

Police Looking for Information After Shooting in Ajax

The Durham Regional Police Service is investigating after a residence, and two vehicles were struck by gunfire in Ajax.

On Sunday, November 1, 2026, at approximately 2:30 a.m., officers from West Division responded to reports of possible gunfire in the area of Chalmers Crescent and Blackburn Crescent but were unable to locate any evidence or victims during their search.

Shortly thereafter, a resident reported damage to a home, garage, and two parked vehicles sustained by gunfire. Officers located several shell casings on the roadway in front of the residence.

Investigators canvassed the area and determined the shooting occurred between 2:00 a.m., and 3:00 a.m. At the time of the incident, three adults were inside the home. No physical injuries were reported.

Serious Injuries After Multi-Vehicle Collision in Whitby

A female suffered serious injuries, and four others suffered minor injuries following a multi-vehicle collision in Whitby.

On Wednesday November 4th, 2026, at approximately 6:05 p.m., members of Central West Division responded to a multi vehicle collision on Thickson Road North south of the 407 Highway. A northbound vehicle lost control and entered into the southbound lane striking a vehicle resulting in several further collisions with both northbound and southbound traffic.

Five vehicles with seven occupants were involved in this collision with injuries ranging from minor to significant. One female was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre with serious but non-life--threatening injuries, while four other occupants were transported to a local hospital for minor injuries.

Male Fatally Injured After Collision in Pickering

A male suffered fatal injuries after being struck by a dump truck in Pickering.

On Monday, November 2, 2026 at approximately 2:40 p.m., officers from West Division responded to a pedestrian involved collision in the area of Peter Matthews Drive and Alexander Knox Drive. During asphalt repair on Peter Matthews Drive, a dump truck was reversing southbound when it struck a 31-year-old male road worker. The road worker was transported to local-area hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The driver of the dump truck remained on scene and cooperated with police.

Male Charged Following Human Trafficking Investigation

A Toronto man is facing charges following a human trafficking investigation.

In the summer of 2026, a female victim came forward to police and reported being exploited within the sex trade between June 2024 and October 2025. Members of DRPS' Human Trafficking Unit conducted an extensive investigation.

The suspect recruited the victim through a mutual friend and forced her into the sex-trade industry; exploiting her throughout the Greater Toronto Area.

On November 2, 2026, members of DRPS' Human Trafficking Unit executed a search warrant at the residence of the accused in Toronto. He was arrested without incident.

Jean Peralta Marseille, age 42, of Toronto, is charged with: Trafficking in Persons, Material Benefit from Sexual Services, Procuring / Exercising Control, Advertising Sexual Services, Withholding or Destroying Identity Documents as well as Possession of a Schedule I Substance x3.

Police Investigating Shooting in Pickering

The Durham Regional Police Service is investigating after a residence and two vehicles were struck by gunfire in Pickering.

On Sunday, November 1, 2026, at approximately 8:25 p.m., officers from West Division responded to reports of gunfire in the area of Shadybrook Drive and Edgewood Road.

The victim reported hearing multiple gunshots outside their residence and contacted police.

Upon arrival, officers located several shell casings on the roadway and discovered that the residence and two vehicles parked in the driveway had been damaged by gunfire.

Investigators reviewed surveillance footage from the area and determined that a lone suspect, wearing black clothing, approached the residence on foot and discharged multiple rounds at vehicles parked in the driveway before fleeing the area on foot.

No physical injuries were reported.

Ajax Youth Arrested in Firearm and Robbery Investigation

A 17-year-old male from Ajax is facing multiple charges following a robbery and firearm investigation in Ajax.

On Thursday, October 29, 2026, at approximately 8:00 p.m., officers from West Division responded to an armed person call at a Tim Hortons in the area of Middlecote Drive and Taunton Road East in Ajax.

An argument occurred inside the restaurant between the accused and the victim, during which the accused threatened the victim and indicated he was in possession of a firearm. The accused then followed the victim outside, brandished a firearm from his waistband, demanded clothing items, and attempted to take them before fleeing on foot prior to police arrival.

