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**CRIME**

## MORE DOORS KICKED IN, HOUSES RANSACKED

South-end addresses hit for jewelry during day

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Three more south Stouffville homes have been ransacked after their front doors were forced open, bringing the total to six since Oct. 20.

At about 1:30 p.m. Nov. 11, York Regional Police were called to a home on Clamerten Road in response to an alarm call. Upon first look, the door appeared closed. But when investigated further, the front door had been forced open, police said.

According to police, it does not appear anything was taken from the home. There are currently no suspects and the investigation is ongoing.

Between 11 a.m. and noon, Nov. 7, a home on Mantle Avenue was hit.

The home was ransacked and, according to York Regional Police, it is unknown at this time what is missing from it.

On the same day between 7 a.m. and noon, the front door of a home on Fred Silvester Road was forced open. The home was ransacked and jewelry

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Julie Dowling stands outside her Bethesda Road home with tax bills for more than \$20,000 she and her husband must pay within six weeks. "OK. We just got three years worth of taxes in one envelope and a month and two weeks to pay them. Isn't that special," she said.

## Surprise! You owe \$21,651 in taxes

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Receiving a letter from the municipality is usually never a good thing.

In Julie Dowling's case, it was a jaw-dropping shocker.

Two weeks ago, the Gormley resident received three supplemental tax bills, in one envelope, totalling more than \$20,000. The bills have to be paid by Dec. 16.

"OK. We just got three years worth of taxes in one envelope and a month and two weeks to pay them. Isn't that special," Ms Dowling said of her initial reaction.

"You'd think they'd at least have a tiered payment" plan, she said, noting if she wishes to pay in two installments, she can — Nov. 25 and Dec. 16.

Supplementary taxes are additional monies due when a property

undergoes a change.

In this case, they were the result of Ms Dowling and her husband constructing a custom-built home on the Bethesda Road property in 2009.

During that time, Ms Dowling said they paid their taxes.

The amount owing — \$21,651 — is a result of a Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) assessment, which appears to have

taken about two-and-a-half years to complete.

"MPAC can take two-and-a-half years to do their job but they give me one month and two weeks to pay," Ms Dowling said. "I've never been given two-and-a-half years to do anything in my job."

Over to the corporation.

"We try to assess brand new

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