

MOTION

Urgent Action on Violent Residential Break-ins and Organized Crime Auto Thefts

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SUMMARY:

Despite substantial investments in police staffing and an overall reduction in major crime indicators, parts of Toronto are facing a dangerous level of armed home invasions in which organized auto thieves violently break into occupied dwellings and confront or attack those who live there to obtain vehicle keys. These violent and deeply frightening confrontations threaten the safety of Toronto families, seniors and children in their own homes.

These crimes are not isolated incidents but are driven by sophisticated international organized crime networks. Stopping them requires more than local patrolling; it demands a data-driven, cross-jurisdictional strategy that utilizes modern technology to track offenders and a commitment to direct, transparent communication with the residents most affected.

Recommendations:

1. City Council request the Toronto Police Services Board to request the Chief of Police to report to the Board as soon as practicable on the incidence of home invasions in Toronto communities and all actions being taken or that should be taken to deter, investigate, solve and report outcomes on these deeply disturbing crimes.

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