Man charged following incident at campfire

A 20-year-old man suffered severe burns in an incident last week that resulted in an arrest and charges laid against a 21-year-old male of no fixed address.

Halton regional police were notified by Halton EMS last Wednesday (Sept. 27) just before 8 p.m. that paramedics were treating a male who had second-degree burns to his back and arms after being pushed into a campfire in the area of Maple Avenue and River Drive.

The victim was transported to Georgetown Hospital for further treatment.

Police said that a group of people had congregated under a bridge in the area and consumed various amounts of alcohol that evening.

Witnesses told police that one of the partygoers became enraged and another man tried to "de-escalate" the situation.

Without warning, one of the witnesses stated, the accused punched the victim in the eye and pushed him into the fire, proceeding to hold the victim down on the fire and hot coals.



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Those present removed the victim from the fire while the suspect fled the scene, police said.

A warrant was issued and following an investigation, the suspect was arrested the next day.

Charged with aggravat-

ed assault, two counts of breach of probation and a breach of the Youth Criminal Justice Act is Bailey Collins, whose last known address to police was in Georgetown.

The accused was held for a bail hearing.

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