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\$4,000 in cash, digital scales, cell-phones and a shotgun.

Police said the drugs are worth about \$1,100.

Brenden Thompson, 22, of Peterborough, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of property obtained by crime.

Donald Pike, 33, and Shannon Hewitt, 25, both of Peterborough, were each charged with possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking.

Police searched a Romaine St. home at 2:05 a.m., police said, seizing more pills, cocaine and cellphones, along with marijuana and a gun and its magazine.

Police estimate the value of the drugs to be at about \$1,500.

Latisha Peplinski, 23, Kenzie Carter, 18 and Ashleigh Cavanagh, 21, all of Peterborough, are each charged with possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking.

Cavanagh faces an additional count of possession of a controlled substance.

All six accused are to appear in court June 21.

## **REDUCE WATER USE BY 10%**

It's getting warmer, and it's been pretty dry — so the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority is asking residents in the city and the rest of the Otonabee River watershed to reduce their water consumption by 10%.

This applies to usage inside the home (showers, laundry and dishwashers) and outside (lawn watering, car washing and pools).

Otonabee Conservation's water response team has declared a Level 1 Low Water Condition for the area.

Low flows are standard across the watershed, the agency reports. For instance, Jackson Creek flowed at 26% of its historical April flow last month and forecasts call for May to be below normal as well.

Gordon Earle, Otonabee Conservation's water resource technologist, says the low flow is the result

JUSTICE: Russian-born Jewish man says he was harassed while working at detachment

## Former probationary officer files human rights complaint

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**Examiner Police Writer** 

A former Peterborough County OPP probationary officer has filed a human rights complaint against the detachment, alleging that his former follow officers treated him as a secondclass citizen because of his race.

Michael Jack, a Jewish, Russian-born man, said the oppression and harassment he experienced from his colleagues almost destroyed his life.

Peterborough County OPP Const. Iain McEwan, the detachment's media relations officer, said he wouldn't comment on the issue because it is before the tribunal.

The three-day hearing is set to begin in Toronto next week.

Jack, 39, was born in St. Petersburg, Russia and moved with his family to Israel in 1990. As a young adult he served in the Israeli Navy.

Jack said he came to Canada in 2000 and moved to Peterborough, putting himself through school and earning a science degree at Trent University.

By chance he met the police chief for York Regional Police at the Trent University gym in 2007, Jack said, and he convinced him to try a career in policing.

"I never thought of becoming a police officer before this meeting," Jack said.

With his education, and Israeli military background, Jack said he, and the hiring crew at the OPP thought he was an ideal candidate.

His application was fasttracked, he said, and he cancelled interviews with the York and Halton police services.

He joined the OPP as a probationary constable in 2009.

Jack said problems began almost immediately.

"It was not the Canada I was used to," he said.

Jack said he was treated like a nuisance, particularly by his superior officers, and his colleagues called him "Crazy Ivan" behind his back.

He tried addressing issues

inside the detachment, he said, and eventually sought help from the Ontario Provincial Police Association.

But that only escalated problems, Jack said.

Jack alleges that other officers and superiors falsified documents and fabricated complaints against him.

Jack's position with the Peterborough County OPP detachment was terminated at the end of his probationary term.

It was a black mark that ruined any potential career in policing, he said. No other service would hire him because he hadn't passed probation.

"My life was ruined, totally," he said.

Jack said he's been working on his case for the past two years. He doubts a three-day hearing will be sufficient.

He said the OPP has asked for mediation on three occasions.

"They want to whisk it under the carpet," he said. "We don't."

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**PRIVACY:** No lawsuit being filed yet against PRHC, but lawyer wants to hear from victims

## Lawyer meets with breach victims

**KENNEDY GORDON**Examiner Staff Writer

An Ottawa lawyer has met with some of the people affected by the local hospital's privacy and confiwith a solution yet."

Meanwhile, more people are talking about how they were contacted by the hospital, which notified the affected patients once the breach came to light. time this happened, that she not notify the media of the breach, but she did so after the second breach occurred.

Bonner said the hospital reported to her that a nurse named

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