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## SUSPECT PULLS KNIFE ON OFF-DUTY CONSTABLE

*Driver stopped by  
Durham officer*

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Robert Parcels was just driving home through west-end Stouffville Tuesday afternoon, minding his own business, when he ended up behind an erratic driver.

Mr. Parcels, a Stouffville resident and off-duty Durham Regional Police constable, decided to follow the vehicle, which was travelling about 10 to 15 km/h but swerving from one side of the street to the other.

"My biggest concern was it was four in the afternoon, it was a residential neighbourhood and kids were playing everywhere," said the Stouffville native, who works in Oshawa.

Const. Parcels followed the vehicle along Sandale Road and Rupert Avenue, where the vehicle drove mostly on the wrong side of the road.

"Oh my God. I hope he doesn't hit any of these kids," Const. Parcels said of what he was thinking while watching the man drive erratically.

The driver eventually pulled

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## CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS



Shelley Spang and Cindy Dawson look over jewelry during the Beyond Craft Show and Sale at 19 on the Park Thursday. The show ends tomorrow.

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KINGFISHER INTERNATIONAL WORKS IN UNTAPPED MARKET

## Stouffville lab helps pets pharmaceutically

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From anti-cancer medication to Prozac and post-operative pain control to insulin. These are just some of the drugs no longer used exclusively by humans. They are, in fact, some of the medications now being regularly administered to dogs and cats.

One company helping companion animals combat traditionally

deadly diseases is Kingfisher International, a veterinary pharmaceutical research company located right here in Stouffville.

"It's an exciting time. I get excited about being a veterinarian just because I get a bit of a sneak preview sometimes on some things that are coming down the pipeline in a few years from now and these are going to be really good tools for vets to use in practice and they will have an effect, a good effect, on

the lives of animals," said Jonathan Hare, vice-president of research for the Edward Street company.

Mr. Hare founded Kingfisher seven years ago after realizing the veterinarian pharmaceutical industry was a relatively untapped one.

"There's a type of research that you're not necessarily trying to discover something new, but it's much more applied where you're trying to figure out what's the correct dosage I should be doing or how safe is this

really novel cancer drug for use in dogs," Mr. Hare said.

In the early 1980s, of the top-10 selling veterinarian drugs, about eight of them were antibiotics for cattle, according to Mr. Hare. Dewormers were about the only medications available for dogs and cats.

But it was also at about that time when veterinarian pharmaceutical

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