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Male Injured Following Carjacking in Ajax

A male sustained injuries after being assaulted by at least three suspects who attempted to force him back into his vehicle while stealing it in Ajax. On Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at approximately 12:00 a.m., members of West Division responded to an armed person call in the area of Randall Drive and Macey Court. A male returned to his residence and was exiting his vehicle when he was approached by at least three unknown males who assaulted him and attempted to force him back into his vehicle. The victim was able to get away before the suspects fled the area in his vehicle. Police attended the area but did not locate the suspects. The vehicle was later located unoccupied in Pickering. The victim suffered serious, non-life-threatening injuries.

Suspects Wanted After Armed Robbery in Whitby

Police are searching for at least three suspects after an armed robbery in Whitby. On Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at approximately 3:00 p.m., members of Central West Division responded to an unknown trouble call in the

area of Taunton Road East and Baldwin Street South. The victim used Facebook Marketplace to arrange a meeting with the suspect to sell him a watch. Upon meeting, the victim was pepper sprayed and physically assaulted. The suspects fled in a black SUV. The victim was taken to a local hospital with minor injuries.

Suspect #1: Male, Black, 18-20 years old. He is approximately 6'0" and has long braided hair. He was wearing a black toque, blue medical mask, black tracksuit, yellow work gloves and grey running shoes.

Suspect #2: Male, approximately 5'5"-5'7". He was wearing a black medical mask, beige sweatshirt, dark grey trackpants, black shoes and black nitrile gloves.

Male Arrested After Hate Motivated Incident in Port Perry

A 38-year-old male is facing charges after a hate-motivated incident in Port Perry. On August 30, 2026, officers from North Division responded to an armed person call at Palmer Park after receiving reports of a male swinging a bat at people in the park. Officers arrived on scene but

the suspect had already left. After speaking to witnesses and reviewing video footage, officers learned the suspect was making threats while yelling racial slurs. Through further investigation, a suspect was identified. On Thursday, September 10, 2026, members from North Division, with assistance from the DRPS Tactical Support Unit, attended the suspect's residence and he was arrested. The DRPS Hate Crime and Extremism Unit, in partnership with the Intelligence Operations Unit, executed a search warrant at the suspect's residence and several items related to the offence were seized.

Lucca DOWNEY, a 38-year-old male from Scugog is facing several charges, including: Offence Motivated by Hatred – Assault with a Weapon, Offence Motivated by Hatred – Utter Threats; and Offence Motivated by Hatred – Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public.

Male Arrested After Robbery at Oshawa Bank

A male has been arrested after making threats during a robbery at a bank in Downtown Oshawa. On Monday, September 14, 2026, at approximately 10:30 a.m., members of Central

East Division responded to a robbery call at the CIBC Bank located at 2 Simcoe Street South. An employee was approached by the male who made threats of having a firearm while demanding cash. The female employee complied and handed over an unknown amount of Canadian currency, believed to be approximately \$4000. The male fled the area but was later located by officers and arrested without incident. There are no injuries reported as result of this incident.

Darren LAZARUIK, age 56 of No Fixed Address is charged with: Robbery, Fail to Comply with Probation Order, and Possess Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000.

Fatal collision involving Wheelchair accessible van in Ajax

Male succumbs to injuries after collision in Ajax. On Monday, September 14, 2026, at approximately 4:35 p.m., members of West Division responded to a collision in the area of Bayly Street East and Clayton Road. Officers attended for a report of a wheelchair accessible taxi being involved in a collision with another motor

vehicle. A passenger in the wheelchair accessible taxi was seriously injured as a result of the collision and transported to a Toronto-area hospital. The 65-year-old male was pronounced deceased at the hospital as result of this collision

Police Looking for Information after Shooting at Ajax Residence

No injuries have been reported following a shooting outside an Ajax residence. On Sunday, September 13, 2026, at approximately 9:50 a.m. members of West Division responded to a shooting outside of an Ajax residence in the area of Taunton Road East and Salem Road. Officers attended and located numerous shell casings in the area and obvious damage to the residence caused by the discharged firearm. Through further investigation, officers determined that the shooting occurred the night prior, on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at approximately 11:05 p.m. No injuries have been reported to police at this time. This is believed to be an isolated incident and there is no risk to public safety.

Male Suffers Injuries Following Collision in Whitby

A 91-year-old male is in stable condition after being struck by a Honda sedan in Whitby. On Monday, September 14, 2026, at approximately 8:35 a.m., members of Central West Division responded to a collision in the area of McKinney Drive and Taunton Road East. A 44-year-old male was driving a Honda sedan southbound on McKinney Drive, approaching the intersection of McKinney Drive and Taunton Road East. The driver conducted a left turn and struck a 91-year-old male on his mobility assister scooter as they were northbound in the crosswalk. The 91-year-old male suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to a local area hospital in stable condition. The driver of the Honda sedan remained on scene and is cooperating with police.

Three Youth Charged After Assault Investigation

Three youth have been arrested and charged in connection with two separate assaults that occurred near a school in the area of Scugog Street and Longworth Avenue in Bowmanville. On August 19, 2026, at approximately 1:55 p.m., a victim was walking near the school when they were approached by two male suspects and assaulted. The incident was reported to police several days later, and investigators were able to identify two suspects. The following day, on August 20, 2026, at approximately 9:26 a.m., a second victim was assaulted by a group of youth in the same area. This incident was also reported to police several days later. Through the investigation, officers determined that the two previously identified suspects, along with a third youth, were involved in both incidents. The victims were not known to the accused. As a result of the investigation, all three youths were identified and arrested. Due to the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act, the identities of the accused cannot be released.

A 13-year-old male from Bowmanville has been charged with Assault x2. A 14-year-old male from Clarington has been charged with Assault x2. A 14-year-old male from Clarington has been charged with Assault. The 14-year-old male was held for a bail hearing. The 13-year-old male from Bowmanville and 14-year-old male from Clarington were released on an undertaking.

on Monday, October 26, 2026

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