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Official Statement from Mayor Ken Sim in Response to Recent Random Assaults

VANCOUVER, BC - Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim released the following statement regarding the recent random assaults that occurred in Vancouver:

“Today, a tragic and deeply unsettling incident occurred – a random stranger attack that claimed the life of one person and left another grievously injured. On behalf of all Vancouverites, I offer my heartfelt condolences to the affected families. We grieve with you and offer our support during this incredibly difficult time.

“To the people of Vancouver, I understand that this incident has caused a great deal of anxiety and concern. It’s unsettling to think that something like this could happen in our community.

“Every single person who lives in, visits, or simply enjoys the beauty of Vancouver deserves to feel safe and reassured that the city is working tirelessly to protect them.

“I want to thank the Vancouver Police Department and first responders for their swift action this morning.

“We have taken important steps to strengthen public safety, but we still face gaps that require action and funding beyond the municipal level. We need the Provincial and Federal government to further address these gaps when it comes to public safety and the mental health crisis we’re facing.

“The Province has already demonstrated their willingness to be partners when it comes to public safety by pivoting on policy that was not working, specifically decriminalization. Now we need to pivot on how we deal with mental health. Simply put, significant changes need to happen. The federal government has to be part of this conversation as well, especially when it comes to tackling repeat offenders and the mental health crisis which is being experienced by every town and city across our country.

“It’s not enough to just accept the status quo, and as Mayor, I will always push for a safer Vancouver even if it means having these difficult conversations.”

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