Investigators later determined the accused was bound by a release order prohibiting him from possessing weapons.

A 17-year-old male from Ajax was arrested and charged with one count each of: Robbery, Uttering Threats to Cause Bodily Harm, Pointing a Firearm, Possession of a Weapon Dangerous to the Public Peace, and Failing to Comply with a Release Order.

K9 Assists In Locating Vehicle Theft Suspects

Two males are facing charges following a stolen vehicle investigation in Whitby.

On Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at approximately 2:55 a.m., Central West Division officers launched a proactive crime reduction initiative in the Williamsburg area of Whitby targeting vehicle theft.

During the initiative, investigators located two stolen vehicles leaving the area. The vehicles were then located in Ajax, where officers were able to box-in the vehicles; the suspects then fled on foot. Both suspects were arrested after a brief foot-pursuit, with the assistance of Police Service Dog Rocky who apprehended one of the suspects.

Jaylen LAKE, age 24, of Toronto, is charged with: Theft of a Motor Vehicle (x2), Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over $5,000, Dangerous Operation, Possession of Break-In Instruments, Possession of an Electronic Device for Motor Vehicle Theft, and Drive Motor Vehicle While Suspended.

Genura YAPA, age 23, of Toronto, is charged with: Theft of a Motor Vehicle (x2), Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over $5,000, Dangerous Operation, Possession of Break-In Instruments, Possession of an Electronic Device for Motor Vehicle Theft, Fail to Comply with a Release Order (x4), and Fail to Comply with a Probation Order.

YAPA's fail-to-comply charges are connected to a previous vehicle theft investigation.

Both males were held for bail.

Victim Injured in Clarington Carjacking

A 58-year-old male was injured during a violent carjacking in Clarington.

On Thursday, October 29, 2026, at approximately 3:00 p.m., officers responded to a carjacking that occurred in the area of Clarington Concession Road 4 and Elliott Road in Clarington.

The victim had been driving in the area when an older model black Dodge SUV pulled in front of his vehicle, forcing him to stop. Five to six masked male suspects exited the SUV and approached the victim's vehicle. One suspect reached through the victim's open window, unlocked the door, and forcibly removed him from the vehicle.

The victim was assaulted before the suspects searched his pockets and stole his wallet and cellular phone. Investigators learned that several of the suspects were armed with handguns during the incident.

The suspects then stole the victim's 2026 Nissan Rogue and fled the area.

The victim sustained minor injuries and declined medical treatment.

The suspects are described as five to six males wearing face coverings. Two suspects were wearing all grey clothing, while three to four suspects were dressed in all black clothing.

Two Youth Arrested in Stabbing and Robbery Investigation

Two male youth have been arrested following a stabbing and robbery at a Whitby movie theatre.

On Sunday, October 25, 2026, at approximately 12:40 a.m., officers from Central West Division responded to Landmark Cinemas, located at 75 Consumers Drive, for an armed person call. Officers arrived and located a 15-year-old male suffering from a significant laceration.

Investigators determined the victim attended the theatre to meet a female he knew through social media. While at the theatre, he was approached by a group of youth, who demanded the victim give them his jacket. When he refused to surrender his belongings, one of the suspects produced a machete, struck the victim in the arm, and then the group assaulted him before stealing his jacket and cash.

Investigators identified four suspects and arrest warrants were issued for two. On October, 28, 2026, they were arrested without incident.

At the time of their arrests, both youth were in violation of release and sentence orders.

A 15 year-old, male, from Oshawa has been charged with: Robbery While Armed with an Offensive Weapon, Aggravated Assault, Possession of a Weapon Dangerous to the Public Peace, Disguise with Intent, Fail to Comply with a Release Order x3, and Fail to Comply with a Youth Sentence Order.

A 17 year-old, male, from Pickering has been charged with: Robbery While Armed with an Offensive Weapon, Aggravated Assault, Disguise with Intent, Fail to Comply with a Release Order x2, and Fail to Comply with a Youth Sentence Order (YCJA) x1.

