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- 20 10 2014 Marain Couture-Rouleau - Killed a Canadian soldier
- 22 10 2014 Michael Zehaf-Bibeau - Killed a Canadian soldier at the National War Memorial
- 10 08 2016 Aron Driver- Detonated an explosive device in a taxi
- 29 01 2017 Six men killed and others injured after a shooting at Quebec City Mosque
- 03 01 2017 Toronto area woman - attacked several people with a golf club at a store

Edmonton attacks suspect was on police radar since 2015

Police will file terrorism charges against a suspect arrested after a series of violent attacks that saw an Edmonton police officer stabbed and several pedestrians run down by a truck, the National Post reported. The suspect has been on the radar of authorities since 2015 when a complaint was filed suggesting he may have been radicalized, according to RCMP assistant commissioner Marlin Degrand. Sources confirmed to the Edmonton

Journal the identity of the man as Abdulahi Hasan Sharifto. Degrand said the man is a Somali national who is a refugee.

Islamic State flag discovered after terrorist rampage in Canada - One officer, four civilians injured



A police officer was stabbed Saturday evening near the Commonwealth stadium in Edmonton, Canada. The attacker fled the scene on foot, triggering a huge manhunt and high speed chase. Police have confirmed they are treating it as an act of terrorism.

"At 12:38 it was determined that these incidents are being investigated as acts of terrorism," Edmonton Police Chief Rod Knecht told reporters at a 3am press conference while confirming that an Islamic State flag was discovered in the suspect's vehicle.

"We currently believe this individual acted alone. We are urging Edmontonians to be vigilant and aware of their surroundings," Knecht said, adding that the suspect, a 30-year-old Edmonton man, was known to police.

"We'll never let terrorism win," Canada's Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau

"The Government of Canada and Canadians stand with the people of Edmonton after the terrorist attack on Saturday that sent an Edmonton Police Service officer to hospital and injured a number of innocent people who were out to cheer on their football team and to enjoy an evening in their city. I am deeply concerned and outraged by this tragedy," Trudeau said.

The attacker crashed his Chevrolet Malibu SUV into a police barricade outside the stadium. An officer of the Edmonton Police Service was thrown 15 feet into the area when the vehicle crashed into the traffic control barricade, and reportedly the driver then stabbed the same officer.

Canadian airport employees showed signs of radicalization, visited ISIS websites - report

"The officer was approached by an unknown male suspect in a vehicle at which time the suspect rammed the police cruiser," said Edmonton Police Service spokesman Scott Pattison, as cited by Global News. *"The suspect then got out of the vehicle and approached the officer and an altercation ensued."*

Almost two hours later, at approximately 11:30pm local time, a white U-Haul van was stopped at a police checkpoint while the manhunt was still underway. The officer recognized the name on the driver's ID as matching that of the owner of the SUV used in the attack.

The suspect then drove off at speed and rammed through the police checkpoint, triggering a high-speed chase through the downtown area, packed with Saturday night crowds.

"That high-speed chase should have never, ever in a million years have happened downtown," said eyewitness Brian McNeill as cited by CBC.

Male suspect arrested in connection with vicious knife attack on EPS officer and subsequent vehicle-pedestrian - Edmonton police

The van eventually flipped onto its side after colliding with four people in the course of the pursuit. The suspect was arrested immediately and remains in custody.

"They [police] were pulling him out of the windshield, then handcuffed him," (eyewitness)

When asked why the decision was made to continue the chase through heavily populated areas, Chief Knecht said: *"Due to the seriousness of the offense, or the believed offense, is why the chase was not called off."*

Trudeau thanked first responders and law enforcement officers who have been *"working through the night to make sure that everybody in Edmonton and Alberta is safe and secure."*

