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### Female Charged After Three Firefighters Struck in Uxbridge

A female has been charged after she collided her vehicle with three firefighters who were assisting with a collision in Uxbridge.

On Sunday, November 16, 2025, at approximately 7:40 p.m., members of North Division along with members of the Uxbridge Fire Department responded to a collision in the area of Wagg Road near Old Highway 47, involving a transport truck and pick-up truck.

While emergency crews were assisting with this collision, a Hyundai SUV lost control, hitting three firefighters and the driver of the transport truck, before crashing through a fence and into a tree.

### Suspect in Oshawa Stabbing Arrested

Police have arrested a male responsible for a stabbing in Oshawa.

On Thursday, February 26, 2026, at approximately 10:40 p.m., members of Central East Division responded to an armed person call in the area of Celina Street and Bruce Street. The victim was stabbed after being approached by three suspects who started a verbal altercation.

On Thursday, March 26, 2026, officers located the suspect responsible for the stabbing in Oshawa. Following a brief foot pursuit, the suspect was taken into custody.

At the time of the stabbing the accused was already bound by a weapons prohibition.

**William Taylor HAYES**, age 24 from Oshawa is charged with: Aggravated Assault, Assault with a Weapon, Possess Weapon for Committing Offence, and Breach Probation x2.

### Male Wanted After Robbery at Pickering Convenience Store

Police are searching for a male after he robbed a convenience store in Pickering.

On Friday, March 20, 2026, at approximately 1:05 a.m., members of West Division responded to a robbery call at the Circle K convenience store located at 1298 Kingston Road. A male inside the business waited until all customers had left before approaching the sales counter and demanded cash from an employee. The suspect kept his hand in his jacket pocket giving the impression he was armed. The suspect accessed the cash register and stole cash before fleeing the area on foot.

The victim did not suffer any

physical injuries. The suspect is described as: male, Black, approximately 5'10" tall, with a heavy build.

### Three Youth Arrested After Multiple Armed Robberies in Durham

Three males responsible for several armed robberies have been arrested following the completion of Project Burke. Between February 20 and March 7, 2026, three businesses—Pizza Pizza in Pickering twice, B Boyz Burger in Pickering, and Little Caesars in Whitby—were targeted in a series of armed robberies. The Pizza Pizza was targeted by two suspects, while B Boyz and Little Caesars were targeted by a lone suspect, where staff were threatened with a knife while cash was stolen from the register. Investigators with the Auto Robbery Crime Unit (ARC) initiated Project Burke to identify and arrest those responsible.

On Tuesday, March 24, 2026, the first suspect was located at a high school in Pickering and taken into custody without incident. Later that evening, the two other suspects were taken into custody.

A 17-year-old male from Pickering is charged with: Robbery x4, Disguise with Intent x4, Possess property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000 x4, Possess Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000, Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence, and Traffic in Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000.

A 15-year-old male from Whitby is charged with: Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence, and Possess Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000.

A 14-year-old male from Whitby is charged with: Robbery, and Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence.

### Male Wanted After Armed Robbery at Cash Advance Business in Pickering

Police are searching for a male after an armed robbery at a cash advance business in Pickering.

On Friday, March 20, 2026, at approximately 3:55 p.m., members of West Division responded to an armed robbery at The Cash Shop located at 1660 Kingston Road. A male entered the business and forced the doors to a secure employee area open. The suspect made threats to an employee with a weapon while demanding cash. The suspect stole electronics and



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more than \$10,000 cash before fleeing the area.

The suspect is described as: male, Black, 25-30 years old, approximately 6'2" tall, with a slim build.

### Male Flees Canada After Fraudulently Purchasing Vehicle in Pickering

Police have issued an arrest warrant for a male who has fled Canada after fraudulently using documents to purchase a vehicle in Pickering.

In July 2025, investigators from the Financial Crimes Unit (FCU) began an investigation into the fraudulent purchase of a vehicle after they were contacted by the staff of a dealership in Pickering. In February 2025, the suspect attended the dealership and purchased a 2025 Hyundai Elantra sedan with fraudulent documents. The suspect made no payments for the vehicle, which was later confirmed exported to the Netherlands.

The suspect fled the country within a week of purchasing the vehicle.

**Ovidiu-Ionut DUMITRU**, age 36 of Romania is wanted for: Fraud Over \$5000, Make False Statement to Procure Credit, and Disposal of Property to Avoid Creditors

### Two Youth Arrested After Using Counterfeit Currency

Two males are facing charges after using counterfeit currency at two pet supply stores in Ajax and Whitby.

