

Guard helps nab robbery suspects

The 40-year-old city man accused of allegedly breaking into the B.C. Buildings Corporation office on Opie Crescent last weekend will have to wait until Monday to find out if he'll get bail.

Dean Edwin Kaminski was arrested on the weekend with two other men, 35-year-old Rodney Prince and 27-year-old Peter Walter Smith, after the BCBC offices were broken into and some office equipment was taken.

A security guard working in the industrial centre got suspicious when he heard a car leaving the office complex.

He followed the car, checked the plate number and realized the plates were stolen.

He continued to follow the car, but lost it near 20th Avenue and Victoria Street.

The police were notified, and an officer finally managed to pull the car over.

Five people were inside, three men and two women.

The two women were released and charges were dropped against them.

But the three men were all charged with break, enter and theft.

Mr. Prince and Mr. Smith have both been released from custody pending their next appearances on in court this Tuesday.

Jobless rates will stay high

Young people and workers in natural resource industries will be the hardest hit by an unemployment rate that will remain high for some time to come, says the chief economist for Credit

Union Central of B.C.

B.C.'s unemployment rate still sits at over eight per cent provincially, over nine in the central interior, and it is likely to stay that way for at least two to four years, says

Helmut Pastrick.

"In the medium term, sluggish demand for labour will keep the unemployment rate from falling significantly. Only when economic growth is well above two per cent

for more than one year, the unemployment rate will decline noticeably," he predicts.

Only tough choices on difficult policy issues can ensure a long term, low unemployment rate, he says.

IF YOU DRIVE TOO FAST, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD GET HURT.



NEW ESCALATING SPEEDING FINES WILL SOON TAKE EFFECT.

To crack down on dangerous driving, speeding laws in our province are changing. Starting December 15, 1997, there'll be much tougher penalties for excessive speeding on all B.C. roads, especially in areas where children and pedestrians are most vulnerable, such as school, playground, and construction zones.

GOOD DRIVERS SHOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY FOR DANGEROUS DRIVERS.

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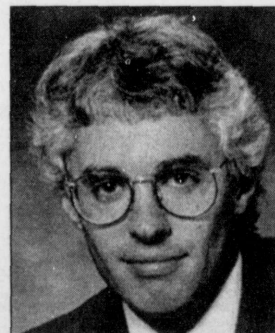
THE FASTER YOU GO, THE MORE IT WILL COST YOU.

Fines for speeding in school, playground, and construction zones are going up. For example, the minimum school zone fine will be \$173. Driving more than 20 km/h over the speed limit will result in a \$230 fine. And fines increase significantly for going more than 40 km/h and more than 60 km/h over the limit.

Other speeding fines on highways and in municipal speed zones are unchanged for those who exceed the speed limit by 1-20 km/h. But going more than 20 km/h over the limit will result in a higher fine.

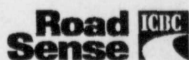
IT'S PART OF B.C.'S DRIVE TO SAVE LIVES.

The introduction of Escalating Speeding Fines is just one of the elements of the government's ongoing plan to make roads safer in B.C. By clamping down on dangerous driving, we can save lives, reduce crashes and keep insurance rates affordable.



Andrew Petter,
Minister
Responsible
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