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Halifax Regional Police Hate Crime Unit

Investigates An Incident At Costco

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Brian MacKenzie-Teepell/USPA 24 News - The authorities are seeking the public's assistance in identifying a suspect in an assault where hate is believed to be a motivating factor.

On July 4th 2026, a report was filed with the police regarding an alleged assault that took place earlier that day at approximately 1 p.m. at the Costco location situated at 230 Chain Lake Drive in Halifax. According to the report, a man was directing racially offensive language at a family within the store. The man then approached another customer and committed an assault while continuing to utter racially offensive language.

The suspect has been described as a white male, aged between 30 to 40 years old, with no hair. At the time of the incident, he was dressed in a black t-shirt, jeans, and black boots.
Halifax Regional Police Hate Crime Unit is involved with the investigation.

A video of the incident has been widely seen on social media.

In it, the man appears to follow two women in hijabs telling them to "get the f--k out of the country."

The man is then approached by a third woman who tells him to leave the store and shut his mouth. The man then asks the third woman if she "owns Nova Scotia" because if not, she could go with them.

After that, the man becomes aware of the person recording the video and appears to strike them. The video goes dark.

Anyone with information on the suspect's identity or anyone who was targeted by the suspect during the incident at Costco is asked to call police at 902-490-5020. Anonymous tips can be sent to Crime Stoppers by calling toll-free 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submitting a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca or using the P3 Tips App.

Hate-motivated crimes and incidents are taken extremely seriously, and if you're exposed to behaviour that's offensive, threatening or intimidating, you're empowered to report it to the police. Even if an investigation doesn't find criminal wrongdoing, documenting it is crucial for creating a safer and more inclusive community.

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