

July 22, 2008

200 more bikes seized

Police say 60-plus charges will be laid against shop owner

By BRETT CLARKSON, SUN MEDIA

A controversial Queen St. W. bike dealer accused of theft and crack-dealing is facing at least 60 additional charges and will stay in jail until at least Friday, as police yesterday seized more than 200 bikes from another one of his storage garages.

Igor Kenk, 49, wore a prison-issue orange jumpsuit and looked tired yesterday morning in an Old City Hall bail court.

Kenk, who owns the Bicycle Clinic at 927 Queen St. W., was sent back to the Don Jail after court ruled more time was needed to allow for cops to lay charges in connection with the recent raids on four locations including Kenk's shop and the Yorkville home he lived at.

But that's not the end of the raids, Sgt. Vince Tso said last night.

"Further search warrants will be carried out," Tso said.

Det.-Sgt. Ed Roseto told reporters over 60 charges would be laid against Kenk.

In addition to the 1.3 kilos of marijuana allegedly found at Kenk's Berryman St. home, police also seized 1.5 kilos of crack cocaine, Roseto said.

Kenk was busted after plainclothes officers allegedly watched the bike mechanic hand a man cash after directing him to cut the lock of a nearby bike with bolt cutters.

Wearing the same black Adidas T-shirt from his arrest, Kenk's co-accused, Jean Laveau, 47, was calm as court scheduled him for a Thursday bail hearing.

Later in the afternoon, police raided a garage behind 1205 Dovercourt Rd., north of Dupont St., seizing between 200 and 230 bikes, said Toronto Police Const. Ian Parker.

Neighbours who live near the Dovercourt garage said the garage had been stacked with bikes so high the owner of the house couldn't open the door into the garage.

Parker said that police would soon be notifying the public about extended viewing times for the seized bikes.

Police have been showing the bikes at the traffic unit's garage at 9 Hanna St. in hopes of reuniting them with their owners.

Since Kenk was arrested on Wednesday, police have seized over 1,500 bikes from his Queen St. W. store, two storage garages rented by Kenk on Gladstone Ave. and Dovercourt Rd., and from the Berryman St. house.

From that, roughly 50 bicycles have so far been reunited with their owners, police said.

Kenk's lawyer, Lon Rose, said yesterday he couldn't yet comment on the case because he hasn't seen the disclosure evidence.

He did confirm he had been retained by Kenk and that he was hoping to secure his release on Friday.