

UPDATED: Woman fights for life after attempted murder

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A 32-year-old woman is fighting for life after a domestic assault in Friday night in Aurora.

Mohammed Mahdi, 46, has been charged with attempted murder following the incident on Lewis Honey Drive on Friday night.

York Regional Police received a 911 call at 8.12 p.m. for a domestic incident and arrived on the scene by 8.17. Inspector Gary Miner said in a statement Saturday they found the victim unresponsive with signs of head trauma. She was first taken to Southlake Regional Health Centre before being transferred to an undisclosed Toronto hospital.

"She's alive and we're hoping against hope for her," Inspector Miner told The Auroran. "We're hoping the medical intervention takes hold, but with quality of life we don't know what is going to happen there."

"We responded to a 911 call from a male caller and there were interpreters needed. We got there very quickly but the situation was not a mystery once we got there. She needed immediate medical help and [Mahdi] was apprehended and has now been charged with her attempted murder."

Mahdi was apprehended at the scene and was transported to 1-District Headquarters in Newmarket where police say he was investigated and charged with one count of attempted murder. He was remanded into custody on Saturday and is expected to be before the courts once again this Tuesday for a bail hearing.

"For the charges he is charged with, he is remanded until he can get bail, if he even qualifies for bail," said Inspector Miner. "Hopefully between now and Tuesday we will have a better sense of what chance the victim has of surviving this. If she deteriorates further and succumbs, then the charge will be upgraded."

Police will not disclose the identity of the victim, but said her condition remains grave following surgery for the trauma.

The investigations are ongoing in the home, which has been secured pending a search warrant being executed to "process and collect evidence at the scene, police said. Victim Services of York Region have been called to assist family members with the crisis. York Regional Police have been previously called to the home in question, but were unable to say what they were called for or if those incidents involved the same people.

"We have been to that address before, but whether it is connected to this particular family, that I cannot say because it doesn't seem to be the last name," said Inspector Miner. "It was nothing insurmountable and nothing that would [seem to] say we would be coming back for something like this."

Police ask that anyone with information on the case get in touch with them, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.