

TEACHER ACCUSED OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

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A Halton District School Board teacher is facing allegations of sexual and professional misconduct against female students.

None of the allegations against Roshan Canagasaby have been proven but he is scheduled to appear before an Ontario College of Teachers disciplinary hearing on Jan. 20, online records show.

The Notice of Hearing document alleges that, while teaching at a Georgetown school in 2014/15, Canagasaby "made inappropriate comments" to female students, including telling one student, "We belong together," and/or continued to do so after



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being asked to stop, according to the allegations.

It's also alleged that the teacher had "inappropriate sexual conversations" with one or more female students, took photographs and/or videos of one or more female students with his personal cellphone and told a female student to "lift her head up when she was doing pushups so that her chest area became more visible," the Notice of Hearing document states.

During a school trip on or about June 18, 2015, it's alleged Canagasaby wiped his sweat on one or more female students and "rubbed his head down the chest area of one or more female students."

Efforts to reach Canagasaby for comment through the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario have been unsuccessful.

POLICE REPORT 2 FATAL SUSPECTED OVERDOSES IN 1 WEEK

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Halton police have issued a warning after they responded to two fatal suspected overdoses in one week.

Officers took to social media on Thursday, Nov. 21, noting the substances that caused the suspected overdoses are unknown at this time.

They said the quality of street drugs is unpredictable and those who use drugs should:

- Not use these drugs alone
- Carry naloxone
- Go slow
- Know the signs of an overdose.

They concluded their message, noting that in the event of an overdose bystanders should not run, but rather call 911.

Police said both fatal suspected overdoses took place on Monday, Nov. 18 with one occurring in Georgetown and one happening in Milton.

Officers released few other details about the incidents citing privacy con-

cerns.

On Monday, Nov. 18, Halton police tweeted that the previous day they received a call from a bystander who found a victim in Burlington overdosing on fentanyl.

"One of our officers arrived on scene and administered Naloxone to revive a female who was unresponsive and not breathing," reads the tweet.

Police said this person survived.

That tweet concluded with police noting the importance of knowing the signs of an overdose.

These include:

- Difficulty walking, talking, or staying awake
- Slow, weak or no breathing
- Very small pupils
- Cold and clammy skin
- Dizziness and confusion
- Extreme drowsiness
- Unusual gurgling or snoring sounds
- Blue lips or nails
- Inability to wake up, even when shaken.

According to the Halton Region Health Department there were 45 emergency room visits due to opioid overdose in Halton between Jan. 1 and April 30, 2019.

The health department said there were 40 opioid overdose deaths in Halton in 2018.

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