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LIKE FORREST GUMP'S BOX OF CHOCOLATES, YOU NEVER KNOW "WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET" WITH THESE "LEAST WANTED VALENTINES"

If you know where any of BC's five most wanted fugitives are, call Crime Stoppers

VANCOUVER, B.C. (February 10, 2026): Five of BC's most wanted criminals and suspects who remain on the lam as Valentine's Day approaches, were "unpacked from heart-shaped chocolate boxes" Tuesday by Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers and announced as this year's "least wanted Valentines".

It's an annual public reminder to call Crime Stoppers ANONYMOUSLY if you have any information on where police can find and arrest these fugitives.

Two of the five ran off after being arrested in a large drug investigation in Vancouver two years ago and remain at large. In fact, **Omid Mashinchi** and **Amir Navarchi** are among six suspects arrested in 2024 during "*Project Torque*", a large-scale three-year police investigation into a Vancouver-based international "kilogram level" trafficking operation. **Mashinchi** also remains on the [BOLO](#) ("Be On The Lookout") national list of most wanted criminals in Canada.

A third "valentine", **Gurkirat Singh**, is also on the BOLO list. He is wanted by Delta Police on a Canada-wide warrant for sexual assault, invitation to sexual touching, and sexual interference of a person under 16 years old in 2024.



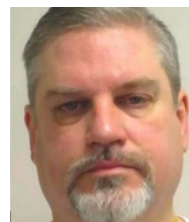
Mashinchi



Navarchi



Singh



Mackenzie



Ferland

(See descriptions attached for all five of this year's "Least Wanted Valentines")

"Each year right before Valentine's Day, we remind people that scary, dangerous criminals are on the loose at any given time and reporting any information ANONYMOUSLY to Crime Stoppers can help police make an arrest," says Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers.

“Valentine’s Day is about being near those you want to be with, but these most-wanted criminals should be in jail and not near anyone. Someone, somewhere knows where these people are and we’re urging them to do the right thing and call us. Your anonymity is guaranteed by the Supreme Court of Canada and you’ll never be questioned or called to testify.”

TIPS TO CRIME STOPPERS WORK

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers received a record 5,490 ANONYMOUS tips in 2025 leading to 15 arrests, 32 illegal weapons seized and more than \$3 million in property and illicit drugs that might never have been recovered without tips to Crime Stoppers.

Tips to Crime Stoppers that lead to the arrest and charge of any wanted criminal can lead to a reward of up to \$5,000.

“We receive tips year-round for all kinds of crimes including gang and illegal weapons offences, and it really works. With five million pairs of eyes around the province, we hope someone might eventually spot one or more of these most wanted fugitives,” adds Annis.

About Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is a non-profit society and registered charity that receives anonymous tip information about criminal activity and provides it to investigators. Anonymous tips may be provided through Crime Stoppers’ downloadable **“P3” smartphone app**, calling Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-8477**, online at solvecrime.ca, or by following the link on the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers [Facebook page](#).

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers accepts tips in 115 different languages and will pay a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest, a charge, recovery of stolen property, seizure of illegal drugs or guns, or denial of a fraudulent insurance claim. Find MVCS on X: [@solvecrime](#), Instagram: [metrovancovercrimestoppers](#) and You Tube: [@metrovancovercrimestoppers](#).

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**CALL CRIME STOPPERS ANONYMOUSLY IF YOU KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS
OF THESE “LEAST WANTED VALENTINES” WHO REMAIN AT LARGE**



OMID MASHINCHI (age 43)

Also on BOLO's (Be On The Lookout) Canada's 25 Most Wanted list

One of six suspects charged in “Project Torque”, an investigation of a Vancouver-based, international “kilogram-level” drug-trafficking operation

Wanted for possession for the purpose of trafficking, conspiracy to commit an indictable offence, two counts of possession of a firearm

5'7" 165 lbs, medium build, shaved head, wears eyeglasses



AMIR NAVARCHI (age 40)

Another of the six suspects charged after “Project Torque” Vancouver-based international drug trafficking investigation

Wanted for conspiracy to commit an indictable offence

5'7" 190 lbs, heavy build, short hair



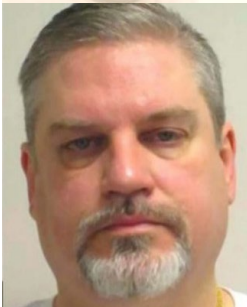
GURKIRAT SINGH (age 26)

Also on BOLO's (Be On The Lookout) Canada's 25 Most Wanted list

Canada-wide warrant

Wanted by Delta Police for sexual assault, invitation to sexual touching, and sexual interference (child allegedly sexually assaulted in Delta)

6'0" 140 lbs, black hair, brown eyes



JOHN NORMAN MACKENZIE (age 64)

Wanted for being unlawfully at large for more than seven years (escaped from Correctional Service of Canada's Mission institution August 2018). Was serving a life sentence for numerous convictions including second degree murder and armed robbery.

5'9", 196 lbs, blue eyes, greying/brown hair



JEAN-SEBASTIEN PHILIPPE ERIC FERLAND (age 43)

14 counts including possession of a prohibited weapon, B&E, theft, fraud, identity theft, impersonation, possession of a forged credit card, obstruction of a police officer, dealing with ID documents

5'8" 161 lbs, blonde/brownish hair (possible highlights), blue eyes