

Man arrested in Newmarket linked to car theft ring: YRP

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York Regional Police arrested a man suspected to be part of car theft ring stealing vehicles in Vaughan and Toronto after responding to a report of an impaired driver in Newmarket.

Police received a call Friday, Sept. 16 around 7:40 p.m. about a possible impaired driver in the parking lot of a plaza in the area of Davis Drive and Lundy's Lane in Newmarket.

Officers arrived and located the suspect vehicle. A male passenger fled on foot and was not found, but the driver remained and was investigated. He was not impaired, but provided false identification, police said.

As the investigation continued, police allege, investigators determined the vehicle he was driving had been reported stolen and had stolen licence plates.

Found inside the stolen vehicle were keys to 30 other vehicles, tools that could be used for stealing cars, multiple debit and credit

cards with different names on them and a pellet gun.

As investigators worked to determine which vehicles were linked to the recovered keys, police allege it was discovered that the accused had been working with additional suspects, still to be identified, stealing cars from residential underground parking garages on Townsgate Drive in Vaughan as well as multiple locations in Toronto.

Investigators also determined the credit and debit cards the accused had in his

possession were either stolen or fraudulent, police allege.

Anthony Ticzon, 28, of Mississauga is charged with four counts of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, possession of break-in instruments, Two counts of breach of probation, five counts of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, possession of fraudulent credit cards, three counts of possession of credit card data, fraud under \$5,000 and unauthorized use of credit card data.

Stouffville coffee shop chimney catches fire, no injuries

Whitchurch-Stouffville fire and emergency services responded to a call Oct. 5 at Velvet Sunrise Coffee Roasters after a fire broke out.

The flue, or smokestack, used to roast coffee had caught fire, leading to a rise of smoke above the chimney and off the roof of the industrial building on 100 Ringwood Dr. that is home to many other units.

"There was an accumulation of combustibles in the pipe and it ended up catching fire," said deputy chief Robert Renaud. "A passerby saw smoke and thought the roof was on fire."

Firefighters investigated and determined the fire was contained to the top section of the chimney.

The combustibles had "burned themselves out", Renaud explained.

"Firefighters cleared the scene and there were no injuries," he said. "Though our fear was that the fire would get into the building, damage was contained within the chimney."

The roasting process is very clean, Renaud said, calling the chimney fire an "anomaly."

The cul-de-sac on Ringwood Drive was closed by York Regional Police to make sure residents didn't interfere with the work of York Region Paramedic services or firefighters.

Renaud said the precaution was necessary because people were coming in and out of the adjacent units.

—Ali Raza

Cop testifies about shooting John Ross

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A coroner's inquest into the death of Aurora's John Ross heard some emotional testimony after the officer who shot the 21-year-old was questioned by Ross's sister and father.

York police Constable Adam Bosomworth took the stand Thursday and told the inquest how the events of that rainy April 2014 night changed his life forever, forcing him to seek counselling after the shooting.

"This was life changing for myself and the other officers as well," he told the inquest. "I have had to take my own steps to continue as a York Regional policeman. ... If I could have done anything to prevent the death of your son, I wish that could have happened."

The inquest stems from Ross's shooting in Aurora on April 12.

It began after police received a call from a person claiming a mother and daughter had been shot near State Farm Way and First Commerce Drive.

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