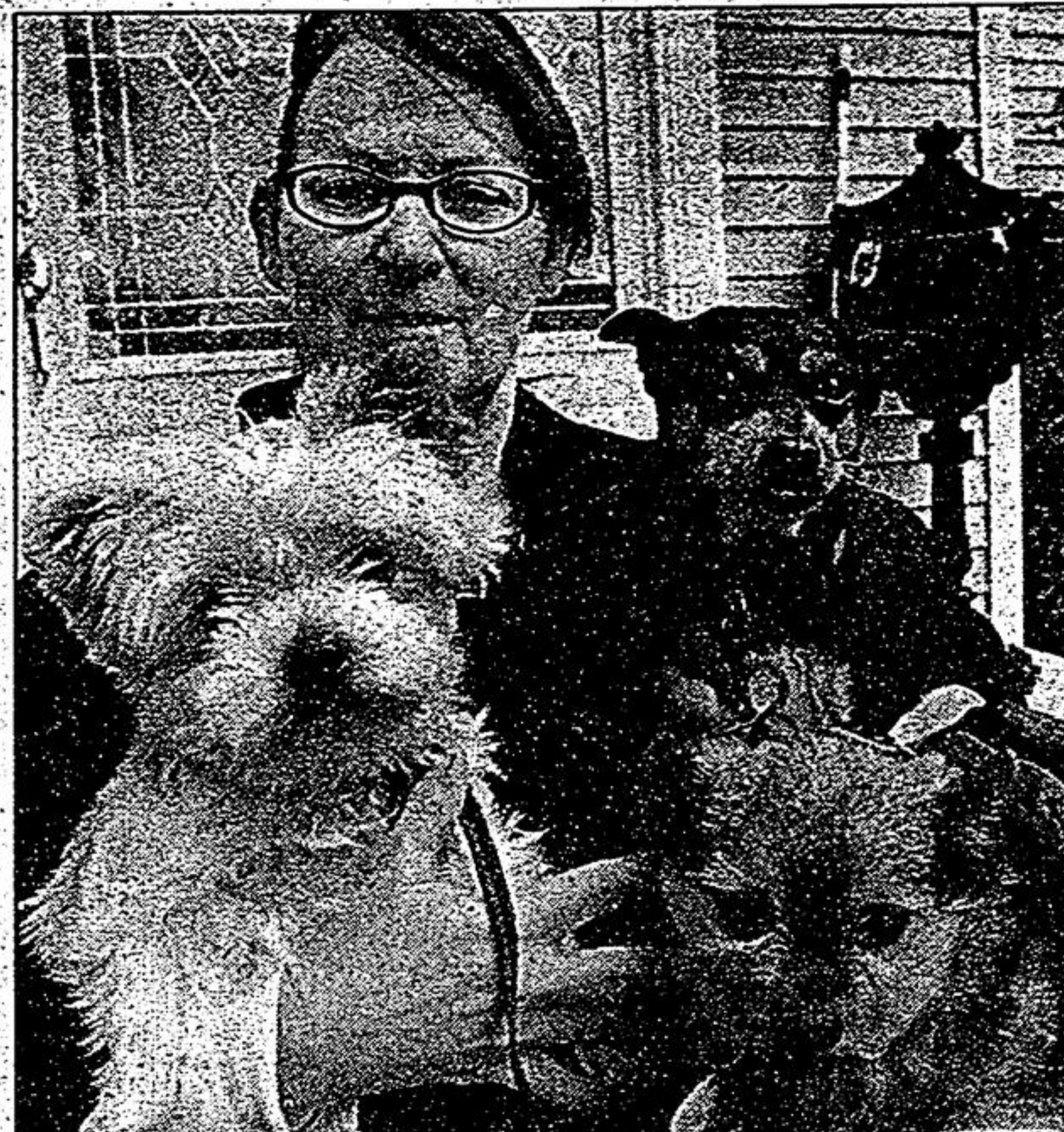
The description of the suspects differs and investigators are not sure if the two incidents are related.

Anyone with information is asked to contact York Regional Police at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7541, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at [www.crimestoppersyr.ca](http://www.crimestoppersyr.ca)

Kathy Wallace of Ballantrae holds her three remaining dogs after another dog, Mollie, was

killed by a neighbour's dog last month. Mrs.

Wallace was hospitalized and has been unable to return to work.



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**Dog death 'nightmare' lives on for owner**

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A Ballantrae woman was hospitalized and has been unable to return to work after her Yorkshire terrier was killed by another dog last month.

"It was a nightmare. It was the most traumatic experience I've ever had," Kathy Wallace said.

Two Alaskan malamutes involved in the Oct. 17 incident were quarantined for 10 days to check for rabies and released.

Mrs. Wallace was walking with her four leashed dogs on Jasmine Crescent in the Ballantrae subdivision when she came across a woman walking two leashed malamutes.

The large dogs pulled the owner off of her feet, dragging her on her stomach across the street toward Mrs. Wallace and her dogs. The malamutes were growling, ears forward, perched in a crouched position with their teeth showing while the owner yelled "no, no".

Mrs. Wallace kicked one malamute but the other attacked Molly.

"She was crying and yelping as if to say 'mom, help me.' But Mrs. Wallace still had three dogs left to protect.

She ended up carrying her tiny canine home and when her husband opened the door, Mrs. Wallace was covered in blood. Her son came down the stairs, yelling, "Oh my God" when he saw her.

"It's upset the whole family. We didn't ask for this to happen," Mrs. Wallace said.

Mollie lived with the family for six years.

York Regional Police are investigating. No charges have been laid, but police have up to six months to press charges, said Keith Saunders, Whitchurch-Stouffville's senior bylaw officer.

This is fine with Mrs. Wallace.

"I'm not looking for revenge. I'm looking for justice," Mrs. Wallace said. "I'm sure justice will be served."

But she does believe owners need to take greater responsibility for their dogs.

"They should have been muzzled since they have attacked before."

Mrs. Wallace was admitted to Markham Stouffville Hospital for three days for severe chest pains due to the traumatic experience.

"I cannot concentrate. I have nightmares at night. If I see a dog down the road, I go into complete panic mode," she said.

Mrs. Wallace has been unable to return to her job as chief inspector for a manufacturing company since the attack.

"I'm petrified. I will not encounter a big dog again."

Her remaining three dogs have all been traumatized also.

"She (one of her dogs) looks for her (Molly) all the time. She runs up and down, whining, looking for her."

Following a charge being laid, a justice of the peace will make a decision on the penalty. The maximum penalty for this type of an offence under the Dog Owners' Liability Act is \$10,000 and/or six months in prison with the possibility of the dog being destroyed.

Mrs. Wallace is clear on what she would do with the animals if she owned them.

"If it was my two dogs, I would want them destroyed."

The owner of the dog has declined to comment.

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