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Male Arrested with Imitation Firearm at Hospital in Oshawa

A male is facing several charges after making threats with an imitation firearm at a hospital in Oshawa.

On Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at approximately 8:35 p.m., members of Central East Division responded to an armed person call at Lakeridge Health Oshawa located at 1 Hospital Court. Two males were involved in a verbal altercation outside of the emergency department entrance, when one of the males brandished a firearm and made threats. The suspect then fled into the hospital. Officers arrived on scene and searched the hospital. The suspect was located a short time later and taken into custody without incident. A search of the suspect revealed an imitation firearm in his possession.

No persons suffered any physical injuries.

The accused was already bound by a weapons prohibition at the time of his arrest.

**Lorne Fredrick MCCONNELL**, age 46 from Oshawa is charged with: Assault with a Weapon, Possess Weapons Dangerous, Fail to Comply with Release Order, Fail to Comply with Probation Order x2.

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Ford's tuition hike plan will hurt the next generation of Ontarians

QUEEN'S PARK – Peggy Sattler, Shadow Minister for Colleges and Universities, says the Ford government is asking students and families to pay more for education at a time when young people are already struggling to afford rent, food, and basic living costs.

"Under Doug Ford's watch, young people simply can't get ahead," said Sattler. "It's harder than ever to make ends meet, find a good job, or even afford a home. Ford's plan to hike tuition and cut OSAP grants will make it impossible for young people to build a future in Ontario. He is downloading the costs of his cuts to students and families.

"This is about the future of this province, and right now this government is actively making it harder for young people to build one," said Sattler. "When young people cannot afford to go to college or university, or graduate buried in debt, we are not just hurting students, we are damaging Ontario's economic future. The Conservatives are trying to bring American-style policies to our public institutions, saddling young people with debt for decades, and making it impossible for them to succeed.

"You cannot claim historic investments while telling schools and students to do more with less. Today, the Minister was telling colleges and universities they will still need to 'find efficiencies.' How is that even possible if this is supposed to be historic, sector-saving funding? If the funding was actually meeting the need, we would not be seeing cuts, layoffs, and higher costs being pushed onto students.

"Young people are already facing record-high unemployment, and are asking whether they can afford rent, groceries, or making a living here in Ontario," concluded Sattler. "Instead of fixing the affordability crisis, this government is telling them to take on more debt and hope things somehow work out. Young people deserve better than that. Students deserve real affordability, real stability, and a government that actually has their back."



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