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## Markham duo lifts Canada to bronze at world juniors

The Markham connection played a big hand in Canada's fortune at the World Junior Hockey Championships in Russia.

Raffi Torres and Mike Zigomanis, both 19-year-old residents of Markham, each scored once to help Canada earn the bronze medal with a hard-fought 2-1 overtime victory over Sweden on Friday. The bronze medal earned by Canada was its second in as many years.

A first-round draft pick of the New York Islanders in last year's National Hockey League draft and currently a right winger with the Brampton Battalion of the Ontario Hockey League,

Torres potted the game-winning goal 37 seconds into the extra session when he one-timed a shot from the slot.

Trailing 1-0 after one period, Team Canada tied the game at the 3:03-mark of the second stanza on a goal by Zigomanis, a second-round pick of the Buffalo Sabres in the 1999 NHL draft and a current member of the Kingston Frontenacs.

Canada qualified for the bronze medal game after dropping a 5-2 decision to Finland in its semi-final game Wednesday. The Czech Republic won its second straight gold medal with a 2-1 win over the Finns Friday.

## Road rage victim charged

The victim of a road rage stabbing, who spent more than two weeks in hospital, has been charged with assault.

The 19-year-old Richmond Hill man was stabbed with his own knife Dec. 19 on a Vaughan roadside after a confrontation with three men in another car.

Police aren't sure what prompted the fight, but say the two vehicles pulled over on Major Mackenzie Drive, west of Dufferin Street, with the Richmond Hill man exiting his car and pulling a knife on the three men in the other car.

One of the three was wounded before the lone male was overpowered by the others and the knife taken from him. He was then stabbed numerous times in

the neck and chest, including once in the heart. He was rushed to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in critical condition and spent two weeks recovering.

An 18-year-old Vaughan man suffered a slash to his thigh, which required stitches to close, while a 17-year-old received a cut over an eye, a result of a punch, police believe. The 19-year-old with them was uninjured.

All three were charged that day with attempted murder, assault with a weapon and aggravated assault.

The Richmond Hill man, recently released from hospital, was charged Wednesday with assault with a weapon.

He will appear in court Feb. 7.

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