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OPERATIONS BULLETIN

RE: BUS OPERATOR ASSAULT CONVICTION

On June 14, 2017, Shawn Nolin pleaded guilty to assaulting a Bus Operator. He spit on the operator after asking for him to turn down his music. The assault occurred on May 18, 2017.

He was sentenced to 60 days jail time; one month unsupervised probation and ordered to pay costs of \$102. During this case the judge explained this would be the same sentence if a police officer was assaulted, highlighting that Bus Operators are held in the same regard while serving the public.

Winnipeg Transit continues to work closely with the Crown Prosecutors to ensure that Bill S221 is considered in the sentencing of those convicted of assaulting our employees. Bus Operators are reminded to use the "Pay Double next time" fare policy and their Assault Prevention Strategies to lessen the risk of an assault occurring.

As a reminder, all assaults must immediately be reported to the Control Centre and your Operations Supervisor contacted as soon as possible.

In the event of an assault, employees are strongly encouraged to pursue charges through the Winnipeg Police Service. Your Operations Supervisor will assist you in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Richard Young
A/Operations Superintendent

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