

Peel Police - Multi-Jurisdictional Robbery Investigation

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Peel On, 16 March 07 – Investigators from the Peel Regional Police Central Robbery Bureau announced the arrest today of 4 suspects in a number of home invasion style robberies that occurred in Peel Region, as well as a retail robbery in Halton Region. Investigative efforts are continuing to link these robberies with others in York Region as well as Peel and Halton.

In March 2007, Peel Regional Police Central Robbery investigators identified suspects believed to be responsible for a home invasion style robbery in Brampton. In liaising with both Halton Region and York Regional Police it was determined that these same parties were believed responsible for the robbery of a Swiss Chalet in Halton and one in York. Officers from all three police services began working together on the investigation. The suspects were later linked to 4 more home invasion robberies in Peel Region.

The 4 suspects were arrested late Wednesday, March 14, 2007, and search warrants were conducted at 4 residences in Brampton during the early morning hours of Thursday, March 15, 2007. Over 125 charges including Robbery, Sexual Assault with a Weapon, Forcible Confinement, Wear a Disguise and Conspiracy have and will be laid against: Patrick KELLEHER, 20 years-old, Horaine BENNETT, 19 years-old, David STANSBURY, 22 years-old, and Matthew SAMUEL, 18 years-old. The investigation continues into the identity and pending arrest of 3 more suspects, including 2 females. The suspects are all from Brampton. They were held for Bail Hearings at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton.

At a news conference on Friday, March 16, 2007, at Peel Regional Police Headquarters, Detective Sergeant Bruce Chapman wanted to reassure the public that they should feel safe in their homes. "In the vast majority of home invasion robberies we investigate there is a direct link or association between the victims and the accused parties. It is usually through business or family relations. That is the case in these robberies."

There are generally three types of home invasion style robberies. In the first type, the targeted residence is involved in some type of illegal activity, whether it is drug related, gambling or a marijuana grow house. The second type relates to victims having, or being rumoured to have, cash and valuables in their residence. The third type relates to mistaken address. This is where the criminal and or drug community target a house they believe has cash or drugs in it. When they commit the robbery they find they have the wrong house. This can happen for a number of reasons such as the house looks like the one where they bought drugs but they end up at the wrong place.

If anyone has further information on this case or any others they are asked to contact the Central Robbery Bureau at 905-453-2121, ext. 3410 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

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