On Thursday, January 15, 2026, members of West Division responded to a fraud call at the Ren's Pet Store located at 280 Kingston Road East in Ajax. Two males entered the business and purchased a dog crate using counterfeit currency. The suspects then attended a second Ren's Pet Store location at 980 Taunton Road East in Whitby, where they returned the item in exchange for legitimate currency before purchasing an additional item using further counterfeit bills. Later that evening, the suspects returned to the store in an attempt to refund the item again but were confronted by staff and fled the area. In March 2026, both suspects surrendered themselves to police.

A 15-year-old male from Oshawa is charged with: Fraud Under \$5000 x2, and Utter Counterfeit Money x2.

A 16-year-old male from Oshawa is charged with: Fraud Under \$5000 x2, and Utter Counterfeit Money x2.

### Male Wanted on Canada-Wide Warrant

Police are requesting the public's assistance in locating a wanted male who is believed to be in Durham Region.

**Jermaine WEEKES**, age 40, is wanted on a Canada-wide warrant in relation to a Winnipeg Police Service extortion investigation.

WEEKES has previously lived in Ajax and is believed to be in the Durham area.

### Male Arrested After Armed Robbery at Gas Station in Oshawa

A male is facing charges after an armed robbery at a gas station in Oshawa.

On Friday, March 20, 2026, at approximately 11:00 p.m., members of Central East Division responded to an armed person call at the Petro Canada gas station located at 925 Simcoe Street North. A male entered the business and made threats with a knife toward employees while demanding cash. The suspect went behind the counter and stole money from the cash register before fleeing the area on foot.

Officers arrived on scene and located the suspect a short distance away. After a brief foot pursuit, the suspect was taken into custody.

At the time of his arrest, the

suspect was already on conditions not to be in possession of any knives.

**Nathan JEAN MICHEL**, age 19 from Oshawa is charged with: Robbery, Disguise with Intent, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000, Assault Peace Officer, Obstruct Peace Officer, and Fail to Comply with Undertaking.

### Two Suspects Wanted in Used Vehicle Purchase Scam

Two males are wanted by police after fraudulently claiming mechanical issues to purchase a used vehicle at a discount rate in Scugog.

In January 2026, investigators from the Financial Crimes Unit began investigating two males after receiving information they had damaged a used vehicle to buy it at a lower price.

The suspects responded to a Facebook Marketplace ad and attended the victim's home to view the vehicle. While test-driving it, they distracted the victim and deliberately damaged the engine by covering it with oil.

The suspects then falsely claimed the vehicle had serious mechanical problems and that the engine was ruined. Based on these false claims, they pressured the victim into selling the vehicle at a significantly reduced price.

Both suspects are also currently wanted and facing charges from several other police agencies for similar scams.

Police believe there may be other victims and are asking anyone who has information or who has been defrauded by the suspects to contact them.

**Marius ZORILA**, age 31 of Romania is wanted for: Fraud Over \$5000, Mischief Over \$5000, and Possess Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000.

**Constantin TANASE**, age 26 of Romania is wanted for: Fraud Over \$5000, Mischief Over \$5000, and Possess

Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000.

### Three Youth Arrested with Imitation Firearms in Oshawa Mall

Police have arrested three male youth after they were seen with firearms in the Oshawa Centre.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at approximately 7:50 p.m., members of Central East Division responded to an armed person call at the Oshawa Centre located at 419 King Street West. Mall security contacted police after observing three males with concealed handguns.

Members of the Tactical Support Unit, with the assistance of front-line officers, located the suspects and took them into custody without incident. A search of the suspects found two concealed imitation firearms.

A 12-year-old male, 13-year-old male, and 14-year-old male were arrested but subsequently released unconditionally to their parents.

All youth were issued formal trespass notices banning them from attending the Oshawa Centre

### Male Arrested After Using Counterfeit Currency

A male is facing charges for using counterfeit Canadian bills at multiple businesses across Durham Region.

On Saturday, February 7, 2026, the suspect targeted multiple retail stores in Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa using counterfeit Bank of Canada \$100 bills. The accused then returned the items for cash refunds in Toronto.

On Friday, March 13, 2026, officers arrested the male in Toronto following a month-long investigation into the counterfeit currency.

**Dominic COLEMAN**, age 20 from Toronto is charged with: Fraud Under \$5000 x4, Uttering Counterfeit Money x4, and Fail to Comply Release Order x4.



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