Victim Injured in Clarington Carjacking

A 66-year-old male suffered minor injuries as a result of a carjacking that occurred around 3:00 pm on Thursday, October 29, 2026 in the area of Clarington Concession Road 4 and Elliott Road in Clarington.

The victim was assaulted, had personal items, and his 2026 Nissan Rogue stolen. Five to six male suspects were involved, some of which were reported to be armed with firearms. The suspects are believed to be associated to a dark SUV.

The victim sustained minor injuries and declined medical treatment.

Investigators are appealing for any witnesses to come forward.

Suspect Wanted After Robbery in Whitby

Police are looking for a suspect after a 16-year-old female was robbed in Whitby.

On Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at approximately 4:00 p.m., members of Central West Division responded to a robbery call in the area of Rossland Road West and Country Lane.

A 16-year-old female was walking to the bus stop when a male riding an electric scooter rode by her and pushed her to the ground before trying to take her belongings.

The victim was able to get away from the suspect by running across the road. The suspect followed her, pushed her to the ground again and assaulted her before fleeing eastbound on Rossland Road West on his e-scooter.

The victim suffered minor injuries.

The suspect is described as male, Black, 19-years-old with a slim build with facial hair. He was wearing a black balaclava, all black clothing and blue Nike shoes. He was riding a black and red e-scooter.

Man Wanted Following Fraud Investigation

A male is wanted in connection with a SIM card swap fraud investigation.

In October 2025, members of the DRPS Financial Crimes Unit began investigating after a victim's cellphone unexpectedly entered SOS mode and lost connection to their cellular network. When the victim contacted their service provider, they learned they had been targeted in a SIM-swap fraud.

A SIM swap occurs when a fraudster gains control of a victim's cellphone number by transferring it to another SIM card. In this case, investigators determined that the suspect used the victim's identity and cellphone number to bypass two-factor authentication and make fraudulent purchases using the victim's credit card information.

Police have identified the suspect and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Jessan VERNET-FORT, 31 years-old, of Oakville, is wanted for: Fraud Over $5,000 x1, Mischief/Tampering With Computer Data x1, Unauthorized Use of Computer to Obtain Computer Service x1, Intercept Private Communication x1, Unauthorized Use of Credit Card Data x2.

VERNET-FORT is known to have ties to Ontario and Quebec.

Police Investigating After Shooting in Oshawa

The Durham Regional Police Service is investigating after an apartment building was struck by gunfire in Oshawa.

On October 26, 2026, at approximately 1145 p.m., members of Central East Division responded to multiple reports of gunshots at an apartment complex in the area of Hall Street and Centre Street South. Officers attended the scene and located a number of shell casings outside the front entrance of the building.

Witnesses reported seeing a dark-coloured sedan fleeing the area following the incident. This vehicle was stolen out of Toronto and has since been recovered by police.

Investigators determined that the building's front door and side windows had been struck by gunfire, causing damage to the property.

No injuries have been reported to police.

Male Arrested Following Vehicle Fraud Investigation

A male is facing multiple charges following a vehicle financing fraud investigation in Oshawa.

Between October 22 and October 26, 2026, the accused impersonated an Oshawa resident and used forged identification to arrange the purchase of a 2027 GMC Acadia Denali from Mills Motors in Oshawa. Dealership staff contacted the real individual and confirmed he was not involved in the transaction.

On October 26, 2026, the accused attended the dealership to complete the purchase and take possession of the vehicle, at which time police were notified.

Members of Central East Division arrested the accused, who was found in possession of fraudulent identification bearing the victim's name. Officers also located approximately 11 grams of fentanyl on the accused.

Further investigation revealed the accused was bound by two release orders and was wanted on a warrant with another police service.

Ronald WHITTAKER, 57-years-old, of Toronto, is charged with: Fraud Over $5,000, Personation to Gain Advantage, Uttering Forged Document, Possession of Identity Document x2, Fail to Comply with Release Order x2, and Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking.

