

Toronto cop charged after man assaulted in Whitby

Constable was off-duty at the time of the incident, SIU says



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Ontario's Special Investigations Unit has charged a Toronto police officer in connection with "serious injuries" suffered by a 19-year-old man in December 2016.

An investigation by the SIU has found that, around 2 a.m. on Dec. 28, an off-duty Toronto police officer "was involved in an interaction" with the 19-year-old, near Thickson Rd. and William Stephenson Dr. in

Whitby, said SIU Director Tony Loparco in a written statement released Tuesday.

Durham Regional Police officers arrested the 19-year-old at the scene. He was taken to hospital and “diagnosed with serious injuries,” Loparco said.

Loparco said the SIU, which investigates deaths, serious injuries or alleged sexual assaults involving police, was notified of the incident by the 19-year-old’s lawyer on April 27.

Toronto police Const. Michael Theriault was arrested Tuesday. He faces charges of aggravated assault, assault with a weapon and public mischief.

Theriault is scheduled to appear in court on Aug. 10.