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Charges Laid In Costco Hate Incident

Port Dufferin ,Male, 37, Arrested

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USPA NEWS - The following is a statement from the Halifax Regional Police in reference to the incident on July, 4th at the Costco in the Bayers Lake area of Halifax.

HRP News Release, July 10th:
"At approximately 3 p.m. on July 9th, with the assistance of RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment, a man was arrested at a residence in Port Dufferin.

During the arrest, the man brandished a weapon and officers deployed a conductive energy weapon. He was treated on scene by EHS and medically cleared."

"Randall Byron Publicover, 37, is scheduled to appear in Halifax provincial court today to face charges of: public incitement of hatred, assault, uttering threats to cause bodily harm or death (x4), mischief (x2), resisting a peace officer, and possession of a weapon dangerous to public peace."

"The investigation is ongoing.
Halifax Regional Police thank the public who came forward to help identify the suspect.
Crimes and incidents motivated by hate are taken very seriously. If someone finds themselves exposed to behaviour that is offensive, threatening or intimidating, they are encouraged to report it to police."

Haligonians can breathe easier knowing that an arrest has been made in connection with the recent Islamophobic threats in Halifax, marking a crucial step towards a safer, more inclusive community. Randall Byron Publicover has been charged under several sections of the Criminal Code, including public incitement of hate and possession of a weapon, demonstrating a firm commitment to justice and a society that values diversity and respect. The arrest sends a powerful message that hate-fueled behavior will not be tolerated, and that Nova Scotians and all Canadians stand united against intolerance.

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