SIU investigating police shooting on Aurora border

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pulled down the metal gates at the front of the store because he believed the situation was getting unsafe.

Then tactical officers arrived, he added.

The officers, with their backs to his shop's window, had their firearms at the ready.

"At that point, we just carried on with the close for the next 30 minutes and figured they had it well

under hand," he said.

He didn't hear any shots.

"I did peer out the door briefly about 10 minutes after I saw the officer run by," he noted. "An officer basically yelled at me to get inside."

The injured officer, 40, was reported to be in stable condition at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket after being shot in the hand.

A suspect in the robbery is being treated at Sunnybrook hospital,

the SIU said in a statement Friday morning.

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Two other suspects were also involved in the robbery, which, according to at least one post

on Twitter, resulted in employees being tied up at the First Commerce Drive store.

At the scene, York officers appeared to be concentrating their efforts on two locations; the Bell store and parking lot of a nearby RONA.

A team of officers could be seen searching bushes with flashlights along First Commerce

Meanwhile, a large white van, emblazoned with the logo of the

SIU arrived at the scene at about midnight.

The SIU has assigned five investigators and three forensic investigators to probe the circumstances of the incident.

The SIU investigates incidents of serious injury, death and sexual assault involving police.

The power centre contains a mix of restaurants, big box stores and smaller retail outlets.

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Several stores in a plaza near Hwy. 404 and Aurora Road, where Thursday's police shooting took place, have been burglarized, the York Region Media Group has learned.



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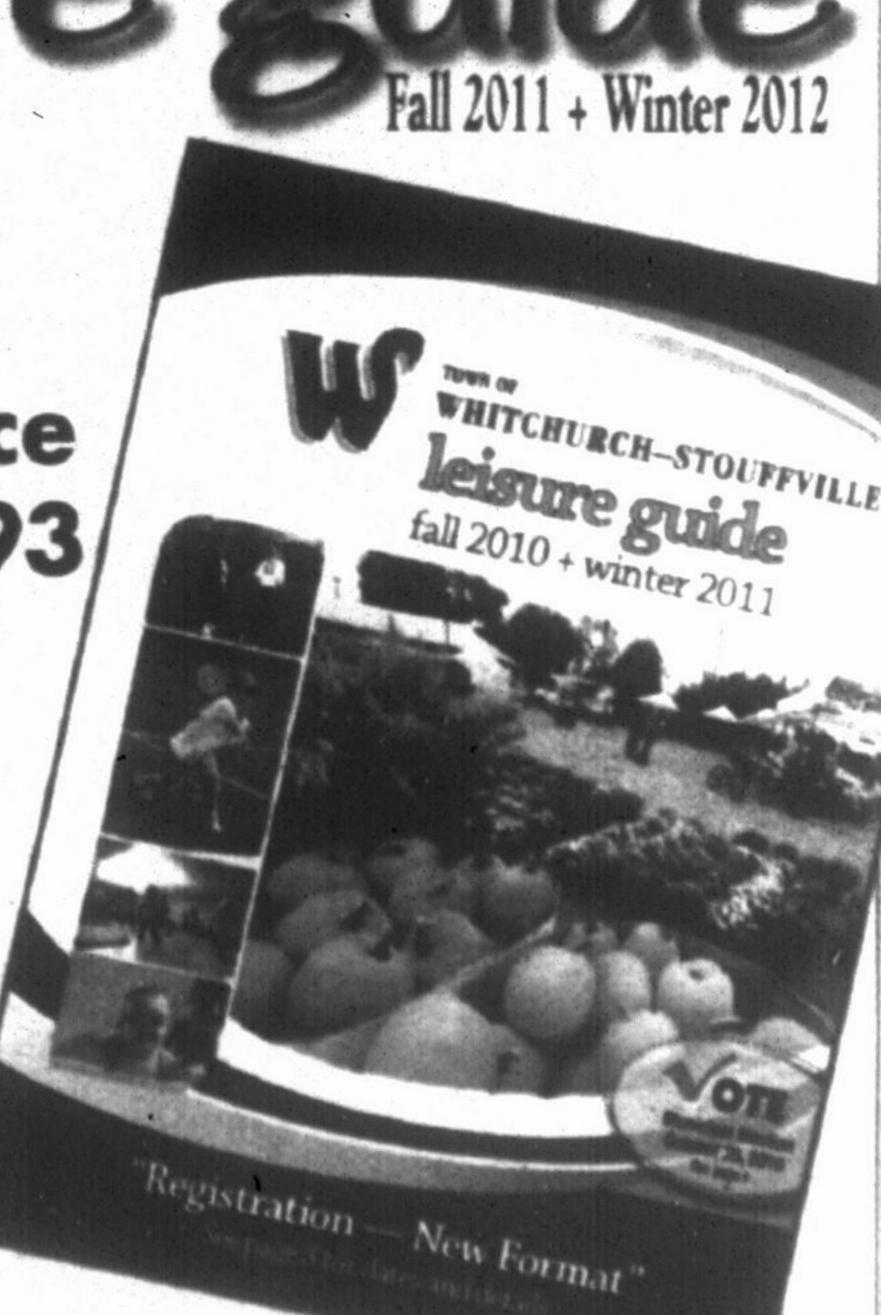


