

And it's not a coincidence.



14 arrested in park swarmings

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Police have arrested 14 people in connection with a series of alleged swarming robberies in the city's west end over the past several weeks.

Toronto Police will hold a news conference this afternoon to provide details of the arrests of the 14, who are all young offenders.

Over the past few weeks, a group of youths have been confronting victims and robbing them of their valuables, including cash, i-Pods, laptops and cellphones.

These robberies occurred mainly in Dufferin Grove Park and Christie Pits Park.

Dufferin Grove Park is in the area of Bloor St. W. and Dufferin St., and Christie Pits Park is in the Bloor St. W. and Christie St. area.

Police said at least nine robberies occurred in these parks.

Victims received broken ribs, bruising and other broken bones in the attacks, Det. Leslie Hildred said.

She said most of the attacks occurred between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m.

The youths would approach a person or couple sitting on a park bench and accost them.

A weapon was seen in one incident, but she wouldn't identify what kind of weapon.