

## **ONLINE BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE ENTRY**

**Dear Judge:**

**It was late afternoon on Monday, Sept. 12 when all hell broke loose in multiple municipalities.**

**Sadly, coverage of gun violence has become all too familiar to our GTA newsrooms. But this one was different. And our journalists recognized it immediately.**

**A shooting had initially been reported in Mississauga and reports were rampant that it was a police officer who was shot and that the "active shooter" was in Milton.**

**Then, more gunfire, more casualties.**

**Our breaking news team at Inside Halton, comprised of reporter Herb Garbutt, who worked well past his shift, online editor Louie Rosella, who was teaching a college class and cut it short to address the urgent situation and work into the evening/early next morning, and photographer Graham Paine (actually off shift on vacation at the time), who captured timely visuals, all sprung into action.**

**They produced multiple stories that fateful day, and continued with informative and emotionally-charged follow-up pieces for viewers in the days that followed. This included heart-wrenching interviews with grieving family and friends, video and other multimedia, inside information about the shooting suspect and the police investigation that had yet to be made public, and partnering with our newsroom in Peel to coordinate coverage and exchange notes.**

**Much of this content was used and featured prominently on The Toronto Star website, in addition to our community websites.**

**The results: blanket, 360 coverage of perhaps the most significant crime in the GTA for 2022, and a better-informed viewership.**

**Regards,**

**Karen Miceli, managing editor  
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