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Suspects Wanted For Convenience Store Robbery in Whitby

Investigators are trying to identify two suspects who robbed a Whitby convenience store at gunpoint.

On Saturday, April 13, 2019, at approximately 12:30 a.m., two males entered the Circle K convenience store on Brock Street and Starr Avenue in Whitby. The suspects, one armed with a gun entered the store and made a demand for cash after rummaging through the displays. The males stole products and cash and ran off. Members of Central West Division searched the area with negative results. No physical injuries were reported.

The suspects are described as: Suspect #1- male, slim build. He was wearing all black, black coat with fur-lined hood, white running shoes and was armed with a handgun.

Suspect #2- male, slim build and tall. He was wearing all black clothing, balaclava, and blue/grey running shoes.

Traffic Stop Leads to Seizure of Loaded Gun and Drugs

A Toronto man is facing numerous charges after officers pulled him over in Ajax and located a loaded firearm and drugs.

On Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at approximately 1:00 p.m., a member of West Division stopped a four-door Pontiac in the area of Ritchie Avenue and Pembry Drive. The officer observed a handgun on the driver. He was arrested without incident. Officers seized a loaded revolver and also seized approximately \$2,000 in drugs and cash.

Bavijon THAVANATHAN, age 20 of Valmount Avenue in Toronto, is charged with: Possess Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking; Possess Heroin for the Purpose of Trafficking; Possession of a Restricted Firearm with Ammunition; Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle; Possession Firearm Knowing Possession is Unauthorized; Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm; Contravention of Storage Regulation Section 117(h) and Careless Storage of a Firearm.

Officers De-Escalate Incident with an Armed, Distraught Male

An armed 62-year-old male was taken into custody after a disturbance in Oshawa.

On Sunday, April 7, 2019, at approximately 10:00 p.m., members of Central East Division responded to a male armed with a large knife causing a disturbance behind a commercial premise on King Street East in Oshawa. Police arrived and found the armed male, shouting and waving around a large butcher knife. The male was slashing at the walls and yelling loudly. Officers attempted to communicate with the male however, he disobeyed their commands to drop the knife. The male turned towards police and made advancements towards them. Officers deployed a Conducted Energy

Weapon (CEW). The male was taken into custody and taken to a local hospital for a mental health assessment.

A 62-year-old male from Oshawa is charged with Weapons Dangerous and Mischief Under \$5,000. He was later released on a Promise to Appear after being discharged from hospital.

Pickering Vape Lounge Shut Down

An investigation into illegal cannabis sales at a Pickering business has resulted in multiple charges and the seizure of more than \$150,000 in cash and products.

On Friday, April 5, 2019, West Division's Target Team concluded an investigation into Natural Budz Vape Lounge on Krosno Boulevard in Pickering. The investigation was initiated after information was received that dried cannabis and cannabis products were being sold from this location.

The investigation revealed that, on Friday nights, a "Farmer's Market" event was held at the location, involving up to 10 vendors who were selling cannabis products. This event had a disc jockey and, at times, a lineup of people waiting to get inside was seen at the doors.

When officers executed a search warrant on April 5, nine vendor tables were operating and 15 people were inside. In total, 18 people were issued a total of 68 Provincial Part III summonses for a variety of offences, included: Unauthorized Sale of Cannabis; Distribution of Cannabis and Possession of Proceeds.

Additionally, two people were charged for Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (magic mushrooms) in addition to four charges under the Federal Cannabis Act. Approximately \$24,000 in Canadian currency and \$126,000 worth of dried cannabis and cannabis products were seized. Officers also seized a quantity of psilocybin (magic mushrooms), hash, oils extracts, infused juices and infused BBQ sauce. Officers also seized over 24 kg of cannabis edibles (chocolate bars, candy bars, gummy bears, lollipops, muffins and cookies).

Fraud Suspects Arrested Using Fake Gold to Scam Victims

Investigators are asking members of the public to be mindful of a scam in which the suspects exchange fake gold for cash.

