

Business Owner Seeks Council Seat Winnipeg Free Press - Joyanne Pursaga - June 27, 2026

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IN BRIEF

EMERGENCY LANDING NEAR SANDY LAKE

ONE person was taken to hospital after a small plane made an emergency landing in a highway ditch near Sandy Lake on Thursday evening.

RCMP from the Yellowhead and Spruce Plains detachments were alerted that the small plane was in distress and trying to land on Highway 45, east of Sandy Lake, at about 7:10 p.m.

The TBM 8 single-engine plane had taken off from The Pas and was en route to Brandon when the pilot had to make the emergency landing. The plane came to a stop in a ditch on the north side of Highway 45.

Four people were on board at the time. One person was taken to hospital with what's believed to be minor injuries, RCMP said. Transportation Safety Board officials have been notified.

MAN CHARGED AFTER GUNPOINT CARJACKING

A 28-YEAR-OLD man has been charged after a man was carjacked at gunpoint in Transcona on Wednesday evening.

The suspect approached a 40-year-old woman and her daughter in a parking lot near a business on the 500 block of Regent Avenue West at about 6 p.m., armed with a handgun and demanding the keys to the woman's vehicle, the Winnipeg Police Service said in a news release Friday.

The woman and her daughter managed to escape into a business nearby, but the suspect approached another parked vehicle and demanded the keys from the 43-year-old driver while pointing the gun at him.

The driver started his pickup truck in an attempt to flee, but the suspect shot out the window, shattering it, police said.

The victim got out of the truck and the suspect drove off, but ditched the vehicle soon after.

Officers found the suspect at another business on the 200 block of Melrose Avenue and arrested him.

Carter Scott Muller, 28, is charged with robbery, two counts of pointing a firearm and possession of a weapon. He was held in custody.

PERSON RESCUED FROM BURNING HIGH-RISE

FIREFIGHTERS rescued a person from a burning high-rise apartment building Friday morning.

Crews responded to fire alarms at the eight-storey structure on Hendon Avenue just before 5 a.m. and located the person inside the suite where the blaze had originated.

They rescued the individual and paramedics treated them on scene, before they were transported to hospital in unstable condition, the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service said in a news release.

Crews fought the flames from inside the building, and got the fire under control shortly before 5:30 a.m. Damage from the incident was largely contained to the affected suite. Some residents escaped while others sheltered in place. No other injuries were reported, WFPS said.

Earlier that morning, at 2:22 a.m., crews responded to a fire in a single-storey commercial building on the 700 block of Dufferin Avenue. They encountered smoke coming from the building and fought the fire from inside, declaring it under control at 3:44 a.m. A search of the building revealed no occupants, and no injuries were reported, WFPS said.

Both incidents remain under investigation.

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BOY, 13, SHOT ON FIRST NATION

A 13-YEAR-OLD boy required emergency surgery after a shooting on a remote Manitoba First Nation early Friday morning.

Mounties were sent to a building in Nisichawayasihk First Nation (Nelson House) after receiving reports of shots fired around 1:45 a.m., RCMP said in a news release.

The community is located about 670 kilometres north of Winnipeg.

Officers learned the boy suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was transported to hospital where he immediately underwent surgery. He remains in stable condition, the release said.

ONE DEAD AFTER ATV HIT IN BROKENHEAD

A 19-YEAR-OLD man is dead after a gravel truck hit an ATV in the rural municipality of Brokenhead Thursday.

Beausejour RCMP and emergency services were called to the scene on Provincial Road 302, near Road 71 North, at 5:20 p.m. The driver of the ATV was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the truck, a 60-year-old man from Steinbach, was not injured.