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Furey was likely the target: Liberals

Bonne Bay man said to be out to stop the election taken into custody

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Liberal Leader Andrew Furey was likely the intended target of an incident in Deer Lake on Tuesday that resulted in the arrest of a Bonne Bay man, a Liberal party campaign official says. The RCMP received a report at 10:15 a.m. that

the man, who is from Shoal Brook, said he was going to Deer Lake to stop the election. The man was said to have been acting in an unusual manner and also making reference to firearms.



Furey

The RCMP was told the man departed Bonne Bay in

a truck heading toward Wiltondale.

Police located the vehicle he was in on Route 430 north of Cormack and attempted to stop it, but the truck accelerated and continued toward Deer Lake at a high speed, police said.

Police say they had concerns for public safety and kept sight of the truck during the pursuit, which lasted less than 10 minutes.

Once it reached Deer Lake

the truck continued at dangerous speeds through the community before stopping at a local business, which contained the office of a current political candidate, police said.

The man was removed from the vehicle and arrested in the parking lot. A large quantity of knives was found inside the vehicle and seized. Police also seized and impounded the truck.

Police say there is no con-

cern for public safety and the investigation is continuing. It's expected the man will be charged with a number of criminal and traffic offences.

Furey was in Labrador when the incident occurred, but Meghan McCabe, the communications director for his campaign, confirmed in an email that they have been advised it was likely targeted at him.

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PONY PALS



Horses hang out in a corral in Logy Bay near Logy Bay Road Tuesday as they enjoy a bit of outdoors time in a light snow flurry. **KEITH GOSSE • THE TELEGRAM**

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Election headquarters are sign of the times

Water Street real estate, COVID-19 restrictions and how they've changed the scene

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On any given mid-morning drive down Water Street bound for political announcements, there's no trouble finding a parking spot outside the NDP headquarters, handy enough to the PCs that a reporter could walk the easy few blocks between the campaign offices.

The NDP is camped out for the election duration in the

Bowring Building, and the PCs are further east in the old Fortis Building.

It's somewhat telling of the ease of renting space downtown.

"Never, never, never would you see that. ... Those office buildings were full. ... Everything was," said Byron Murphy, a retail shop and building owner on Water Street, referring to the oil boom before companies moved out for new offices at places like Kelsey Drive and Hebron Way, or laid off employees.

"This is probably the biggest correction we have seen. ... We've probably had more vacant space on the street than we've had in a number of years, there is no doubt about that. ... Rates people were getting 10-12 years ago, they are not getting those rates now."

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NL NDP campaign communications director Jean Graham (left) has a socially distanced chat with Amanda Will, deputy campaign manager, at the party's headquarters, which overlooks Water Street in St. John's. **BARB SWEET • THE TELEGRAM**

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