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Local man charged after senior found in deplorable conditions

A 63-year-old man has been charged with allegedly failing to provide the necessities of life after an elderly woman was found to have been improperly cared for earlier this month.

On Oct. 5, Halton Region Paramedic Services was summoned to a Georgetown address by Community Care and Access Centre staff to assess a 91-year-old female client requiring medical assistance.

The female patient was subsequently transported to Georgetown Hospital.

It was determined that the victim was suffering from the ill effects of not receiving proper care. She was malnourished, weak, unkempt and had been residing in soiled linens and clothing.

Halton Regional Police was contacted and the One District Criminal Investigations Bureau conducted an investigation.

As a result, a man from Georgetown was arrested and charged on Tuesday with failing to provide the necessities of life.

The elderly victim was found living in deplorable conditions. This was an excellent example of teamwork and collaboration between the internal resources of the police service and external partners, said Det. Sgt. Dave Costantini.

More importantly, because of this collaboration a vulnerable member of our community has been rescued from unthinkable conditions and I am happy to report she is expected to make a full recovery.

Section 215 of the Criminal Code of Canada says it is an offence if an individual fails to provide necessaries of life to a person under his or her charge.

Specifically subsection (C)(i) states, if that person is unable, by reason of detention, age, illness, mental disorder or other cause, to withdraw himself from that charge.

This means it is a criminal offence if you do not provide the necessary care to someone that is in your care and that cannot leave your care due to their age, illness or other cause, Costantini added.

The necessaries of life refer to those things necessary to preserve life, such as food, shelter, medical attention and protection from harm.

Anyone who may have information that would assist investigators in this case are encouraged to contact Det. Const. Sarah McCullagh Seniors Liaison Investigator at 905-878-5511 ext. 2419.

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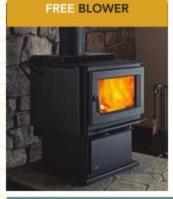


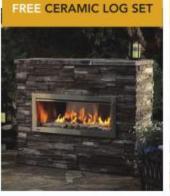
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