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Male and Female Wanted After Numerous Locker Thefts in Clarington

Police are searching for a male and female after they committed a series of locker thefts at recreation centres across Clarington.

In December 2025, members of the East Division Criminal Investigations Branch began an investigation into a male and female responsible for numerous locker thefts at the Courtice Community Complex located at 2950 Courtice Road and the Diane Hamre Recreation Complex located at 1780 Rudell Road. The suspects forcefully accessed lockers and stole wallets, and banking cards. The suspects then used the bank cards at retail locations for high value fraudulent purchases.

Eduard-Andrei SANDU, age 35 of Toronto is wanted for: Fraud Under \$5000 x16, Possess/Use Credit Card Obtained by Offence x11, Theft Under \$5000 x3, Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence x3, Have Face Disguised x2, Possess Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000 x5, Personation to Gain Advantage x5, and Mischief Under \$5000.

Irina-Georgiana IDEI, age 29 of North York is wanted for: Theft Under \$5000 x3, Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence x3, Have Face Disguised x2,

Male Arrested After Locker Thefts at Gyms Across Durham

A male is facing numerous charges after stealing items from lockers at gyms across Durham Region.

On Thursday, February 5, 2026, at approximately 12:15 p.m., members of East Division responded to a suspicious person call at the Planet Fitness located at 2377 Durham Regional Highway 2. A male who was seen going through several gym bags and lockers in a change room was apprehended by an off-duty officer. Officers arrived on scene and took the male into custody without incident. The suspect was later confirmed to match the description of a male banned from several other fitness clubs for thefts.

Ravneet GANDHI, age 18 from Brampton is charged with: Theft Under \$5000 x3, Possess Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000 x3, Theft of Credit Card, Use Credit Card Obtained by Offence x2, Possess Credit Card Obtained by Offence, Possess Counterfeit Currency x2, Possession of a Schedule I Substance (cocaine), and Procure Identity Document of

Pedestrian in Stable Condition After Being Struck in Oshawa

Another. A 32-year-old male suffered serious, non life-threatening injuries after being struck by a vehicle in Oshawa.

On Thursday March 12, 2026 at approximately 4:05 p.m. officers from Central East Division responded to a motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian at Mary Street North and Nonquon Road. The male was struck by the vehicle in the northbound lane and was transported to a Toronto Trauma Centre where he is in stable condition. The driver remained on scene and cooperated with police.

Youth Arrested After Counterfeit Currency Investigation in Pickering

A male is facing charges after using counterfeit money at a business in the Shops at Pickering City Centre.

On Thursday, February 5, 2026, a male entered Shop404 located inside the Shops at Pickering City Centre at 1355 Kingston Road, and used counterfeit money to purchase merchandise. A short time later, while checking cash in the register, staff verified the bill was counterfeit.

Investigators were able to confirm the identity of the suspect and arranged for him to turn himself into police without incident.

Prior to his arrest, the accused was already bound by court orders not to be in possession of counterfeit currency or attend the Shops at Pickering City Centre.

A 17-year-old male of Pickering is charged with: Fraud Under \$5000, Utter Counterfeit Currency, Fail to Comply with Undertaking, and Fail to Comply with Release Order x2.

Female Arrested After Fraud Investigation by OASIS Unit in Beaverton

A female is facing several charges after abusing her status as power of attorney to defraud an elderly female in Beaverton.

In August 2024, members of North Division responded to a fraud call at Lakeview Manor located at 133 Main Street, after being contacted by staff. Police were informed that several payments for a resident's stay were outstanding and in arrears of over \$10,000. An investigation by the Older Adult Support and Investigative Services Unit



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(OASIS) was started into the resident's power of attorney, who took on the role prior to 2016 and was responsible for all of the victim's payments. Investigators from the OASIS Unit determined the suspect used approximately \$73,000 of the victim's funds without their knowledge, including withdrawing over \$37,000 in cash and spending more than \$8,000 on merchandise for herself.

On Wednesday, January 14, 2026, the suspect was located and taken into custody without incident.

The suspect and victim are known to each other.

Laura Doreen CROFT, age 53 from Brock is charged with: Possess Credit Card Not Authorized, Use Credit Card Data Not Authorized, Theft by Person Holding Power of Attorney, Fraud Over \$5000, and Possess Proceeds of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000.

Male Arrested After Slashing Another Male with Knife in Ajax

A male is facing charges after assaulting another male with a knife in Ajax.

On Monday, March 9, 2026, at approximately 6:40 p.m., members of West Division responded to an armed person call at the Christian Faith Outreach Centre located at 125 Commercial Avenue. Two males were involved in an altercation when one of the males brandished a knife and slashed the other. The suspect fled the area prior to police arrival. A short time later the suspect was located and taken into custody without incident. The victim was transported to a local-area hospital with serious, non-life-threatening injuries.

Donovan WILSON, age 60 from Whitby is charged with: Aggravated Assault, Possess Weapon Dangerous, and Breach Probation x2. At the time of his arrest, the male was already under a court order that prohibited him from possessing weapons.

Suspect Wanted After Armed Robbery at Pickering Restaurant

A male is wanted after making threats with a knife and steal-

ing cash from a restaurant in Pickering.

On Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at approximately 10:40 p.m., members of West Division responded to a robbery call at the B Boyz restaurant located at 2200 Brock Road. A male entered the restaurant and made threats with a knife toward an employee while demanding cash. The suspect fled the area prior to police arrival. No employees suffered any physical injuries.

The suspect is described as: male, Black, with a slim build.

Suspect Wanted After Armed Commercial Robbery in Whitby

Police are searching for a male after he made threats with a knife and stole cash from a business in Whitby.

On Saturday, March 7, 2026, members of Central West Division responded to an armed robbery at the Little Caesars restaurant located at 965 Dundas Street West that occurred at approximately 7:10 p.m. A male entered the business and threatened employees with a knife while demanding cash from the register. The suspect fled the area prior to police arrival. No employees suffered any physical injuries.

The suspect is described as: male, Black, approximately 6'2"-6'3" tall, with a medium build.

Five Suspects Wanted After Commercial Armed Robbery in Oshawa

Police are searching for five male suspects after an armed robbery at a business in Oshawa.

On Saturday, March 7, 2026, at approximately 6:20 p.m., members of Central East Division responded to an armed person call at the Vape Mart located at 355 Wentworth Street West. Five males entered the store and pointed a firearm at an employee before stealing various vape products and fleeing the area.

Ajax Man Charged with Mischief After Repeated 911 Calls

A male has been charged following repeated non-emer-

gency calls to 911.

On Sunday, March 8, 2026, at approximately 6:35 p.m., members of West Division responded to an assist ambulance call at a residence in the area of Harwood Avenue South and Station Street. Beginning at approximately 3:50 p.m., a male repeatedly contacted 911 for non-emergency reasons. Officers and paramedics attended and checked on the male, who declined assistance. He was advised that continued misuse of 911 when no emergency existed could result in charges.

Shortly after officers left the male's residence, he continued to contact 911 repeatedly. Between 3:50 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. the male called 911 approximately 24 times. Officers returned to the residence and the male was taken into custody without incident.

Devon Riley REAL, age 24 of Ajax is charged with: Mischief, and Harassment by Means of Repeated Telecommunications.

Five Youth are Wanted After Assault with Weapon in Oshawa

Five males are wanted after they assaulted another male with a weapon in Oshawa.

On Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at approximately 1:30 p.m., a school liaison officer responded to a fight call at a high school in the area of Harmony Road North and Adelaide Avenue East. Five male youth approached the victim at a nearby intersection following an earlier altercation, and struck him with a metal weapon while physically assaulting him. The victim was able to flee to the school and seek assistance from staff. The suspects fled the area prior to police arrival.

Youth Threatens Ride Share Driver with Firearm While Fleeing Police in Whitby

A male is facing charges after pointing a firearm at an Uber driver while attempting to flee police in Whitby.

On Friday, March 6, 2026, at approximately 12:35 a.m., members of Central West Division initiated a traffic stop in the area of Brock Street and Chestnut Street. The subject vehicle slowed and continued at a low speed before finally coming to a full stop. A male opened the rear passenger door and fled the vehicle on foot. Officers engaged in a short foot pursuit before taking the suspect into custody.

The investigation determined the suspect had pointed a firearm at the driver, who was

operating the vehicle for Uber, demanding the driver flee from police. A firearm was also located in the area. Several drugs and drug paraphernalia were located in the suspect's possession.

The accused was on a firearm/weapons prohibition and an order of conditional supervision for several violent offences at the time of his arrest.

A 17-year-old male of Oshawa is charged with: Point Firearm, Possess Firearm - No Licence, Possession of Prohibited/Restricted Weapon, Occupy Motor Vehicle with Firearm, Possess Loaded Firearm, Possess Firearm While Prohibited, Disguise with Intent, Carry Concealed Weapon, Possess Weapon Dangerous, Utter Threats, Possess Schedule I Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking (cocaine), Possess Schedule I Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking (crack cocaine), and Fail to Comply with YCJA Sentence x3.

Two Arrested After Payment Skimming Fraud in Clarington

Two males are facing charges after installing payment skimming devices to defraud customers at a gas station in Clarington.

On Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at approximately 7:25 a.m., members of East Division responded to a fraud call at the Petro Canada gas station located at 8262 Highway 35/115. An employee inspecting several gas pumps discovered card skimming devices on the payment readers. Employees were able to identify the suspects installing the devices through video footage.

Later that day, the suspects returned to the gas station to retrieve the card skimming devices. Officers located the suspects a short distance away and took them into custody. A search of the suspect vehicle located electronic skimming devices and drugs.

Arthick ANTONITO, age 43 from Pickering is charged with: Fraud Over \$5000, Deal with Device for Unauthorized Use of Credit Card Data, Possession of Credit Card Obtained by Fraud x3, and Possession of Schedule I Substance.

K a j a t h e e p a n KARUNAKARAN, age 36 from Toronto is charged with: Fraud Over \$5000, Deal with Device for Unauthorized Use of Credit Card Data, Possession of Schedule I Substance and Fail to Comply with Probation Order x2

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