

## MALE SUSPECT WANTED IN WHITBY ROBBERY

A male suspect is wanted after a pharmacy robbery on Wednesday afternoon. On Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at approximately 2:35 p.m., members from Central West division attended a pharmacy located at 65 Baldwin Street North. The lone male suspect entered the store and made a demand for narcotics and opioids while brandishing a knife. The suspect fled westbound on foot with a quantity of products. The suspect is described as: male, White, approximately 30 years old, 5'7 tall, thin build, dark coloured hair. He wore an orange and teal mask, blue jeans and gloves.

## Police Appeal for Witnesses in Overnight Shooting in Oshawa

Police are requesting the public's assistance in locating a male who is wanted for numerous firearm offences after shooting a male in Oshawa. On Sunday, October 9, 2022, at approximately 11:50 p.m., members from Central West Division were dispatched to an armed person call inside the Whiskey John's located at 843 King Street West. Officers arrived on scene and located one male suffering from a gunshot wound. The male was taken to a Toronto-area trauma centre with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. A warrant has been issued for: Isan MURLEY, age 30 of Oshawa. MURLEY is wanted for 12 charges which include: Discharge Firearm with Intent to Wound/Endanger Life, Carry Concealed Weapon, Possession of a Loaded Restricted or Prohibited Firearm and Aggravated Assault.

## Male Facing Numerous Fraud Charges in Bowmanville

A 44-year-old male is facing several fraud related charges after using fraudulent identification in attempt to obtain money. On Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at approximately 2:40 p.m., members from East Division attended 680 Longworth Avenue for a male who was attempting to withdraw funds from a bank account belonging to another person. After he was unsuccessful at withdrawing the money, he attended another bank and approached a teller with fraudulent identification and made a second attempt. Police were called and the male was arrested on scene. Jason WEISS, age 44, from London Ontario is charged with: Attempt Fraud x2, Personation with Intent x2, Possession of an Identify Document x2, Possession of Identity Document, Forgery and Fail to Comply with Release Order x2.

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# PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF CANADA'S FIRST SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON COMBATTING ISLAMOPHOBIA

Islamophobia, discrimination, and hate, in any form, are unacceptable and have no place in this country. The Government of Canada stands with and supports Muslim communities across Canada and reaffirms its commitment to take action to denounce and tackle Islamophobia, hate-fuelled violence, and systemic discrimination whenever and wherever it occurs.

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, announced the appointment of Amira Elghawaby as Canada's first Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia.

Ms. Elghawaby is an award-winning journalist and human rights advocate. A founding board member of the Canadian Anti-Hate Network and past board member at the Silk Road Institute, she has had an extensive career supporting initiatives to counter hate and promote inclusion. She currently leads strategic communications and campaigns at the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and is a member of the National Security Transparency Advisory Group.

As Canada's Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia,

Ms. Elghawaby will serve as a champion, advisor, expert, and representative to support and enhance the federal government's efforts in the fight against Islamophobia, systemic racism, racial discrimination, and religious intolerance. She will promote awareness of the diverse and intersectional identities of Muslims in Canada and provide advice to the government in the development of inclusive policies, legislative proposals, programs, and regulations that reflect their realities. In so doing, she will also help advance respect for equity, inclusion, and diversity and shine a light on the important contributions of Muslims to our country's national fabric.

Islamophobia is a lived experience for Muslim communities across the country and requires ongoing action. The Government of Canada remains unwavering in its commitment to fight hatred, racism, and discrimination. Together, we can build a better future for everyone.

Quotes

"Diversity truly is one of Canada's greatest strengths, but for many Muslims, Islamophobia is all too familiar. We need to change that. No one in our country should experience hatred because of



their faith. The appointment of Ms. Elghawaby as Canada's first Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia is an important step in our fight against Islamophobia and hatred in all its forms. I look forward to working with her as we continue building a country where everyone feels safe and respected."

- The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

"In Canada, diversity is a fact, but inclusion is a choice. Our government has listened to the lived experiences of Muslim communities from across the country and is taking action in the fight against Islamophobia. As Canada's first Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia, Amira Elghawaby will use her vast knowledge and experience as a human rights advocate to help guide and reinforce Canada's efforts in

addressing anti-Muslim hatred, systemic racism, racial discrimination, and religious intolerance. This appointment is a significant step toward building a safer and more inclusive Canada for all."

- The Hon. Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion

Quick Facts

As defined in Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy,

Islamophobia includes racism, stereotypes, prejudice, fear, or acts of hostility directed toward Muslims.

In July 2021, the Government of Canada hosted a virtual National Summit on Islamophobia, which helped identify ways for the government to better work with Muslim communities to implement anti-racism initiatives that specifically address Islamophobia and hate-fuelled violence. The appointment of a Special Representative was one of the recommendations put forward at the summit.

The application process for the new position of Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia was launched in June 2022. Ms. Elghawaby was appointed following an open, transparent, and merit-based selection process conducted for this Governor in Council position.

In 2021, January 29 was officially designated as the National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia, a day to remember the victims of this tragedy, denounce Islamophobia and all other forms of racism, hate, and religious discrimination, and advance action to combat them.