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Ontario's Eye Care Crisis: Visible for All to See

From the Optometrists of Acton Eyecare, Acton Optical, Giddens Optometry and Modern Eyes Optometry

Optometrists are the front-line workers of the vision care and eye health system in Ontario.

As your local eye care professionals, we are passionate and proud to deliver high quality, accessible eye care to the residents of Halton Hills and surrounding communities.

Unfortunately, for more than 30 years, our provincial government has dismissed the increasing demand for eye care and has fallen significantly behind in the necessary budgeting. For OHIP covered eye exams today, the Ontario government pays approximately half of the actual cost of delivering an eye exam. The balance of the true cost is covered by us - your optometrists. Coupled with the devastating impact of COVID-19 on our ability to see patients, eye care in Ontario is now at risk. This situation is unfair, and we simply cannot be silent any longer.

The pandemic has strained health professionals and decimated small businesses. We are now faced with decisions concerning which patients to see and which patients to refer to other health care providers. Policy changes are needed to save patients from unnecessary visits to family physicians and hospitals, save patients time in finding a proper diagnosis and treatment, and save tax payers money.

With statistics showing that 1 in 3 Ontarians will have some degree of vision-threatening eye disease by the age of 65, finding a sustainable solution is more pressing than ever.

It is time for Ontario's elected officials to open their eyes to a longstanding problem that has now reached crisis levels. Our message to the government is not one of confrontation but of collaboration. It does not have to be this way. With appropriate policy changes, we can help relieve the strain on an already overstretched healthcare system. Other provinces have found solutions.

We owe it to our parents and grandparents, our children and grandchildren, to find a better way forward.

To learn more and add your voice to the growing number of Ontarians calling on the government to work with optometrists, visit www.saveeyecare.ca.

CRIME

ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION TO HOME INVASION

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A Brampton man has been arrested in relation to a home invasion that took place in Georgetown. The Main Street North home invasion occurred on May 31. Shots were fired and two firearms were recovered by police. On June 17, a police Tactical Rescue Unit executed a criminal code search warrant at a residence in Brampton. As a result, Shamari Tyndale, 23, of Brampton, was arrested and is charged with several offences including:

- Robbery with a firearm
 - Disguise with intent
 - Possession of a firearm knowing its possession is unauthorized
 - Possession of a loaded prohibited and restricted firearm with ammunition
 - Discharging a firearm
 - Weapons dangerous
 - Break and enter and commit
 - Failure to comply with a release order
- The suspect has been held in custody



Melanie Hennessey/Torstar

Police are looking for four suspects in connection with an armed robbery on Georgetown's Main Street North.

pending a bail hearing.

The investigation is ongoing and Halton Regional Police are actively seeking other parties involved in this incident.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the 1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 905-825-4747 ext. 2416.

Tips can also be submitted anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at www.haltoncrimestoppers.ca.

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