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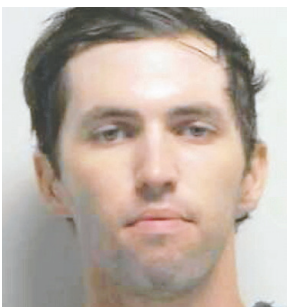


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MADELINE MAZAK

Participants hold a banner during the Tecumseh Terry Fox Run at Green Acres Optimist Park on Sunday. Jan Wright, chair of the Tecumseh Terry Fox Run committee, said the volunteer-driven local event collected almost \$91,000 for cancer research. **A2**

U.S. man charged in ‘diabolical’ plot

Alleged plan to kidnap Windsor boy he had sexually assaulted in June

TREVOR WILHELM

Windsor police believe more victims are out there following a Michigan man’s alleged kidnapping plot involving a violent home invasion against a sleeping Windsor mom and a sexual assault that left her four-year-old son hospitalized.

Investigators said Friday that 46-year-old Shahzad Hameedi, who has multiple aliases, might

have used online dating sites to prey on victims.

Windsor police held a media conference about the case on Friday, a day after the United States Attorney’s Office announced their own charge against Hameedi.

U.S. authorities said that when they arrested Hameedi at his Royal Oak home and executed search warrants, they found a ransom note for the young boy, a stun gun, zip ties, and other tools that

suggested he was planning a kidnapping.

“The defendant’s alleged plan to kidnap a young child by sneaking across the border and entering Canada, breaking into a mother’s home at night, strangling her and then assaulting her innocent, young child two days later is diabolical,” said U.S. Attorney Jerome F. Gorgon.

“No parent or child should ever be subjected to this wickedness. We will bring the full force of the law against violent predators.”

Hameedi, who does not have a previous criminal record in Canada, is being held in a Michigan

detention centre after fleeing to the U.S. and being arrested.

The massive investigation involved Windsor police, Ontario Provincial Police, London police, Canada Border Services Agency, RCMP, provincial government officials in Windsor, Ottawa and Toronto, U.S. Homeland Security, the United States Marshal’s office, U.S. customs, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, and the Border Enforcement Security Task Force.

At their media conference on Friday, Windsor police released the suspect’s photo in search of other potential victims.

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Windsor byelection draws 15 city council hopefuls

TAYLOR CAMPBELL

It’s a crowded race.

Windsor’s Ward 2 byelection will have more names on the ballot than in any other election in the city in a quarter of a century.

Ahead of last Friday’s deadline, 15 city council hopefuls successfully filed nomination papers for candidacy in the battle for west Windsor.

“The last time we had a number like this goes back to 1999,” city clerk Steve Vlachodimos told the Star.

“We’re delighted. It’s great that people are showing an interest. It’s an engaged ward.”

That race — another byelection — was triggered when former councillor Rick Limoges vacated his seat in what was then Ward 5 after winning in a federal byelection in April 1999.

Back then, Windsor was divided into five wards, with two councillors representing each one — “a bigger geographical footprint for representation” than Windsor councillors have now that there are 10 wards, Vlachodimos said.

The city switched to a 10-ward system in 2010.

This year, Windsor council voted to hold a byelection to replace former Ward 2 Coun. Fabio Costante, who left municipal politics in June to become CEO of the Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation. The current municipal council term ends in just over a year.

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