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Multiple Pedestrians Struck in Oshawa Collision

Five pedestrians were injured, one critically, after being struck by a vehicle in Oshawa. On Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at approximately 9:20 a.m., officers from Central West Division were called to Niagara Drive and Sheridan Street, for a collision involving five children under three-years-old and one adult female who were struck by a vehicle. A 62-year-old female was driving a white Volvo sedan southbound on Niagara Drive, which has no traffic control, making a left onto Sheridan Street. A daycare worker with five children under three-years-old were walking northbound along the east sidewalk when they were struck by the turning vehicle as they were crossing the street. A two-year-old was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre with serious life-threatening injuries, where they remain in stable condition. The daycare worker and one child were transported to local-area hospital with serious, non-life-threatening injuries.

Professional Baseball Player and Spouse Charged in Fraud Investigation

A former Major League Baseball player and his spouse have been charged in connection with a fraud investigation involving a youth baseball training program. In 2025, families registered and paid fees for the 2025-2026 Ontario Devil Rays baseball training program. Payments were made to accounts associated with Ontario Devil Rays Inc., by parents who enrolled their children into the program. Investigators determined that between April 1, 2025 and October 31, 2025, approximately \$60,000 was deposited into a bank account associated with Ontario Devil Rays. Funds from this account were subsequently transferred to other accounts associated with the suspects. Investigators allege the funds were not used for the training program and the services initially agreed upon

Regional Police Service. The incident occurred on-duty, during an arrest. Police Constable, **Brandon WELSH-BATTISTE**, of West Division, with three years of service, has been charged with one count of assault. He was released on an undertaking and has been re-assigned to administrative duties until court proceedings are complete, at which point an investigation under the Community Safety and Policing Act will commence.

Fatal Collision in Uxbridge

A 45-year-old male has died following a collision in Uxbridge. On Friday October 16, 2026, at approximately 4:43 PM officers from North Division responded to a two-motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Sandford Road and Uxbridge Concession Road 3. A 53-year-old male was driving a silver 2001 Acura sedan southbound on Uxbridge Concession Road 3, approaching the stop sign at Sandford Road. As the Acura entered the intersection, it collided with a 2024 Ford F-150 travelling eastbound on Sandford Road, driven by a 46-year-old male. The 45-year-old male passen-

released, the victim was notified of the purchase and reported the incident to both the Durham Regional Police Service and the dealership as a case of identity fraud. On Thursday, October 8, 2026, the female was taken into custody without incident, when she attended the dealership to complete the transaction and take possession of the vehicle. **Skylar PORTER**, age 39, of Brampton is charged with: Fraud Over \$5,000 x1, Utter Forged Document x1, Personation x1, Possession of Identity Document x1, Possession of Cocaine x1. **Male Charged in Ajax Home Construction Fraud Investigation** A male has been charged in connection with a fraud investigation involving a residential construction project in Ajax. In August 2024, the victim hired Aria Build Corporation to complete the construction of a residence in Ajax. The victim dealt directly with the owner of the company. As part of the agreed payment schedule, the victim provided Aria Build Corp with \$56,560 for the residence to be enrolled in a

2026, the suspect submitted an online application to purchase a 2027 Mercedes SUV at Mercedes-Benz dealership in Durham, using the victim's identification. The application included images of identification documents, including a Canadian passport that displayed the suspect's photograph but identified the victim as the holder. The application was approved, and financing was arranged through a financial institution. Prior to the vehicle being released, the victim was notified of the purchase and reported the incident to both the Durham Regional Police Service and the dealership as a case of identity fraud. On Thursday, October 8, 2026, the female was taken into custody without incident, when she attended the dealership to complete the transaction and take possession of the vehicle. Police believe there may be further victims. A photograph of the accused is attached and can be viewed at www.drps.ca **Skylar PORTER**, age 39, of Brampton is charged with: Fraud Over \$5,000 x1, Utter Forged Document x1, Personation x1, Possession of Identity Document x1, Possession of Cocaine x1.

Abide by a curfew from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Mandatory reporting to DRPS on a weekly basis Not to associate or communicate with anyone under the age of 16, or engage in any activities that involve contact with anyone under the age of 16 Not to own or possess any weapons Abstain absolutely from the possession, purchase, or consumption of drugs, narcotics or controlled substances, except in accordance with a medical prescription Abstain absolutely from possession, purchase, or consumption of alcohol or alcohol-based products Not to associate with anyone involved in criminal activities or known to have a criminal record Not to be present in any daycare, swimming area, and/or public swimming area, school ground, or playground where one might reasonably expect children to be present, or any community centre where children under 16 are present Not to attend any public place such as a mall where

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Three children were transported to local-area hospitals with minor injuries. The driver remained on scene and is cooperating with police. She was transported to a local-area hospital as a precaution.

