

THE ESL NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6th, 2017

STORY ONE: SIX DIE IN MOSQUE

Six Muslim men died in Quebec City on Sunday night. They were praying when a gunman suddenly ran into the mosque. Nineteen men were also injured and went to the hospital. The gunman is a 27-year-old university student.

Prime Minister Trudeau said this was a terrible act of violence. He said everybody in Canada needs to work together and understand each other. The Canadian flag is flying at half-staff in many cities.

STORY TWO: SENIOR STILL IN HOSPITAL

An 82-year-old man was beaten on Nov. 16, 2016 in Stanley Park. The senior is still in the hospital. Somebody found him in his 2011 Toyota Corolla and took him to the hospital. The police have a video of the suspect. He was walking with a limp towards the seawall. He was wearing a beige sports coat, dark pants and white shoes. If anybody knows anything, they can call the police at 604-717-2541.

STORY THREE: ROBBER GOING TO JAIL

In March, 2014, Chris Agin tried to rob a licensed marijuana grow-op in Langley. He hit the owner twice in the head with a gun. Then, he shot an employee in the leg. After that, he shot at the owner, who was hiding behind a truck. Fortunately, only the window of the truck was broken.

The robber ran away, but the police found him in the back yard of a house. They also found a gun under a tree.

The judge said he must go to jail for 11 years because he planned the robbery and shot at 2 people. Illegal drugs and guns are very dangerous for the community. The owner says he has a lot of stress and can't sleep at night. He's also scared that other criminals are going to go to his legal marijuana operation.

STORY FOUR: PEACE RALLY

People from Canada and the US had a peace rally on Feb. 5. It was at Peace Arch Provincial Park in Whiterock. Americans were on the other side. They don't like Trump's order that people from Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Yemen, Somalia and Sudan can't go to the US. Community leaders from the 7 countries spoke. People of all different backgrounds were welcome. Everybody should stand together in solidarity against what is not just.

STORY FIVE: DEADLY DRUG

In 2016, 914 people died from a fentanyl overdose in BC. Now a new drug, Carfentanil is on Vancouver streets. It is 100 times more deadly than fentanyl. Carfentanil is used to put large animals to sleep, elephants for example. Just one or two pieced the size of salt could kill a person.

STORY SIX: HOCKEY JERSEY STOLEN

Somebody stole a hockey jersey signed by Gordie Howe. It was in a hockey rink in Saskatchewan. He was a great hockey player who died last June at the age of 88. He was from Saskatchewan and donated the jersey to raise money for sports programs. People bought tickets to try to win the jersey on March 10. Maybe another great hockey player will donate a jersey to replace it.