



# AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **MEDIA RELEASE - 2026-04-17** **Amherst Police Arrest 2 in Stabbing Incident**

Two people have been arrested, charged and are in custody in relation to a stabbing that occurred during the afternoon of Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in Amherst Nova Scotia.

At approximately 4:00pm, on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2026, Amherst Police received a call concerning an individual who arrived at a downtown establishment suffering from stab wounds. Police attended a location on West Victoria Street in Amherst before locating the suspects at a nearby third location. Both subjects were quickly and safely arrested and taken into custody. A male victim, aged 39 years, was transported to Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre.

Matthew Hunsley, aged 41 years of East Leicester Nova Scotia & Craig Pike, aged 42 years of Moncton New Brunswick have been charged with:

- Attempted Murder – Section 239(b) Criminal Code
- Aggravated Assault – Section 268(2) Criminal Code
- Conspiracy – Section 465(1)(c) Criminal Code
- Assault – Section 266 Criminal Code

Both were held overnight and made a brief appearance in Amherst Provincial Court on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026. They have been remanded into custody and are scheduled to appear again on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

The victim in this matter is expected to recover from his injuries.

Investigators are asking anyone with information on this incident to contact the Amherst Police Department at 902-667-8600 or by contacting the Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), text TIP202 + your message to 'CRIMES' (274637) or by Secure Web Tips at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca). Calls to Crime Stoppers are not taped or traced and if police make an arrest and lay charges based on a tip, callers qualify for a cash reward from \$50 -\$2000.

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