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Official Statement from Mayor Ken Sim in Response to Recent Stabbing from Repeat Offender

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

“Our community has faced some unsettling incidents recently. From the downtown stabbing in March, to the individual wielding a knife at Clark and Hastings intersection, and the stabbing on Granville Street last Monday - these incidents have left us all feeling anxious and concerned.

“To everyone who calls Vancouver home, visits our city, or enjoys our public spaces: I hear you. I understand your anxiety and your concern. You deserve to feel safe and secure, whether you're walking through our parks, grabbing a coffee downtown, or enjoying an evening out.

“I'm incredibly relieved that, thanks to the swift response of the Vancouver Police Department, there were no fatalities in the recent stabbing. However, the fact that this attack was again carried out by a repeat offender, someone well-known to the police with numerous previous charges, highlights a serious issue we need to address.

“The perpetrator, a 29 year-old man from Surrey, was on probation for an assault with a weapon charge from September 2023 and had breached probation conditions earlier this year. He was still on probation when he carried out the recent stabbing attack.

“This is not the first time a repeat offender from outside Vancouver has breached their probation and carried out a violent assault in our city. This pattern of repeated offenses is not just troubling – it's unacceptable.

“It's clear that gaps in our public safety approach continue at a non-municipal level. While we continue to address the broader issues, including the mental health and addictions crisis, our immediate focus should be keeping individuals with a history of violent behavior off our streets.

“We will not tolerate repeat offenders jeopardizing the peace and security of our community. It's essential that a stronger approach is taken to prevent further incidents and maintain the safe, welcoming environment that all Vancouverites deserve.”

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