



Three men face nine charges in mischief investigation, 55 Division

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On Friday, August 8, 2008, at 11:20 a.m., police received a call for protestors at 221 Broadview Avenue.

It is alleged that:

- two members of the "Fathers 4 Justice" group were handing out news releases to the public prior to their protest,
- police observed two men, one of whom had a noose around his neck, threatening to jump off the roof of a home and commit suicide if their demands were not met,
- negotiators with the Emergency Task Force (ETF) were able to talk one of the men, dressed in "Spiderman" costume, down from the roof,
- negotiations failed to convince the remaining man, dubbed as "Plywood Man", off the roof,
- the ETF used distractionary devices, drawing the attention of "Plywood Man" away from the officers long enough for them to arrest him and prevent any injuries,
- police located and arrested a third man in front of the home.

The professional actions of all the officers involved allowed for a successful conclusion to a potentially dangerous situation.

Denis Van Decker, 46, of Aurora; Vi-Nhien Tran, 49, of Richmond Hill; Mark Bogan, 47, of no fix address; have each been charged with:

- 1) Mischief Interfere with Property,
- 2) Mischief Under \$5000,
- 3) Common Nuisance.

Constable Tony Vella, Public Information, for Detective Alex Broadfoot, 55 Division