

OCN POLICE FILES



SHOTS FIRED IN AJAX

Police are investigating after shots were fired Thursday afternoon in Ajax.

On Thursday, April 17, 2025 at approximately 5:40 p.m., members of West Division responded to Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens cemetery located at 1575 Church Street North after receiving a call for the sound of gunshots.

Officers arrived on scene and located a number of shell casings in the area. Two white SUV's were reported to be seen travelling at a high rate of speed shortly after the sound of gunshots.

At this time, there have been no physical injuries reported.

FATAL HEAD-ON COLLISION IN AJAX

A 78-year-old female has been pronounced deceased after a head-on collision in Ajax.

On Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at approximately 1:00 p.m., members of West Division responded to a multi-vehicle collision in the area of Kingston Road West and Elizabeth Street. A grey Honda HRV was travelling eastbound on Kingston Road West when it crossed into the westbound lanes, striking a silver Dodge Journey head-on. The Dodge Journey was then struck by a red Mazda Protégé travelling westbound on Kingston Road West.

The 78-year-old female driver of the Honda HRV was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

The female driver of the Dodge Journey was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre where she remains in serious condition. No other injuries were reported.

FATALITY AFTER VEHICLE COLLIDES WITH BUS SHELTER IN PICKERING

A pedestrian is deceased after a vehicle collides with a bus shelter in Pickering.

On Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at approximately 2:30 p.m., members from West Division responded to a vehicle collision involving two pedestrians at Kingston Road and Brock Road. A white

Chevrolet Cruze was travelling westbound when it was involved in a collision with two other westbound vehicles. The Chevrolet Cruze then left the roadway, colliding with a bus shelter and two pedestrians, before entering the roadway again and striking a third westbound vehicle.

A 31-year-old female was being transported by EMS to a waiting Air Ornge when she was pronounced deceased.

A 26-year-old male was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre with serious, non-life-threatening injuries. There were no other injuries reported.

MALE ARRESTED FOR INDECENT EXPOSURE IN CLARINGTON

A 32-year-old male has been arrested after exposing himself during four separate incidents in Clarington.

On March 2, 2025 members of East Division attended the Metro located at 243 King Street East in Bowmanville for a male walking around the store with his genitals exposed. Officers arrived on scene and arrested the suspect.

Further investigation revealed that the suspect exposed himself during three additional incidents dating back to December. The suspect has been arrested and charged with those incidents.

Police are concerned that there may be additional vic-



tims. A photograph of the suspect is attached and can be viewed at www.drps.ca

Johnathan SHEARD, age 32, of Newtonville has been charged with: Commit an Indecent Act in a Public Place x4.

SUSPECT WANTED AFTER SHOOTING IN OSHAWA

Police are searching for a male suspect after he discharged a firearm during a fight in Oshawa.

On Saturday April 5, 2025, at approximately 2:30 a.m., members of East Division responded to an armed person call in the area of King Street East and Eastlawn Street in Oshawa. Officers searched the area and located a single bullet casing.

Investigators determined there was a verbal altercation between two groups of people who had just left a local bar. The group continued to walk across the street when a physical altercation began. One of the male suspects pulled out a firearm and fired it into the air. The crowd dis-

persed before police arrived. The suspect is described as: male, Black, thin build. He was wearing a ski mask, black puffer jacket, black pants and black shoes

ARMED ROBBERY AT WHITBY GAS STATION

Police are searching for a suspect following an armed robbery at a gas station in Whitby.

On Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at approximately 3:45 a.m., members of Central West Division responded to a robbery at a gas station, located at 1519 Dundas Street East. The suspect entered the store pointing a firearm at the employee while demanding cash, lottery tickets and cigarettes.

The suspect stole a quantity of cash and fled the area prior to police arrival.

No physical injuries were reported.

The suspect is described as: male, White with medium build. He was wearing a green sweater, dark coloured pants and black shoes.

72-YEAR-OLD MALE ARRESTED AFTER CHILD LURING INVESTIGATION

A 72-year-old male is facing charges following a child luring investigation.

On Tuesday, April 8, 2025, members from the DRPS Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) concluded an investigation concerning an adult male communicating with whom he believed was a 13-year-old girl. The male sent sexually explicit messages and images to the girl, asking her to send him photos.

A Criminal Code search warrant was executed at two residences in Hamilton and the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

The suspect communicated on "Chat IW" with the username: "JuniorJohnson". Police are concerned there may be other victims and are requesting anyone with information to come forward.

James DAW, age 72, of Hamilton is charged with: Luring a Person Under 16 to Facilitate the Offence of Sexual Assault; Luring a Person Under 16 to Facilitate the Offence of sexual Interference; Luring a Person Under 16 to Facilitate the Offence of Exposure; Luring a Person Under 18 to Facilitate the Offence of Making Child Pornography and Make Sexually Explicit Material

Available to a Person Under 18 for the Purpose of Making Child Pornography.

MALE ARRESTED FOR INDECENT ACT IN PICKERING

A male has been arrested after committing an indecent act near a public park in Pickering.

On Monday, April 7, 2025, at approximately 9:50 a.m., members of West Division responded to a sex offence call in the area of Diefenbaker Court and Valley Farm Road. A witness observed a naked male standing outside a tent committing an indecent act near a public playground. Officers located the male a short time later and placed him in custody without incident. Further investigation revealed that the same suspect was involved in another incident on April 4, 2025. In that incident, the victim reported that the suspect chased after her at a nearby plaza. The victim entered a nearby building and the suspect went in another direction.

Steven GAUDETTE, age 37, from Pickering is charged with: Commit Indecent Act in Public Place, Criminal Harassment, Mischief Interfere With Lawful Enjoyment and Disobey Court Order.


CANADA-WIDE WARRANT ISSUED IN PARENTAL ABDUCTION CASE

A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for the arrest of a 41-year-old female in a parental abduction case.


In August, 2024, members of Central West Division began an investigation into a parental abduction involving a 5-year-old and his mother. The mother had taken the child to Colombia and is refusing to return the child to Canada.

A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for her arrest. Efforts are underway to retrieve the child from Colombia and ensure his safe return to Canada and the father.

Patricia MONTERO-ZAMBRANO, age 41, is wanted for: Abduction by Parent/Custody Order.



CONTRACTOR SCAMS



- **What is a contractor scam?**
 - Suspects advertise renovation and repair services online for cheap and enticing rates. They use legitimate-looking websites and documents such as contracts and pamphlets to trick the victim into thinking they are a legitimate business.
 - Suspects request a sum of money up front from the victim, usually referred to as a 'deposit'. This can be cash or sent by e-transfer. The suspects typically tell the victim this money is for the costs of materials needed to purchase ahead of the work actually beginning.
 - Once the money is received, the suspect either continuously delays the project start date and/or stops communicating with the victim all together. The work is never started and the suspect does not issue a refund at any time.
- **How to prevent yourself from being a victim?**
 - Never feel pressured into entering into a contract or sending money without doing your due-diligence.
 - Research the company and people you are speaking to through online reviews, referrals, social media, etc.
 - Contact the Canadian Anti Fraud Centre or the Ontario Consumer Be Wise to identify if the business or person has been involved in any fraud related incidents before.
 - Stay educated and ask for friends and/or family to help you in verifying the business.
 - If you feel suspicious – don't proceed.

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