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## Conservative whistleblower says she discussed 3rd-party payment with Patrick Brown

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A woman identifying herself as the whistleblower in the Patrick Brown campaign says she personally discussed with the Conservative leadership candidate an arrangement for her to be paid by a private company, and that he approved.

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Patrick Brown takes part in the Conservative Party of Canada French-language leadership debate in Laval, Quebec on Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

The allegation, made Thursday by Debbie Jodoin, appears to contradict Brown's claim that he had no knowledge of the alleged finance violations within his campaign for which he was disqualified from the leadership race earlier this week.



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"Mr. Brown told me that it was permissible for me to be employed by a company as a consultant, and then for that company to have me volunteer with the campaign," Jodoin said in a statement released by her lawyers.

"He connected me by text message with a third party for that purpose. I trusted him, but as time went on I became increasingly concerned with the arrangement and suspected it was not OK."

Jodoin says she began working as regional organizer for Brown's campaign in May at his request and has over two decades of experience with the Conservative Party.

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Jodoin shared her concerns with the party through her legal counsel, says the statement.

On Tuesday, the party's Leadership Election Organizing Committee (LEOC) disqualified Brown from the race, citing "serious allegations of wrongdoing" related to financing rules.

Brown has rejected any suggestion of wrongdoing and said he was not given details of those allegations by the party before being turfed.

But now the campaign claims that, prior to Brown's disqualification, it had identified Jodoin to the committee as a possible source of allegations and that the committee never responded.

"It was the obligation of the Conservative Party to conduct themselves fairly and transparently," Brown campaign spokesperson Chisholm Pothier said in an email.

A letter Brown's campaign sent to LEOC regarding Jodoin and obtained by CBC says she had approached Brown asking for employment with his campaign. The letter says Brown instead referred her to his friend for a job but that Brown assumed volunteer work for his campaign would not be done on company time.

Brown's campaign offered to reimburse the company that had paid Jodoin, according to the letter.

Brown originally blamed his ejection from the race on members of the Conservative Party establishment and supporters of leadership candidate Pierre Poilievre, who he said worked to disqualify him from the leadership race because they feared his progressive approach to conservatism was going to win.

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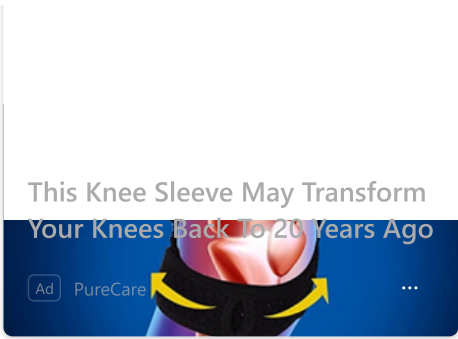
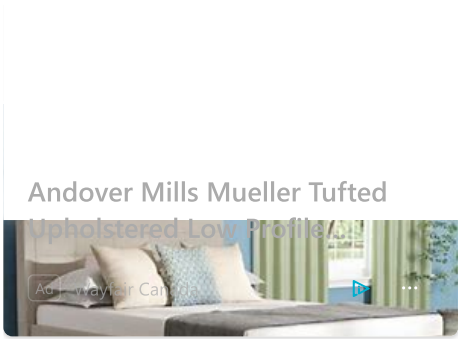
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A spokesperson with Toronto police said the woman — believed to be in her 60s — was walking through the station when a man ran up to her and punched her in the face.

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Police and paramedics were called to the station around 11:15 a.m.

A spokesperson with Toronto police said the woman, believed to be in her 60s, was walking through the station when a man ran up to her and punched her in the face.

"She was unconscious and has been revived," police said.

The woman was taken to hospital in serious but not life-threatening condition.

The TTC said it's helping police with the investigation and confirmed the attack appeared to be random.

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"Our thoughts are with the victim for a speedy recovery," TTC spokesperson Stuart Green said in an email to CBC News.

"As always, we will offer whatever assistance we can to aid TPS as they investigate this random attack."

