

Halton police issue statement after arrest video posted on Facebook

Halton police have issued a statement via Twitter related to a video posted on Facebook involving the arrest of a hearing-impaired man.

On Nov. 8, Halton police responded to the alleged theft of numerous items including over-the-counter medication and razor blades.

Based on witness accounts and surveillance video, a suspect was identified and located on Fairview St., according to police.

Police say the suspect is

known to them and that the arresting officer had previously dealt with him and effectively communicated with him without the use of sign language.

The responding officer waited for a second officer to arrive before making an arrest. The arrest was made without injury to the male or police and adhered to officer safety protocols, police said.

According to police, once in custody, the man was provided with the opportunity to commu-

nicate with an officer familiar with American Sign Language to explain the situation prior to the arrival of an ASL certified interpreter.

The man was subsequently charged with theft and held for a bail hearing. The charge hasn't been proven in court.

The video has garnered more than 100,000 views and an onslaught of Facebook comments, many of them critical of police for the way the arrest was handled.



Milton man killed in devastating Mississauga highway crash described as excellent person

A 27-year-old Milton man killed in a devastating five-vehicle crash on Hwy. 401 in Mississauga that sent 14 people to hospital, has been identified as Amjad Hussain.

Friends and family members of the young man have taken to social media to express their condolences.

A young brother, a good friend, an excellent person and a helping hand for his family, wrote Mehdi Hassan in a Facebook post.

Another friend took to Twitter to say that Hussain was a great guy who loved to travel.

OPP Sgt. Kerry Schmidt said children were among those injured in the collision, which occurred around 5:30 p.m. in the eastbound lanes of Hwy. 401 near Winston Churchill Blvd.

A passenger in Hussain's vehicle, who one friend described as a family member, was seriously injured. The other injuries, including the children's, were described as minor, although all 14 people hurt were

hospitalized.

Schmidt said speed was not believed to be a factor in the collision. He said it appears as though all five vehicles were in the passing lane when a sequence of rear-end collisions occurred.

You can still see some of the marks on the guardrail, Schmidt said in a Twitter post.

Schmidt said investigators are on scene mapping the evidence and will be reconstructing the crash in an effort to determine how it occurred.

No charges have been laid, but Schmidt said the investigation is ongoing.

The eastbound portion of the highway was closed for about five hours Sunday night. Drivers passing by in the westbound lanes described the devastation on Twitter.

It looked like a warzone, said one Tweeter. Cops and ambulances everywhere.

Anyone with information, or witnesses can call 905-278-6131.



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