

## Auto thief guilty in parking lot mayhem

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A Six Nations man who played a version of real-life bumper cars in a movie theatre parking lot is facing a new role: jail inmate.

Crown counsel Kim Rogers told court Monday that a six- to nine-month sentence is contemplated for Darrell Henry, who pleaded guilty to theft over \$5,000 and dangerous driving.

Henry, 28, has no previous record.

Rogers told court Monday that a joint forces, anti-auto theft program called Project Shutdown had surveillance on three males in a Chevy Avalanche SUV that was scoping out possible vehicles to steal from Hamilton parking lots on June 2, 2011.

Police lost track of the vehicle at one point. But about 9 p.m. police spotted it with two males inside, along with a GMC Sierra — which had just been reported stolen from the Home Depot parking lot on Centennial Parkway — being driven eastbound on the parkway by another male.

When the two vehicles entered the Silver City theatre parking lot on Paramount Drive, police attempted to approach the two drivers.

Rogers said the Avalanche driver was able to avoid police and took off at a high rate of speed. Police chose not to pursue that driver.

Rogers said the driver of the Sierra backed into a police cruiser that had blocked it in. That collision caused considered damage to the cruiser. The Sierra then drove forward and rammed a civilian vehicle blocking its path.

The driver wasn't done. He put the Sierra in reverse, looking as if he intended to continue the damage. Police broke the driver's side window and pulled the man to the ground.

Defence counsel Beth Bromberg said Henry, who is of aboriginal descent, has been active in the Six Nations aboriginal community. She asked Ontario Court Justice John Takach to order a Gladue pre-sentence report for aboriginal offenders.

Henry was ordered to return to court May 31 for sentencing.

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