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60 charges, so far, for bike-shop boss

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A Queen St. W. bike-shop owner at the centre of a massive bicycle theft blitz will stay in jail until at least Wednesday as police yesterday said there could be more charges laid against him.

Igor Kenk, 49, appeared in a bail court looking more alert than his last court date on Monday, when he appeared disheveled and tired.

Kenk's bail hearing was rescheduled for July 30 yesterday because "it's possible" police will be laying further charges against him, Det.-Const. Aaron Dennis said.

Kenk's lawyer Lon Rose was tight-lipped about the case against his client, explaining that he has yet to see all the evidence so far against him.

"Without all the evidence and full disclosure and instructions from my client, I don't have anything else I can provide to you," Rose said.

Meanwhile, the Bicycle Recovery Program yesterday reunited another 45 cyclists with their bikes as cops displayed the 2,500 or so two-wheelers they've recovered.

In total, over 100 bikes had been claimed by their owners by yesterday afternoon, including a bike stolen in Aurora that was reunited with the York Regional Police staff sergeant who originally owned it, Staff-Sqt. Laurie Jackson said yesterday.

"That's what's really standing out to us," Jackson said, noting the distance between Aurora and Kenk's Bicycle Clinic at 927 Queen St. W., raided the day after the man was arrested last Wednesday.

Since then, 13 search warrants have been executed on eight properties including the Yorkville home he shared with common-law wife Jeanie Chung, his shop, and six storage garages. The most recent bust went down Thursday at a Pacific Ave. garage, near High Park, where about 130 bikes were seized.

Police have laid about 60 charges against Kenk.

The bike mechanic was put in handcuffs last Wednesday after allegedly paying a man after directing him to chop a bike lock with bolt cutters.

Jean Laveau, 47, was reportedly cutting a second lock when Consts. James Rowe and Craig Meredith swooped in to make the arrests.

Chung, 37, was also charged in connection with the investigation.