Fatal Pedestrian Fail to Remain Collision in Ajax

A 76-year-old male pedestrian succumbed to their injuries following a fail to remain collision in Ajax. On Saturday, October 17, 2026, at approximately 4:45 p.m., members of West Division responded to a fail to remain collision involving a pedestrian in the area of Ringer Road and Harwood Avenue North. The 76-year-old male was walking within the crosswalk across Harwood Avenue North when he was struck by a white 2014 Dodge Ram pickup. The Dodge pickup failed to remain on scene. The pedestrian was initially believed to have suffered minor injuries at the time of the collision and was transported to a local-area hospital. The pedestrians condition later deteriorated, and he was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre where he has since succumbed to his injuries.

were not provided by the Ontario Devil Rays organization. On October 19, 2025, families were advised by email that the business was being dissolved due to financial hardship and claiming bankruptcy. Investigators later determined the lawyer's name on the email had allegedly been used without his knowledge or permission, and no bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings were initiated. Police have concerns there may be further victims. A photo of both accused is attached and can be viewed at www.drps.ca **Richard BUTLER**, age 53, of Frankford, is charged with: Fraud Over \$5,000 x1, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 x1 and Uttering a Forged Document x1. **Michelle BUTLER**, age 52, of Frankford, is charged with: Fraud Over \$5,000 x1, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 x1 and Uttering a Forged Document x1.

DRPS Officer Charged with Assault

A Durham Regional Police officer has been charged in connection with an assault following an investigation by the Durham

ger in the Acura was pronounced deceased on scene. The driver of the Acura was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre, with serious injuries, the driver of the Ford was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries. Members of the DRPS Collision Investigation Unit attended the scene to conduct an investigation. The roadway was closed for several hours while evidence was collected. At this time the investigation remains ongoing.

Female Arrested in Auto-Financing Fraud Investigation

A female has been arrested in connection with an auto-financing fraud. On Wednesday, September 30, 2026, the suspect submitted an online application to purchase a 2027 Mercedes SUV at Mercedes-Benz dealership in Durham, using the victim's identification. The application included images of identification documents, including a Canadian passport that displayed the suspect's photograph but identified the victim as the holder. The application was approved, and financing was arranged through a financial institution. Prior to the vehicle being

Tarion Warranty. The payment was deposited into a bank account associated with Aria Build Corp. During the construction project, a dispute arose regarding the payment schedule and completion of the residence, and Aria Build Corp ceased work on the property. The victim subsequently contacted Tarion to determine what warranty protections were available for the unfinished residence. The victim learned that the property had never been enrolled with Tarion and was not protected as believed. Police are concerned there may be further victims. **Behzad AYON**, age 30, owner of Aria Build Corp, is charged with: Fraud Over \$5,000 x1 and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 x1.

Police Appeal for Further Victims After Female Arrested in Auto-Financing Fraud Investigation

Police are appealing for further victims after a female was arrested in connection with an auto-financing fraud scam. On Wednesday, September 30,

Community Safety Alert for High-Risk Offender Released in Durham Region

Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) is alerting the public to a high-risk offender who will be released into the community on October 11, 2026. This individual has a history of serious criminal convictions, including Sexual Assault, Sexual Assault with a Weapon, Assault with a Weapon, Assault, Robbery, Possession of Explosives, Uttering Threats, and multiple violations of probation orders. **Keith Theodore CONSTANTIN**, age 48, poses a significant risk to the community, especially children. DRPS's Offender Management Unit will continue to monitor CONSTANTIN's whereabouts and activities. CONSTANTIN is also subject to electronic monitoring. CONSTANTIN is bound by an order under section 810.2 of the Criminal Code of Canada. His conditions under this section include: Wear a GPS monitoring device at all times

persons under the age of 16 are present or can be reasonably expected to be present unless accompanied by someone over the age of 21 Not to enter into any relationships with a person who is the legal guardian of children under the age of 16 Not to use the internet or other digital networks Not to be in possession of any device capable of accessing the internet Notify the DRPS or a designate in the police jurisdiction to which you are residing, prior to leaving your jurisdiction of residence, including any travel itinerary and destination plans Police are asking the public to stay vigilant and remain aware of their surroundings. Any suspicious or dangerous behaviour should be reported directly to the police. Under Regulation 412/23 of the Community Safety and Policing Act, a chief of police or his designate may disclose personal information about an individual if he reasonably believes the individual poses a significant risk of harm to other persons or property and believes that such disclosure would reduce that risk.