

## Separate G20 assault cases likely to be combined at trial

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Separate criminal cases involving the same officer charged with assault in connection with G20 demonstrations last summer will likely be part of one trial.

Last December Const. Babak Andalib-Goortani was charged by the Special Investigations Unit with assault with a weapon in connection with the beating of stage designer Adam Nobody, 27, at Queen's Park on June 26, 2010.

The officer was additionally charged Feb. 2, 2011 with a second count of assault with a weapon by the Toronto Police Service following a complaint by Torontoist blogger Wyndham Bettencourt McCarthy, 23, who was covering the protests.

Nobody suffered a broken nose and cheekbone injuries. McCarthy received a bruise to her hip.

Andalib-Goortani, 30, is to appear in court March 7 on the charge stemming from the attack on McCarthy.

The charge related to the assault on Nobody, which was to be dealt with March 3, has been put over to March 28, when it is expected both charges will be combined into one case.