

Lawyer arrested at Brampton courthouse

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Toronto criminal lawyer Laura Liscio was taken into custody in relation to a drug trafficking investigation.

BRAMPTON—A Toronto criminal lawyer was led off in handcuffs this morning after Peel Regional Police arrested her at the Brampton courthouse.

Multiple police and courthouse sources have told The News that Laura Liscio was arrested in connection with a drug trafficking investigation. Liscio's practice is located in Toronto, according to the Law Society of Upper Canada's lawyer directory.

Police sources say the arrest came just after 11 a.m. at the Hurontario Street courthouse after a Peel officer found a quantity of drugs hidden in items being given to an inmate who was scheduled to appear before a Superior court judge.

Liscio was taken into custody and led into a police cruiser in handcuffs while she was still in her black gown — a requirement for all lawyers appearing on matters in Superior court.

Well-placed sources say Liscio was at court representing 19-year-old Jahrell Lungs, who was appearing in front of Justice Casey Hill today on a number of firearms offences.

Peel Regional Police have yet to make an official comment on the arrest, but Sgt. Matt Small, a spokesperson for the force, said he is looking into the matter.

Liscio is a regular at the Brampton courthouse and has worked on a number of high profile cases in Peel, including a 2010 shooting in Cooksville that led to a Mississauga man sustaining life-threatening injuries. Liscio represented the shooter, Nepaul McMorris, who was charged with attempted murder but found guilty of lesser charges and sentenced to nine years in jail.

Lungs was arrested two years ago by Peel Police after a search warrant in Brampton yielded a loaded .357 magnum.

Toronto criminal lawyer Jennifer Myers described Liscio as “an excellent and hard working young lawyer” devoted to her practice.

“I'm particularly troubled by the reported manner of her arrest — handcuffed while gowned at the courthouse. This allegation against her is shocking, and difficult to believe,” she said.

There's no word yet from Peel police on potential charges.

The News is also waiting to hear word from the Law Society on the arrest.