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Stranger Sexual Assault in Oshawa

Investigators are releasing a composite sketch of the suspect wanted for a stranger sexual assault incident earlier this month. On Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at approximately 11:45 a.m., an unknown male knocked on the victim's door at her residence in the Ritson Road South/Olive Avenue area of Oshawa. The male began asking questions about the house for sale nearby when he entered the house and then suddenly pushed her to the ground and sexually assaulted her. The victim fought off the attacker and he fled on foot, running west-bound. The suspect is described as a male, white, in his 30s, possibly with blue eyes, a shaved head (with some hair stubble) crooked and yellow teeth, baggy blue shirt, sweatpants and running shoes. He had a tattoo of a pirate ship on right inside forearm, writing on his outside right forearm and his fingers were stained yellow from cigarettes. His cheeks were drawn in and he smelled of cigarettes. The suspect kept using the phrase "right on."

Male Suspect Wanted for Indecent Act

Police are attempting to identify a male suspect who was seen naked and masturbating near a Clarington creek on Saturday. On Saturday, May 5, 2018, at approximately 3:50 p.m., a female was fishing in a creek near Tooley's Mill Park in the Centerfield Drive and Highway 2 area with her child when she saw a naked male masturbating about 50 meters away from their location. A few moments later he left the creek area heading north on foot and the female called police. Responding officers did not locate the male; however, they did speak to community members in the area to alert them of the incident. The suspect is described as: male, white, 20 to 35 years old, slim build with muscle tone, reddish brown hair that was shaved on the sides and longer on the top. Anyone with new information is asked to contact East Division at 1-888-579-1520 ext. 1687.

Ontario Liberals make it harder for smokers to quit, ignore scientific evidence: e-cigarette industry

The Ontario government's new regulations dealing with electronic cigarettes will reduce access to a potentially life-saving technology for people who are trying to quit smoking, which will have a devastating effect on public health and the economy, according to officials with the Canadian Vaping Association (CVA), Canada's preeminent e-cigarette trade association. In January, the Ontario government, led by Premier Kathleen Wynne, opened a public consultation on proposed regulations covering Bill 174, the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017. However, on April 23, the Liberals announced that the draft regulations would be implemented without any amendments. Those working within the industry warn that a regulation banning the use of e-cigarettes within specialty vape shops — which, under the law, will only be accessible to adults over 19 years of age — will make it impossible for them to show customers, who are looking to reduce the harms caused by smoking, how to use the devices, and prevent people from testing the products in-store. As a result, many smokers will be discouraged from switching to e-cigarettes, which the Royal College of Physicians in the U.K. says is 95 per cent safer for one's health than smoking. This will have a detrimental effect on public health and harm the many small businesses that sell and manufacture e-cigarettes and related products in Ontario. CVA president Shaun Casey said that the regulation demonstrates a lack of understanding of how much education and training it takes to transition people from smoking to vaping. "This regulation will make the transition for adult smokers almost impossible, leading to fewer people finding and trying vaping, thereby reducing access for adult smokers and ultimately shutting down the industry and turning it over to less-effective Big Tobacco products to again dominate this space," he said. Officials with the CVA say that while they understand the government's knee-jerk reaction to lump vaping in with existing indoor smoking bans, such a policy is not based on the latest scientific evidence. They point to a growing body of research showing that the second-hand vapour produced by e-cigarettes does not pose a risk to bystanders. For example, Public Health England's "latest evidence review found that to date, there have been no identified health risks of passive vaping to bystanders," according to the U.K. government's website. Likewise, a 2017 study from the Non-Smokers' Rights Association, a Canadian non-profit, shows that e-cigarette vapour dissipates after 30 seconds, whereas cigarette smoke lingers for upwards of 20 minutes. It concluded that, "Studies on e-cig-

rette vapour typically demonstrate very low toxicity, and no study to date has directly correlated exposure with long-term adverse health outcomes for bystanders." A 2017 literature review conducted by researchers at the Centre for Addictions Research of BC at the University of Victoria also found that second-hand vapour is "far less toxic than cigarette smoke, often by several orders of magnitude," as it does not contain any "carbon monoxide and volatile organic com-

pounds." They concluded that there is no evidence that second-hand vapour "poses significant second-hand health risks." With an election looming, the CVA is calling on all parties to stand up for public health and small businesses in the province of Ontario by committing to allow adults to test and sample e-cigarettes within vape shops.

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