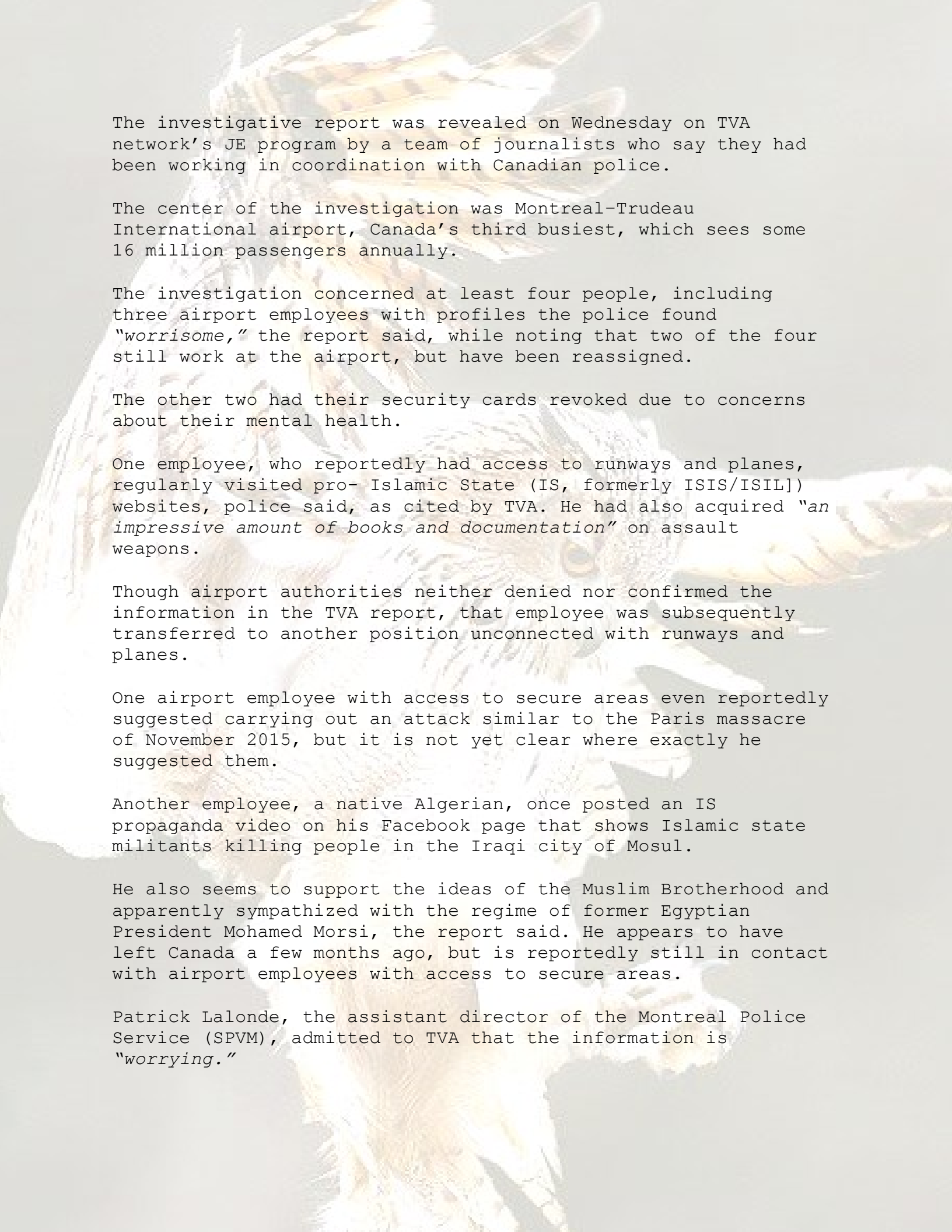
"We cannot - and will not - let violent extremism take root in our communities. We know that Canada's strength comes from our diversity, and we will not be cowed by those who seek to divide us or promote fear."

"Edmonton is a strong and resilient city, and I am confident that its citizens will support one another to overcome this tragic event."

Canadian airport employees showed signs of radicalization, visited ISIS websites - report

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Several employees at Canada's Montreal Trudeau airport have shown signs of being radicalized, a report has revealed, adding that one employee had talked of Paris-style attacks.



The investigative report was revealed on Wednesday on TVA network's JE program by a team of journalists who say they had been working in coordination with Canadian police.

The center of the investigation was Montreal-Trudeau International airport, Canada's third busiest, which sees some 16 million passengers annually.

The investigation concerned at least four people, including three airport employees with profiles the police found "worrisome," the report said, while noting that two of the four still work at the airport, but have been reassigned.

The other two had their security cards revoked due to concerns about their mental health.

One employee, who reportedly had access to runways and planes, regularly visited pro-Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS/ISIL) websites, police said, as cited by TVA. He had also acquired "*an impressive amount of books and documentation*" on assault weapons.

Though airport authorities neither denied nor confirmed the information in the TVA report, that employee was subsequently transferred to another position unconnected with runways and planes.

One airport employee with access to secure areas even reportedly suggested carrying out an attack similar to the Paris massacre of November 2015, but it is not yet clear where exactly he suggested them.

Another employee, a native Algerian, once posted an IS propaganda video on his Facebook page that shows Islamic state militants killing people in the Iraqi city of Mosul.

He also seems to support the ideas of the Muslim Brotherhood and apparently sympathized with the regime of former Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi, the report said. He appears to have left Canada a few months ago, but is reportedly still in contact with airport employees with access to secure areas.

Patrick Lalonde, the assistant director of the Montreal Police Service (SPVM), admitted to TVA that the information is "worrying."

"SPVM and its partners work every day to evaluate the threat and to counter it," he said.

"We have a concern for all types of threats; radicalization is one of them," said Pierre-Paul Pharand, vice-president of Aeroports de Montreal (ADM), the main airport authority responsible for Montreal's two airports.

Alexandre de Juniac, head of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), found the prospect of some airport employees being radicalized *"extremely serious."*

"It's complicated for me to say if this should be the case [here]. In any case, people about whom the authorities have doubts should not have access to planes."

Conservative MP Pierre Paul-Hus wrote on Facebook that the authorities should "re-investigate each employee" in light of the incidents reported.

Marcel Savard, former head of counter-terrorism at Surete du Quebec, Quebec's provincial police force, said he is concerned.

"What worries me is the strategic position that these people occupy," he said.

In April of 2016, Belgian media revealed that Najim Laachraoui, one of the suicide bombers who blew himself up at the Brussels airport in Zaventem on March 22, had worked at the site for as many as five years.

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