

2 hurt in night of mischief

Woman hit over head, hockey player swarmed
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Two people suffered serious injuries in unrelated attacks Halloween night.

At about 7 p.m., a woman on Bay Road in Hubley received life-threatening injuries after she was hit over the head with a blunt object. She underwent emergency surgery at the QE II Health Sciences Centre in Halifax.

"The victim is in hospital, currently in the OR (operating room), so she's critical," RCMP watch commander Staff Sgt. Stephen Merrick said just before 11 p.m. "We have one person in custody and we're continuing to investigate that."

As a result of a 911 call, an RCMP vehicle and paramedics responded and found the woman with life-threatening injuries.

The victim is in her 40s and the suspect may be in his 20s. Staff Sgt. Merrick did not know whether the two are related.

The RCMP's major crime unit and general investigation unit were still on the scene late into the night.

The suspect has not been charged.

Meanwhile, in Cole Harbour, a Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League player was also taken to hospital after he was swarmed by a group of eight or nine people following a workout.

After the McCain Major Midgets went for a run on a track behind Cole Harbour Place, left winger Mark Power and teammate Jordan Mock went back for a piece of clothing one of them left behind while most of the players and one of their coaches headed back to the dressing room inside Cole Harbour Place. When Mark, 16, and Jordan, 15, returned to the track they were swarmed by a bunch of individuals wearing red masks over their faces, Elizabeth Herritt, co-president of the team said Tuesday night.

Although Mrs. Herritt did not witness the attack, she said she was told the group beat Mark, kicking and jumping on his head.

"He was taken by ambulance. We're just on our way to the hospital to see how extensive (his injuries are)."

From a doctor's observations at the scene, Mrs. Herritt said Mark definitely had a concussion.

"His mouth was so swollen and bloody, we couldn't tell as far as damage to the teeth, mouth, that sort of thing," she said.

The incident occurred at about 7:30 p.m.

Despite having a concussion, Mark was able to walk to the ambulance, Mrs. Herritt said.

Jordan was not severely assaulted.

When the attackers "came out of nowhere" Jordan picked up a rock to ward them off.

"When he did one of the individuals, he had his hand down his pants . . . making it look like a gun. We don't know that it was or anything. But Jordan stopped."

When a number of players who heard the hollering started coming back, the attackers took off.

At 9:20 p.m., Mark was listed in good condition at the Dartmouth General Hospital.

Late Tuesday night, RCMP confirmed that a group of black males assaulted one of the players.

"The police attended and spoke to the father and also to the individual that was assaulted," Staff Sgt. Merrick said.

Police will follow up with an investigation today.

RCMP also responded to egg-throwing incidents, minimal damage to properties and suspicious vehicles in some areas.

In Woodside, a fire caused extensive damage to a two-storey single family home at 16 Crawford Street. Halifax Regional firefighters responded to the fire at 8:09 p.m. and quickly put it out. No one was home at the time. There's also a small apartment off the back of the home.

Halifax Regional Police did not return calls Tuesday night.

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Standoff suspect facing charges

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A man arrested after heavily armed police entered a Dartmouth-area home Monday night previously served his full 54-month sentence on weapons and drugs charges.

After spending Monday night behind bars, Clayton Edward Harvey, 36, was arraigned in Dartmouth provincial court Tuesday on separate counts of violating previous court orders, including failing to keep the peace and missing an earlier court appearance.

The Crown opposed his release and Mr. Harvey was remanded to jail overnight pending a bail hearing this morning.

The Halifax RCMP emergency response team rushed to 21 Neilson Dr. at 3 p.m. Monday. At the time, Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin told reporters they'd heard Mr. Harvey was armed.

But when team members went inside the house five hours later, they could only arrest Mr. Harvey for the court breaches. "Through the search of the residence, we couldn't locate anything," Cpl. Taplin said, referring to the absence of weapons in the house.

Mr. Harvey was slated to appear in Dartmouth provincial court on Oct. 4 to have a hearing date set into an application by police under section 810 (2) of the Criminal Code to monitor the man's post-prison behaviour.

But Mr. Harvey didn't show up and that led police to his home Monday night to arrest him.

In July 1998, police got a tip and arrested him in a car on Highway 105 near Bras d'Or. Officers found a sawed-off shotgun, ammunition, pepper spray, knives, marijuana, hashish, cocaine and LSD.

In January 2000, he started a four year, six month sentence for drugs, weapons and possession of stolen goods. He served his full sentence without receiving parole before his July 2005 release.

When Mr. Harvey left prison, the Halifax RCMP/Regional Police integrated major crime unit applied to have restrictions imposed on his freedom.

Under the Criminal Code, police must convince a judge the subject of the application may cause harm to someone. Police won't say why they are seeking the recognizance, which requires a court hearing.

Mr. Harvey first appeared in court on Aug. 18 after police picked him up on a person-of-interest warrant. The matter was adjourned until Oct. 4 to allow him time to find a lawyer.

He was released on standard conditions. He must attend court as directed, keep the peace, notify police of his address, stay in the province and refrain from taking drugs and alcohol or possessing firearms.

In many cases where police seek a Section 810 bond, media outlets are contacted to alert the public of a dangerous person's pending release. That wasn't done in Mr. Harvey's case. Mr. Harvey also faces two unrelated drug charges. He is slated to appear in court on Nov. 8 to enter a plea on one of them and is to be arraigned on the other on Nov. 15. (bhayes@herald.ca)