Police say the suspect, believed to be in his 30s, was dressed in all black and was also wearing a white scarf.

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Thursday's attack was the latest in a string of incidents on TTC property, and the second at Kipling Station in as many months.

Last month [a woman was allegedly set on fire](#) in another "random attack" at Kipling Station. She was rushed to hospital with second- and third-degree burns, but succumbed to her injuries earlier this week.

A man is facing multiple charges in connection with that incident.

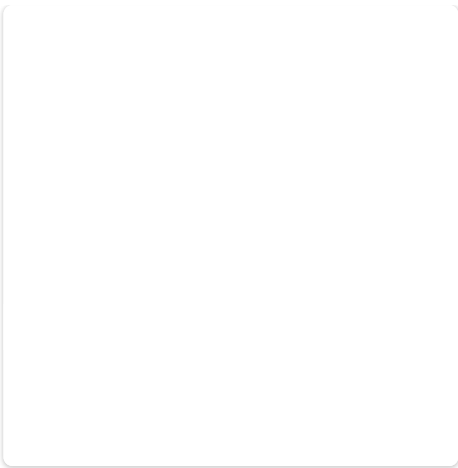



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The TTC is in the process of hiring nearly 60 more special constables that were approved in 2021, Green said, adding that the hiring process takes approximately a year from posting the jobs to having constables on the job.

"In the wake of these recent incidents, we are focusing resources in and around the subway system to both give customers an added sense of safety and security as well as to respond in the unlikely event of a safety incident," he said.

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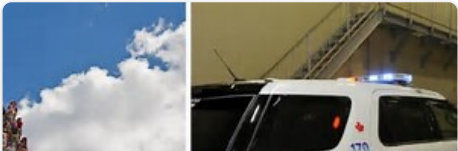


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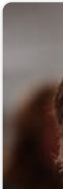


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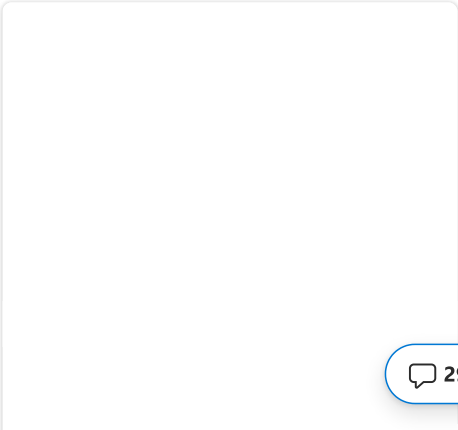


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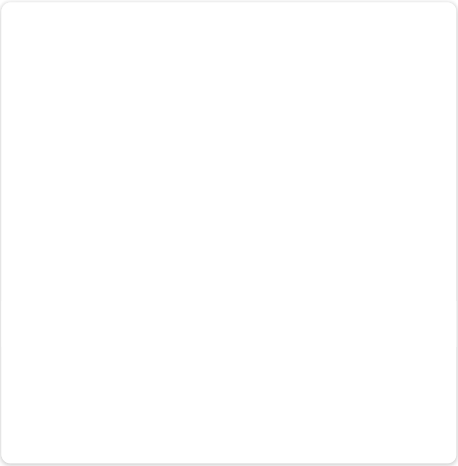
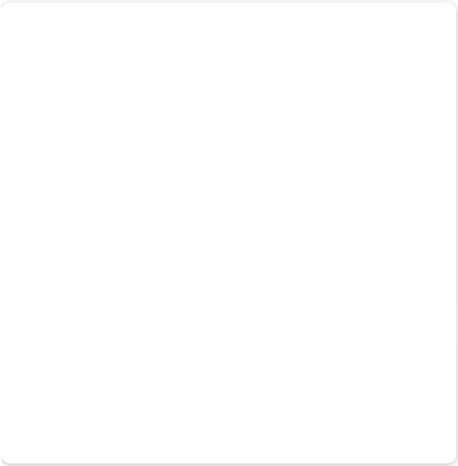
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