



# Intensive Serious Violent Crime Bail Team (ISVCBT)

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# Eligibility for ISVCBT:

- Firearms Offences
- Crimes of Violence resulting in serious bodily harm or death
- High Risk Offenders charged with crimes of violence
- Escalated Intimate Partner Violence
- Accused charged with breaching bail conditions while on release for serious violent crime offences

# Enhanced Bail Packages

- 3-4 hours (on average) to compile
- Can include the following materials that are requested on a priority basis with arresting police force so they can be utilized during the bail hearing:
  - Detailed reports with respect to evidence seized
  - 911 calls, videos, photos of firearms and/or injuries of victim(s)
  - Transcripts/Reports from previous proceedings resulting in prior convictions
  - Arrest reports of previous charges demonstrating propensity to breach release orders, weapons prohibition orders, or commit violent offences
- Background materials provided by coordinated police agencies with respect to any proposed sureties (typically obtained from Peterborough Police Service, OPP, Durham Regional Police Service and Toronto Police Service)



# Peterborough ISVCBT

❖ ISVCBT initiative commenced across Ontario in the fall of 2023

❖ As of March 19 2025:

- **7 young persons (YCJA)**
  - 1 relates to repeated car-jacking
  - 5 relate to firearms-related offences
  - 3 out of the 7 were released after contested bail hearings
  - 4 out of 7 currently remain in custody without seeking a bail hearing
- **51 Adults involving the following offences:**
  - Attempt murder
  - Homicide
  - Dangerous Driving Cause Death and Breach of Driving Prohibition Orders
  - Intimate Partner Violence – high risk factors
  - Shootings
  - Possession of firearms
  - Breaching release orders on outstanding serious charges



# PETERBOROUGH ISVCBT

- ◆ Of 51 **Adult** ISVCBT matters:
  - ◆ 20 Completed Matters:
    - ◆ 4 adults had their charges stayed
    - ◆ 13 resolved while in custody without even seeking a bail hearing
    - ◆ 2 were detained after contested bail hearings
  - ◆ 31 adults remain active (still in system)
    - ◆ 18 – bail hearings not commenced
    - ◆ 4 were detained after bail hearings
    - ◆ 8 were released after contested hearings (4 have since returned to custody)
    - ◆ 1 was released on consent (co-accused, less involved)