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Ken hopes the force will be with him

Oshawa collector targeted by thieves praying for return of Jedi

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OSHAWA — Ken Chopee invested thousands of dollars and four decades in assembling his massive collection of Star Wars memorabilia; it took a thief just minutes to abscond with a significant portion of it.

Now, the Oshawa man waits in hope that police will identify the culprit, and recover property he says is worth thousands of dollars and has even greater sentimental value. Chopee, who turns 53 on March 24, was already a teenage collector of trading cards and the like in the '70s — then came Star Wars and the flood of memorabilia that accompanied the franchise.

"I saw Star Wars and that literally changed my life," said Chopee, sitting in his central Oshawa home that's stuffed with the items he has left and is patrolled by a Labrador retriever named Anakin.



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