

# OCN POLICE FILES



## FATHER STABBED BY SON IN PICKERING

A 57-year-old Scugog male was located with serious injuries after stabbing in a Pickering residence Monday after midnight.

On Monday, November 16, 2020, at approximately 12:55 a.m., members of West Division were called to a residence near Altona Road and Taunton Road in Pickering for a stabbing call. Officers located the homeowner with serious injuries. Officers rendered first aid until Durham Paramedics arrived. The male was rushed to a Toronto Trauma Center.

The suspect, who is the victim's son, fled the scene and was arrested this afternoon in Bradford with the assistance of South Simcoe Police Service.

The 30-year-old male from Bradford is charged with: Attempt Murder; Aggravated Assault; Uttering Threats; Break and Enter; Mischief; Possess Weapons Dangerous and Assault with a Weapon.

## SYNTHETIC OPIOID NEW IN DURHAM REGION

A lab test of a purple substance seized during an investigation in June 2020 has identified a dangerous synthetic opioid not seen before by our Drug Enforcement Unit.

An analysis of the purple substance seized in the investigation came back as a mixture of fentanyl and isotonitazene, a synthetic opioid as dangerous as fentanyl and 100 times more powerful than morphine. It is a prohibited substance in Canada and has been found mixed with other drugs in several overdose deaths in North America. Like fentanyl, a small amount can trigger a near-instant overdose.

On June 16, 2020, officers were called to a parking lot at a plaza on Westney Road and Kingston Road in Ajax. A 36-year-old Ajax male drove into the back of a parked car and showed obvious signs of impairment. Officers arrived and discovered what appeared to be a small baggie of purple heroin in the vehicle, which was sent off to the lab for testing. This later came back as a mixture of fentanyl and isotonitazene, a synthetic opioid not yet seen by the DRPS Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) on the streets of Durham Region.

The male was taken to hospital and blood samples later came back confirming the presence of fentanyl in his system. This led to a charge of Impaired Operation. The male recovered and no other injuries were reported. Members of the DEU have not encountered isotonitazene until this incident. They would like to advise the community of the presence of this drug

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and how dangerous it can be. To learn more about opioid addiction and how to protect yourself from overdosing, please visit the Durham Health Department website here: <https://www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/drugs.aspx>

## CASH AND DRUGS SEIZED IN OSHAWA

Two people are facing charges after an investigation yielded more than \$54,000 in drugs and cash in Oshawa. Over the past two weeks, the Central East Division Community Response Team concluded an investigation after receiving complaints of drug trafficking on Division Street in Oshawa. On November 12, 2020, members of the investigative team with assistance of the Drug Enforcement Unit executed a search warrant at a residence on Division Street in Oshawa. Five parties were arrested at the residence and one suspect fled on foot, but was arrested a short distance away. Members located and seized approximately \$52,000 worth of crystal meth, heroin, crack cocaine, fentanyl, cannabis and just over \$2,500 in cash.

**Michael SAMUELS**, age 46, of No Fixed Address and Davion BROWN, age 39, of Canary Street in Whitby were each charged with: Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking x5. Samuels was charged additionally with Breach of Probation.

## SUSPICIOUS DEATH IN LEASKDALE

Durham Regional Police officers are investigating a suspicious death in the community of Leaskdale, north of Uxbridge

On Friday, November 13, 2020 at approximately 12:40 a.m., North Division Officers were called to a residence on Regional Road 13 near Concession Road 7 in Uxbridge Township. The husband of a 63-year-old female had arrived home and located his wife deceased in the residence. He called 911 and commenced CPR. Paramedics and police arrived and the female was pronounced deceased. The Coroner attended the scene and could not determine a cause of death. A post mortem will be scheduled. Given the unknown cause of the death, at this time the death has been deemed suspicious. The investigation continues.

## INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING INTO TWO SEPARATE ANIMAL ABUSE CASES

Police are looking for any information that would assist in two separate cases involving dogs that were located in poor health in North Clarington. On October 3, 2020, Clarington Animal Services located a stray dog near Concession Road 10 and Mosport Road in Bowmanville. The dog

described as a Pitbull Terrier mix was extremely emaciated and taken to a veterinary office in Newcastle. The dog passed away several days later due to health conditions. On October 13, 2020 around midnight, a citizen located a female Pitbull Terrier mix dog which was black and white in color. The dog was located in extremely poor health near Concession Road 9 and Enfield Road in Clarington. The dog was taken to a local Veterinary clinic to get medical attention. The dog is now recovering. Investigators are working with the Provincial Animal Welfare Services and an investigation is underway to locate the owners of the dogs or anyone who may have information on this investigation. They are being treated as separate cases but there appears to be some similarities in both cases.

## MALE CAUGHT DRIVING WITH 22 PROHIBITION ORDERS

A 43-year-old male on parole with 22 prohibition orders to not drive has been arrested for operating a motor vehicle. On Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at approximately 5:20 p.m., police received information about an orange Corvette driving erratically on Taunton Road in Oshawa. Later, an officer from Central West Division observed the vehicle at a high rate of speed westbound on Highway 2 at Garrard Road in Whitby. The

vehicle did not stop at the red light and the vehicle was not pursued due to safety concerns.

Further investigation identified the driver as **Adam SIMEUNOVICH**, age 43, the subject of 22 drive disqualifications and a federal parolee. On the evening of Wednesday, November 11, 2020, the male was located getting out of a cab while returning to a residence in Lindsay. He was arrested by members of the DRPS Offender Management Unit, without incident. He is charged with: Operation While Prohibited x22; Dangerous Operation and Drive Motor Vehicle While Suspended.

## MALE ARRESTED AFTER ASSAULT IN BEAVERTON

A 28-year-old male was arrested and police continue to search for a 32-year-old female after an assault in Beaverton this weekend. On Saturday, November 14, 2020, at approximately 8:30 a.m. members of North Division responded to an assault call near Simcoe Street and Osborne Street in Beaverton. The victim had attended a friend's residence to retrieve some personal items when she was assaulted by the male outside the residence. The 32-year-old female suspect joined in and assaulted the female. A passerby stopped his vehicle and the suspects fled to their

residence. The female suffered minor injuries and was treated by emergency services at the scene.

Investigators executed a search warrant at the residence and arrested the male suspect, located and seized a small amount of cocaine, cash and drug paraphernalia. The female suspect was not in the residence.

The 28-year-old male from Beaverton is charged with: Assault; Breach of Probation; Possession of Property Obtained by Crime and Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (cocaine).

## IMPAIRED DRIVER LOCATED IN BOWMANVILLE

A 40-year-old Bowmanville man is facing charges after driving more than 100 kilometers an hour over the speed limit while impaired.

On Thursday, November 5, 2020 at approximately 1:46 a.m., an East Division officer conducting speed enforcement observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed northbound on Regional Road 57 north of Boundary Road. The vehicle was recorded travelling 185 km/hour in an 80 km/hour zone. The officer followed the vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle made a sharp turn down a side street and pulled over suddenly. The officer was able to arrest the male without incident.

It is believed the male was involved in a domestic incident near Liberty Street North and Longworth Avenue in Bowmanville which was investigated by members of East Division.

A 40-year-old Bowmanville male is charged with: Assault; Refuse to Provide Breath Sample; Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Stunt Driving and Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle. His car was seized and his license suspended.

## LONG GUNS STOLEN FROM STORAGE UNITS

A number of items, including two long guns, were stolen from storage units in Oshawa. On the morning of Monday, October 26, 2020, officers from Central West Division were called to Durham Multi Storage located at 918 Taunton Road West, Oshawa, after it was discovered multiple units were entered unlawfully. Six units were found with cut locks. Numerous items were missing including two long guns and ammunition. Investigators are appealing for anyone who saw anything suspicious in the area or have information as to the persons responsible to contact police. Investigators have had difficulty contacting owners of the specific units due to outdated address and contact information.