

# OCN POLICE FILES



### Man Charged for Abusing Dog

Police have charged a 38-year-old man for causing unnecessary suffering to a dog in Ajax.

On Saturday, July 24, 2021, at approximately 1:50 p.m., members from West Division were called to a pet supply store in the area of Kingston Road and Salem Road for the report of animal cruelty.

Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the staff members who reported they had located a puppy wandering in the plaza. They brought the puppy into their store to keep it safe when a male entered the store claiming to be the owner. Upon handing the puppy over to the man, he struck it in the head with an object and repeatedly assaulted it as he exited the business. The suspect entered a trailer parked nearby.

Officers attended the trailer where the suspect barricaded himself and refused to cooperate with officers. Following a confrontation with officers, the suspect was taken into custody. The puppy was removed by Animal Control and taken to a veterinarian for examination.

**Sheldon McPHERSON**, age 38 of Ajax, is charged with: Willfully Cause Unnecessary Suffering to an Animal contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and Cause Animal to be in Distress contrary to the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act.

### BANK ROBBERY IN OSHAWA

Police are looking for a male

suspect after he attempted to rob a bank in Oshawa yesterday.

On Thursday, July 22, 2021, at approximately 5:46 p.m., members from Central East Division were called to the TD Canada Trust on Ritson Road North. A lone male had entered the branch and demanded money from the teller. He fled without any cash.

A K-9 Unit tracked the area but did not locate the suspect. The investigation is on-going.

### CHARGES LAID FOLLOWING FRAUD INVESTIGATION

A Whitby resident faces numerous charges after a fraud investigation into the financial statements of a women's hockey league.

Investigators from the DRPS Financial Crimes Unit commenced a fraud investigation in December 2020, after receiving reports of irregularities found in banking transactions for the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League (LLFHL).

Following a comprehensive investigation, including the analysis of several years of financial statements, more than \$700,000 of league funds were found to have been transferred from the LLFHL bank account to various accounts spanning from early 2017 to 2020. The suspect was employed as the league administrator and treasurer, whose duties included managing the finances of the league.

Sonya SPICER (SCHRAM), age 56, of Playfair Road in Whitby is charged with: Fraud

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Over \$5,000; Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 and Obtain by False Pretence Over \$5000. She was released on an Undertaking.

### SHOTS FIRED IN NORTH AJAX

West Division is investigating after several gunshots were fired in Ajax.

On Thursday, July 22, 2021, at approximately 2 p.m., members of West Division responded to a report of shots fired in the area of Pickering Concession Road 5 and Greenwood Road. The complainant reported hearing several gunshots from a vehicle that was driving by. Officers

attended the area and located several shell casings. There were no injuries and no damage to vehicles or property was located.

Forensic evidence was collected at the scene and the investigation is ongoing. There is no vehicle or suspect description at this time.

If anyone has any new information about this investigation, they are asked to contact D/Cst. MacKinnon of the West Division Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-888-579-1520, ext. 2529

### SUSPECT FOUND TO BE DRIVING STOLEN VEHICLE

A suspect was arrested after failing to stop for police and striking a fire hydrant in Pickering.

On Thursday, July 22, 2021, at approximately 1:43 a.m. officers were dispatched to a stolen vehicle call in the area of Bayly Street and Liverpool Road in Pickering. A food delivery driver reported having their vehicle stolen while

attending a residence to deliver food.

A short-time later, a member of West Division observed a vehicle driving erratically in the area. The officer followed the vehicle and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The suspect vehicle failed to stop, and fled eastbound on Bayly Street.

Following a brief pursuit, the suspect vehicle lost control, striking a fire hydrant at Church Street and Bayly Street. Further investigation revealed the stolen vehicle was the vehicle involved in the pursuit. A female suspect was arrested without incident. Courtney GIROUX, age 30, of Oshawa is charged with: Dangerous Operation, Possess Property Obtained by Crime Exceeding \$5000, and other driving-related offenses.

### STOLEN VEHICLE LOCATED

A stolen vehicle was located in Ajax and six people are facing charges.

On Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at approximately 9:00 p.m., members from West Division responded to the report of a possible impaired driver. Air1 assisted and was able to locate the 2016 Black Dodge Durango, which was also identified as stolen, parked in the Shoal Point Road and Bayly Street East area of Ajax.

Officers arrested six males at the scene. A replica handgun, which appears to have been modified, and knives were located inside the vehicle.

Two 18-year-olds, two 17-year-olds and two 16-year-olds, all from Ajax, are facing various charges. One of the 18-year-olds was held for a bail hearing and the others were released on Undertakings.

### ALTERCATION IN OSHAWA LEAVES ONE INJURED

An altercation in Oshawa ended with a male being injured from an assault with a baseball bat.

On Sunday, July 18, 2021, at approximately 9:11 p.m., members of Central East Division were called to Simcoe Street South and Mill Street area of Oshawa for an altercation. Initial reports stated that a number of males were involved in a physical altercation. One male was armed with a machete and another was armed with a baseball bat.

One male was found with serious injuries after being struck with a baseball bat. He was taken to hospital and remains in stable condition.

A 25-year-old from Oshawa has been charged with Assault Cause Bodily Harm.

A 34-year-old from Oshawa has been charged with Mischief Under \$5,000 and Assault with a Weapon.

A 33-year-old from Oshawa has been charged with Assault and Assault with a Weapon.

### SUSPECTS WANTED FOR AN ARMED ROBBERY IN OSHAWA

Three suspects are sought after an armed robbery at a pharmacy in Oshawa over the weekend.

On Friday, July 16, 2021, at approximately 5 p.m., three males entered the Parkwood Pharmacy on Simcoe Street North armed with knives and stole, narcotics, cash and personal items from the employee. The three suspects were seen leaving in a vehicle.

The victim didn't sustain any physical injuries.

The suspects are described as three young black males who fled in a white SUV. They were armed with knives.

### CYCLIST INJURED IN A PICKERING COLLISION

A 68-year-old cyclist has serious injuries following a motor vehicle collision in Pickering on Friday.

On Friday, July 16, 2021, at approximately 10:35 a.m., members of West Division responded to a motor vehicle collision involving a cyclist near Kingston Road and Whites Road.

A 62-year-old male from Pickering was driving a 2010 blue Dodge Caravan and was exiting from the Shell gas station when it struck the 68-year-old-male cyclist. The driver of the Dodge Caravan stopped and remained on scene. The cyclist sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported to a Toronto-area trauma center for medical treatment where he remains in serious but stable condition.

Members of the Collision Investigation Unit were called and the roadway in the area was closed for several hours to collect evidence and conduct their investigation. The investigation is ongoing. Police would like to hear from any witnesses to this collision, who have not already spoken to police.

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