

## Hospital security guard charged with two counts of sexual assault

**By Brock Weir**

A 24-year-old Aurora man faces two charges of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl and a 19-year-old woman. Charged is Pabiram Ravichandran of Aurora who was a contracted security guard at Southlake Regional Health Centre, according to York Regional Police.

“In July 2017, York Regional Police began an investigation into a contracted security guard working at Southlake Regional Health Centre,” said Constable Laura Nicolle. “A 16-year-old female victim, who was familiar with the security guard from a previous visit to the hospital, came forward and reported being sexually assaulted by the accused off hospital grounds after he finished work.

“During the investigation, officers received a report from a second victim, a 19-year-old female, who advised that she was befriended by the accused while at hospital. After leaving the hospital, the victim was sexually assaulted by the accused.”

Police released an image of Ravichandran to ensure that there are no further victims.



The charges have not been proven in court.

He is set to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Newmarket on September 13.

“A sexual assault includes any non-consensual contact of a sexual nature,” says Constable Nicolle. “York Regional Police would like to encourage anyone who feels they may have been a victim of sexual assault to come forward and report the incident to police.

There is no statute of limitations for sexual offences and offenders can be prosecuted well after the date of the offence.”

Even if you, or someone you know, are not ready to report a sexual assault, Police encourage seeking support by contacting the Women's Support Network through [womenssupportnetwork.ca](http://womenssupportnetwork.ca), Victim Services of York Region at [victimservices-york.org](http://victimservices-york.org).

Additional resources are available online through the York Regional Police at [www.yrp.ca](http://www.yrp.ca).

Anyone with information is asked to call York Regional Police Special Victims Unit / Special Assault Unit at 1-866-876-5423 x7071 or contact Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS. You can also leave an anonymous tip online at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com) or text your tip to CRIMES (274637) starting with the word YORK.