

Windsor police detective charged with assault

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A Windsor police officer has been charged with assault causing bodily harm following an investigation by the provincial Special Investigations Unit.

Detective David Van Buskirk is accused of injuring a doctor during an arrest in the parking lot of the Jackson Park Health Centre on April 22.

The head of the SIU, Ian Scott, said Van Buskirk was dressed in plain clothes when he arrested Dr. Tyceer Abouhassan, 37, at the entrance to the clinic in the early evening.

The SIU report said Abouhassan sustained serious injuries to his face during an interaction between Abouhassan and Van Buskirk.

Abouhassan was hospitalized and required emergency surgery to try to restore his already impaired vision.

He reportedly also suffered head injuries and a broken nose.

Van Buskirk is scheduled to appear in provincial court on July 8.

The SIU is an arm's length agency that investigates reports involving police where there has been death, serious injury or allegations of sexual assault.