

# Const. James Forcillo charged with breaching bail conditions

The Toronto police officer was free on bail while he appeals his conviction for attempted murder in the death of Sammy Yatim.

A Toronto police officer convicted of attempted murder has been arrested for allegedly breaching bail. Const. James Forcillo is accused of breaching house arrest conditions. (The Canadian Press)

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The Toronto police officer convicted of attempted murder in the shooting death of Sammy Yatim has been charged for allegedly breaching the conditions of his bail.

Const. James Forcillo, who had been free on bail while he appeals his conviction in Yatim's 2013 shooting death, surrendered to his colleagues with the Toronto Police Service on Wednesday morning.

Forcillo was then arrested and charged with one count of failing to comply with recognizance.

Looking grim-faced and dressed in black, Forcillo made a brief court appearance Wednesday morning. He was led out of court in handcuffs after being remanded for a bail hearing Friday.

"This is a serious matter, especially for a police officer," Ed Upenieks, lawyer for Yatim's father Bill Yatim, said in an interview.

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Const. James Forcillo made a brief court appearance Wednesday. He is being held for a bail hearing Friday. (STEVE RUSSELL / TORONTO STAR FILE PHOTO)

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According to documents filed in court Wednesday, the officer is accused of failing to comply with a number of the conditions of his bail on Tuesday.

The alleged breaches are failing to: reside with his surety at his Vaughan address; notify Ontario's police watchdog, the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), of any change in address; and remain in his residence at all times except under special circumstances, such as a medical emergency.

Forcillo was sentenced to six years in prison for the attempted murder of Yatim on a Toronto streetcar in July 2013.

James Forcillo leaves court after being found not guilty of second-degree murder and manslaughter after firing two volleys of shots at knife-wielding 18-year-old Sammy Yatim in empty streetcar.

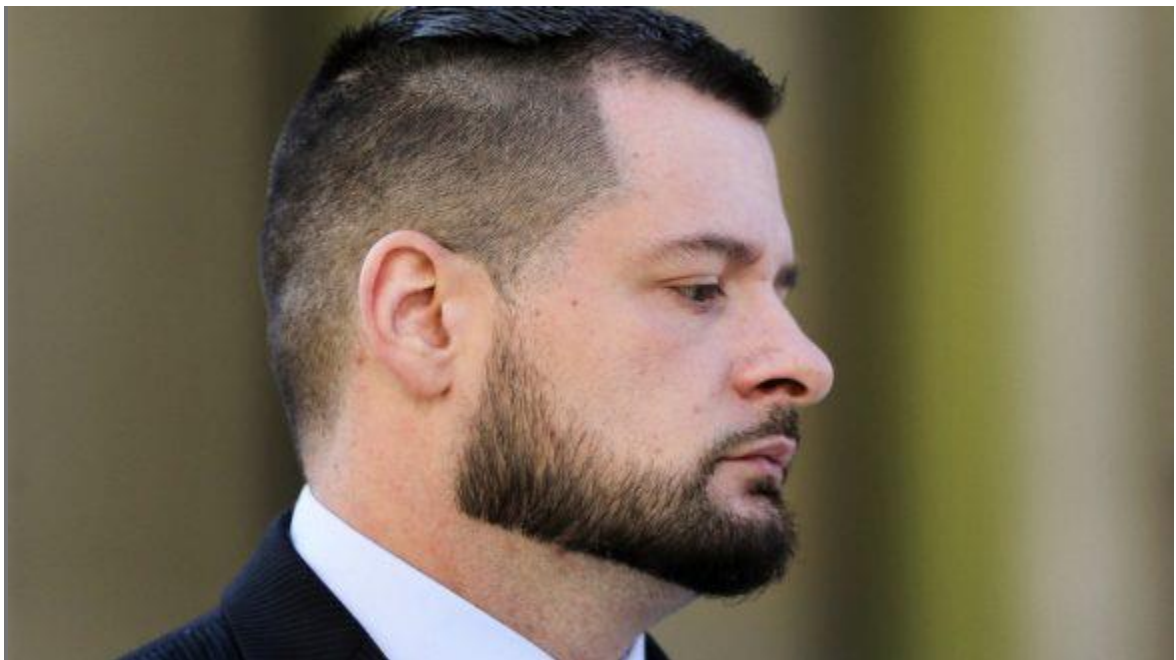
In September, days before the officer's appeal of his conviction, Forcillo's lawyers filed documents in support of Forcillo's bail extension while his lengthy appeal is before the court.

The documents stated that the officer continues to live with his ex-wife and surety, Irina Ratushnyak, and that the couple are co-parenting their two children. Forcillo had complied with all his bail conditions "with no issue," according to the document.

The conditions of the new bail granted Sept. 28 include keeping the peace, being on good behaviour, remaining in Ontario and providing his passport to the SIU.

Forcillo is also required to have no contact with Yatim's family, including his father, mother Sahar Bahadi and sister Sarah Yatim. He is also prohibited from possessing any weapons.

Michael Lacy, the lawyer representing Forcillo on his appeal, said Wednesday that it would not be appropriate for him to comment while the officer's matters are before the court.



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Ministry of the Attorney General has applied to revoke the bail of the Toronto officer convicted in the shooting death of Sammy Yatim