Over the past few months investigators have seen a scam where either a male or female would approach their victims and tell them that they have run out of gas. The suspect would then advise them that they have no money but were willing to trade their gold jewelry for gas money. The gold jewelry would then turn out to be fake gold. In one incident, which took place in Newcastle in mid-February, a male suspect flagged down a female motorist on Taunton Road in Newcastle. The male suspect claimed he ran out of gas and asked for help. The suspect informed her that he would give her his jewel-



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On Thursday, April 4, 2019, at approximately 1:40 a.m., members of East Division responded to a residence near Arborwood Drive and Woodstream Avenue in Oshawa for reports of a home invasion. According to the victim, while he was sitting outside of his residence, he was approached by a male who repeatedly asked if he had ordered pizza. The suspect was then asked to leave and at this point the suspect pulled out a handgun. Five masked males ran towards the house and they all forced their way in. The victim's family were at home, but were already asleep. The suspects held the victim at gunpoint while they asked questions about a male they were looking for. The suspects fled on foot without taking anything and it is believed they left in a vehicle. The victim didn't sustain any physical injuries. Investigators believe that this may be an inci-

dent of mistaken identity. The first male suspect is described as male, black, thin build, 5'9" tall, in his 20's. He had had a cornrows hairstyle and dark clothing. He was armed with a handgun.

The other five suspects are only described as males and they were wearing masks and dark clothing.

Three Males Charged and Replica Handgun Seized

Three males are facing charges after an altercation outside an Ajax residence led to the seizure of a replica handgun.

On Monday March 25, 2019, at approximately 1:40 p.m., members of West Division responded to an Ajax residence in the area of Westney and Rossland Road for an armed person call. The complainant reported a suspect male in a parked vehicle pointed a gun at him following a verbal altercation. The suspect, who is known to the victim, left in the vehicle with two other males. No one was hurt during the altercation.

The suspect male who pointed the gun was located on Tuesday March 26, 2019 in Toronto and a replica handgun was seized by officers after a search warrant was executed. The male was arrested and charged. The two other males seen in the vehicle in Ajax turned themselves in.

Ravi KUMAR, age 22 of Toronto, is charged with: Utter Threats Death or Bodily Harm; Pointing a Firearm and Use of Imitation Firearm During Commission of Offence. He was held for a bail hearing.

Marcus RAGOBEER, age 18 of Ajax, is charged with Utter Threats to Cause Death. He was released on a Promise to Appear.

Adrian NAND, age 21 of Toronto, is charged with Utter Threats to Cause Bodily Harm. He was released on a Promise to Appear.

Rash of Vehicle Warm-Up Thefts

Investigators want to warn the public of several vehicle warm-up thefts in Whitby during the past two months.

There has been an increase of vehicles being stolen in the Whitby area specifically in the area of Taunton Road and Baldwin Street. The vehicles are being stolen in the homeowners driveways as they are left warming up with the keys inside. Most of the thefts are taking place between 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. There is no suspect information at this time and investigators are hoping that video surveillance from homeowners could assist.

Here are just a few tips to protect yourself from being a victim of vehicle theft;

- Keep the keys with you if your vehicle is a push start and lock your doors.
- Use a spare set of keys to be able to lock your doors when you leave.
- Install an automatic starter in your vehicle and ensure the doors are locked.
- Don't leave your vehicle unattended for long periods of time. Park in the garage or in a visible spot.

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ry in exchange for gas money, but he would return in a few days to get back his jewelry and pay the victim back. The suspect gave her his cell phone number and left the fake jewelry. The victim was scammed out of several hundred dollars and noticed afterwards that the number was out of service and the gold was fake. Investigators identified the suspect and he was arrested on March 22, 2019.

Luceafar MARIN, age 50 of Colonial Avenue in Toronto is charged with Fraud Under \$5,000. He was released on a Promise to Appear.

Investigators ask members of the community to be mindful of their surroundings at all times and always protect your valuables. Fraudsters can be persuasive and if someone appears suspicious, don't engage them in conversation.

Suspects Sought After a Home Invasion in North Oshawa

Police are looking for six suspects after a gun-point home invasion in North Oshawa in the early morning hours.



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