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Male Arrested Following Sexual Assault Investigation in Oshawa

A male is facing charges following a sexual assault investigation in Oshawa. On Saturday, September 19, 2026, members of Central East Division responded to an unknown trouble call in the area of Bond Street East and Wilson Road North. The victim agreed to attend the residence of a male she had met through the social media app ‘Snapchat’. During the course of the evening, the victim was drugged by the suspect. The victim contacted police after regaining consciousness during the sexual assault. Officers arrived on scene and located the victim outside of the residence. She was transported to a local-area hospital which confirmed a quantity of noxious substances in her system. The suspect was later taken into custody without incident. Police have concerns there may be other victims. A photo of the accused is attached and can be viewed at www.drps.ca

Nicholas Paul LAFRANCE, age 23 from Oshawa is charged with:

Sexual Assault, Administer Noxious Substance, and Forcible Confinement. Male Arrested After Making Threats to Shoot Synagogue

A male is facing charges after police investigated threats to commit a shooting at a synagogue in Durham Region. On Friday, September 18, 2026, members of the Hate Crime Unit received information from an external law enforcement partner regarding threats posted on an online message board to carry out a shooting at a synagogue in Durham Region. Further investigation identified the user responsible for the messages, and on Saturday, September 19, 2026, a search warrant was executed at a residence in Whitby. The male was located in the residence and taken into custody without incident.

Alexander PARFITT, age 19 from Whitby is charged with: Threats Motivated by Hate.

Male Arrested for Promoting Anti-Muslim Violence

A male is facing charges after promoting anti-Muslim violence. On Wednesday, September

23, 2026, investigators with the Hate Crime Unit concluded an investigation and took a male into custody after he reportedly promoted anti-Muslim hatred online. The suspect willfully incited violence and harm against the Muslim community on social media platforms under the name ‘Sean Strife’.

Sean FARRO, age 57 from Whitby is charged with: Offence Motivated by Hatred – Uttering Threats, and Incite Hatred in Public Place.

Male Wanted After Using Counterfeit Currency in Oshawa

A male is wanted after using counterfeit currency to purchase electronics in Oshawa. On Monday, July 13, 2026, at approximately 5:30 p.m., a male attended the Cell Xpress located at 1000 Simcoe Street North and purchased a cell phone for \$1000 in cash. A short time later the currency was identified as counterfeit and the business contacted police.

Shahfaisal Arab QURESHI, age 23 from Toronto is wanted for: Fraud Under \$5000, Utter Counterfeit Currency, and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000.

Suspects Wanted After Armed Robbery in Whitby

Police are searching for at least three suspects after an armed robbery in Whitby. On Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at approximately 3:00 p.m., members of Central West Division responded to an unknown trouble call in the area of Taunton Road East and Baldwin Street South. The victim used Facebook Marketplace to arrange a meeting with the suspect to sell him a watch. Upon meeting, the victim was pepper sprayed and physically assaulted. The suspects fled in a black SUV. The victim was taken to a local hospital with minor injuries.

Suspect #1: Male, Black, 18-20 years old. He is approximately 6’0” and has long braided hair. He was wearing a black toque, blue medical mask, black tracksuit, yellow work gloves and grey running shoes.

Suspect #2: Male, approximately 5’5”-5’7”. He was wearing a black medical mask, beige sweatshirt, dark grey trackpants, black shoes and black nitrile gloves.

Male Arrested After Hate Motivated Incident in Port Perry

A 38-year-old male is facing charges after a hate-motivated incident in Port Perry. On August 30, 2026, officers from North Division responded to an armed person call at Palmer Park after receiving reports of a male swinging a bat at people in the park. Officers arrived on scene but the suspect had already left. After speaking to witnesses and reviewing video footage, officers learned the suspect was making threats while yelling racial slurs. Through further investigation, a suspect was identified. On Thursday, September 10, 2026, members from North Division, with assistance from the DRPS Tactical Support Unit, attended the suspect’s residence and he was arrested. The DRPS Hate Crime and Extremism Unit, in partnership with the Intelligence Operations Unit, executed a search warrant at the suspect’s residence and several items related to the offence were seized.

Lucca DOWNEY, a 38-year-old male from Scugog is facing several charges, including: Offence Motivated by Hatred – Assault with a

Weapon, Offence Motivated by Hatred – Utter Threats; and Offence Motivated by Hatred – Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public.

Male Arrested After Robbery at Oshawa Bank

A male has been arrested after making threats during a robbery at a bank in Downtown Oshawa. On Monday, September 14, 2026, at approximately 10:30 a.m., members of Central East Division responded to a robbery call at the CIBC Bank located at 2 Simcoe Street South. An employee was approached by the male who made threats of having a firearm while demanding cash. The female employee complied and handed over an unknown amount of Canadian currency, believed to be approximately \$4000. The male fled the area but was later located by officers and arrested without incident. There are no injuries reported as result of this incident.

Darren LAZARUIK, age 56 of No Fixed Address is charged with: Robbery, Fail to Comply with Probation Order, and Possess Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000.

Fatal collision involving Wheelchair accessible van in Ajax

Male succumbs to injuries after collision in Ajax. On Monday, September 14, 2026, at approximately 4:35 p.m., members of West Division responded to a collision in the area of Bayly Street East and Clayton Road. Officers attended for a report of a wheelchair accessible taxi being involved in a collision with another motor vehicle. A passenger in the wheelchair accessible taxi was seriously injured as a result of the collision and transported to a Toronto-area hospital. The 65-year-old male was pronounced deceased at the hospital as result of this collision.



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