

ARREST MADE IN DOUBLE HOMICIDE

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A Mississauga man has been charged in connection with the deaths of a Georgetown couple.

Harrison Brown, 27, has been charged with two counts of first-degree murder and one count of arson in the deaths of Krystyna and Andrzej Rerak.

Brown was arrested without incident on Friday (Mar. 26) and is currently in custody.

On Feb. 17, Halton police responded to an early-morning call at a home on Hidden Lake Trail. Upon arrival, police found the home fully engulfed in flames.

The remains of two people were discovered and later identified as Krystyna and Andrzej, a manager at The Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company of Canada.



Kandas Wilczek photo

Krystyna and Andrzej Rerak were killed in a fire at their home in February.

By Feb. 19, the Ontario Fire Marshal's investigation was completed and the office turned over the investigation to police.

Halton police confirmed the deaths of the couple had been deemed suspicious and post-mortem examinations were carried out at the Centre of Forensic Sciences.

"We know this incident shook area residents and al-

lowed fear to creep into the community," Det. Sgt. Trevor Bradley, with the HRPS homicide unit, said. "I want to assure residents that this was not a random incident."

According to police, the accused and one of the deceased were known to each other and had a business relationship.

The charges have not yet been proven in court.

THOSE 65 AND OLDER CAN NOW BOOK VACCINE APPOINTMENT

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Halton residents aged 65 to 69 are the latest addition to the list of people eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine.

As of yesterday (Mar. 31), local residents born in or before 1956 can book an appointment at one of Halton's vaccine clinics. Appointments can be secured through Halton's online booking system at hal-

ton.ca/COVIDvaccines.

Those who need assistance can call 311.

Halton Public Health officials say they're continuing to follow provincial direction on prioritization for the vaccines and emphasize that they don't have the authority to make exceptions.

In addition to those aged 65 and up, the following groups are also currently eligible for vaccines: Indigenous adults aged 55 and older; adults receiving chronic homecare through a Local Health Integration Network or a homecare agency, staff and essential caregivers from long-term care or retirement homes in Halton who haven't received their first dose, and healthcare workers who live or work in Halton that provide direct, non-virtual care at least once a week.

Halton residents are allowed to schedule an appointment at any location within the region that's most convenient to them. The clinics are located at

the:

- Gellert Community Centre, 10241 Eighth Line, Georgetown
- St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre, 1280 Dundas St. W., Oakville
- Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, 3001 Hospital Gate, Oakville
- Compass Point Bible Church, 1500 Kerns Rd., Burlington
- Joseph Brant Hospital, 1245 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington
- FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton, 1010 Main St. E., Milton.

Free transportation is being offered for those aged 65 and up who need help getting to and from the vaccine clinics. A list of service providers can be found at halton.ca/COVIDvaccines.

With the long weekend approaching, Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Hamidah Meghani urged local residents to "remain vigilant and not gather with individuals outside of your household."



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