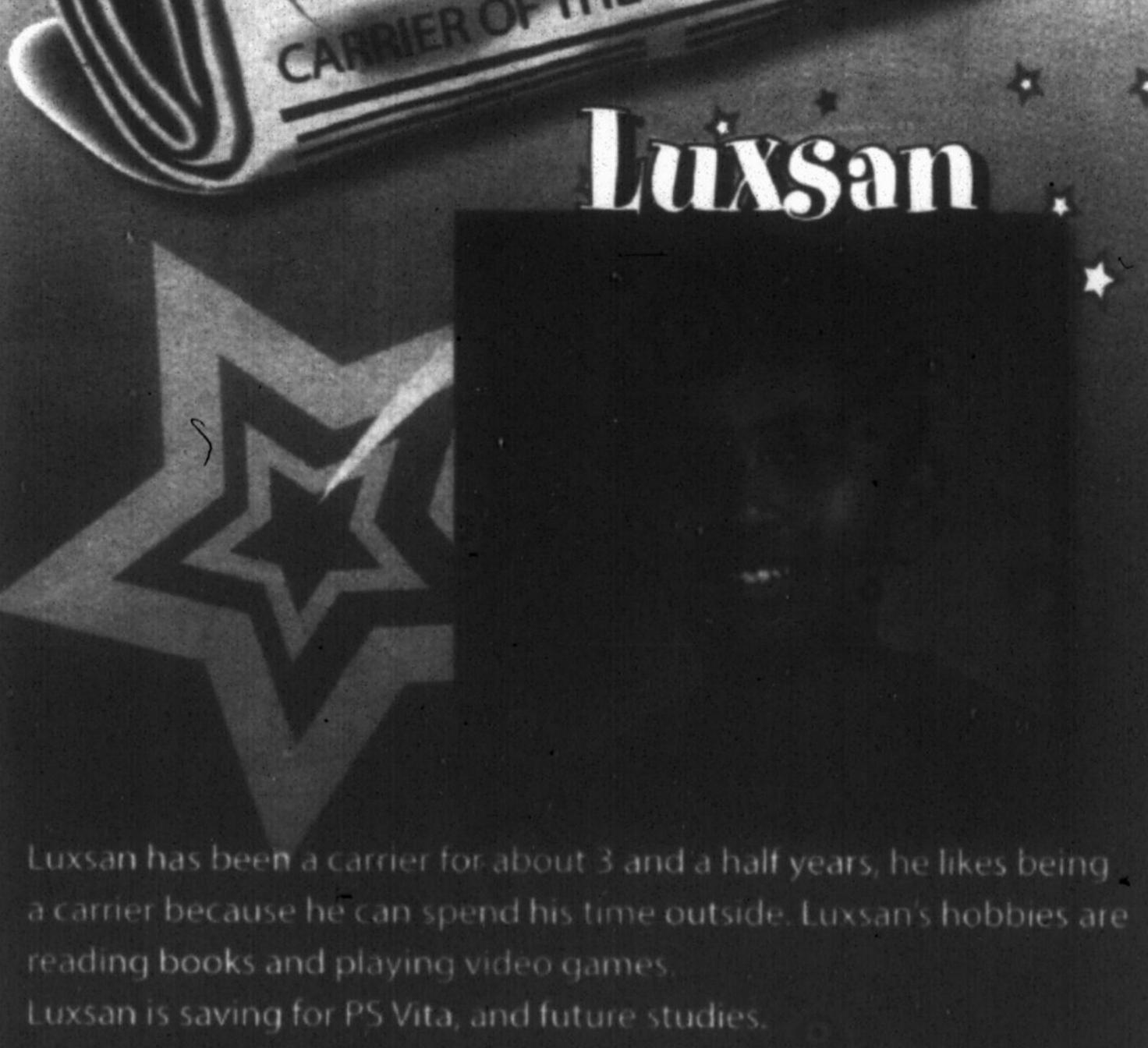


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