



Toronto woman arrested in needles-in-sausages case

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Toronto police have arrested an elderly woman in connection with a food tampering investigation involving sewing needles found in sausages at west-end grocery stores.

The woman was arrested at a grocery store on Dundas Street West on Friday afternoon.

Police allege the woman is responsible for a series of food tampering incidents involving needles being inserted into various brands of sausages since May.

Police have investigated at least five other cases of food tampering involving packages of Piller's sausages in the city's west end.

Piller's issued a public safety alert on its website in early June after the incidents. The company said all of its processing and packaging facilities have metal detectors that would have discovered needles.

Police would not specify what charges, if any, have been laid. The woman was released from police custody late Friday night.

She is scheduled to appear in court Aug. 23 at Old City Hall.

Police said they are still investigating.