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Cramahe man pleads guilty to impaired driving causing death

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COBOURG — Cramahe Township resident Adrian P. Grenon, 62, pleaded guilty to impaired driving causing death in the Ontario Court of Justice in Cobourg yesterday.

Ongoing medical treatment from the Sept. 3, 2008 crash, in which his passenger, Ray Bull of Colborne, died, will force sentencing several months into the future, however.

The crash occurred on County Road 2 in Alnwick-Haldimand Township at about 5:45 p.m. that day, Crown attorney Brad Kelneck said. A farmer had just left his barn on the south side of the highway when he heard a crash and called 911. Police arriving at 6:09 p.m. found fire fighters and paramedics already attending to the occupant of an upside-down grey motor vehicle adjacent to that barn.

Upon further investigation, they learned Grenon had a male passenger who had died from a broken neck.

Police spoke with Grenon to ask if it was his car. When he replied that it was, they detected the odour of alcohol on his breath. His speech was slurred and his eyes were red and glassy. Combined with the fact that the roads had been clear and dry and the nature of the accident, they formed the opinion that he could be intoxicated.

They asked for a sample of his breath, but he said he did not understand.

At that point, he was taken to Northumberland Hills Hospital, where he was again asked for a breath sample. He refused, claiming a hurt neck and difficulty in breathing.

He was asked for a blood sample from which intoxication levels might be determined, but Grenon grew so agitated that he had to be sedated. Police realized he was in no state to agree to any intoxication tests, so they arranged for access to his medical records and any blood that might be taken that would not be necessary for medical tests.

Grenon was determined to have fractures of the spine and a lacerated liver, and was transferred to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto. With blood that remained unused for medical purposes, they determined his intoxication level to be between 180 and 220 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood — more than twice the legal limit of 80

The speed of his car had been at least twice the legal limit, too, officers discovered. Reconstruction of the accident at the scene determined he had been travelling at 162 km/h in an 80-km/h zone. The defence lawyer said he would discuss the deceased

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and his relationship to Grenon at a later date. Meanwhile, he asked to delay sentencing until after a final medical

appointment for his client in December, and a pre-sentence report in the meantime.

Kelneck asked for and received a 10-year driving prohibition to take effect immedi-

ately. Grenon surrendered his licence on the spot.

The pre-sentence report is to be ready by Nov. 9, at which time a date for sentencing will be set.

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BREAK-INS REPORTED

ALNWIICK-HALDIMAND TOWNSHIP — At 9:10 a.m. Aug. 14, Northumberland OPP responded to a break and enter to a residence located on Brookside Road. Entry was gained to a barn where some copper tubing and car batteries were taken.

Around 9:24 a.m., another break and enter to a Canning Factory Road residence was reported. Entry to a garage was gained thought an unlocked rear door. Missing are a set of Mastercraft sockets, six cases of Pepsi and a double-seater Graco stroller.

The OPP is asking for the public's assistance in this investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the Northumberland OPP at 613-475-1313 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

BREAK-IN AT COLBORNE PS

COLBORNE — Around 1 p.m. Aug. 14, Northumberland OPP responded to a break and enter at

Colborne Public School on Alfred Street. While entry was gained, nothing was taken.

The OPP is asking for the public's assistance in this investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the Northumberland OPP at 613-475-1313 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

ASSAULT CHARGE

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP — Around 5 p.m. Aug. 14, Northumberland OPP attended a Catherine Street, Hamilton Township, residence for an assault complaint. As a result of the investigation, a 22-year-old Cobourg man was charged with assault and failing to comply with an undertaking. He is scheduled to appear in court Sept. 16.

CASH, CHAINSAW STOLEN

TRENT HILLS — Shortly before 4 p.m. Aug. 15, Northumberland OPP responded to a reported break and enter at an 8th Line residence. A Stihl chainsaw and \$500 in cash is missing.

The OPP is asking for the public's assistance in this investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the Northumberland OPP at 705-653-3300 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

CASH, CHAINSAW STOLEN

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP — Just before midnight Aug. 16, after receiving a complaint some people had been sprayed with pepper spray, Northumberland OPP went to a Gillespie Road residence.

The victims said they had gone to the residence to attend a field party. Upon arrival, they allegedly set off some fireworks and a short time later were surrounded by a group of people carrying baseball bats and sticks. Someone in the crowd sprayed them in the face with pepper spray. The victims ran off and contacted the police.

As a result of the investigation, a Cramahe Township male was arrested and charged with five counts of assault with a weapon.

The investigation is continuing.

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Deaths

McMILLAN, Doris May - Peacefully at the Golden Plough Lodge, Cobourg on Tuesday August 18th, 2009 in her 97th year. Beloved wife of the late Flex McMillan. Loving mother of Carole Eggleton and John McMillan (Audrey). Dear grandmother of Chris Eggleton (Donna), Tricia Muise (Mike), Andrea Birney (Mike), Lisa Ainsworth (Rick) and Marianne Waldie (Jeff) and great grandmother of Brynn, Abbey, Kyle, Lisandra, Nicholas and Trent. Gramma was our strength. She taught us how to love and the importance of family. Loving sister of Addie Down and the late Jean Murphy and Marie Bowan and sister-in-law of Joan Allen and Betty McNeely. The family would sincerely like to thank the staff of the Golden Plough Lodge for their compassionate care and understanding. Friends are invited to call at the **MACCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME**, 30 King St., E., Cobourg on Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held in the MacCoubrey Funeral Home on Thursday August 20th, 2009 at 2 p.m. If desired, donations may be made to the Golden Plough Lodge Chapel or CNIB. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com

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CONTRACT AWARDED

Castleton library renovations begin

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CASTLETON — Cramahe Township council has approved the contract to renovate the lower level of the Castleton Town Hall.

The lower level housed the Castleton branch of the Cramahe Library but was closed when the building was undergoing extensive renovations last year. There was some fear in the community that the little-used branch might never reopen.

The \$39,310 renovation job ensures there will be a library in the building in the near future.

Construction by Fisher Construction was to begin by Aug. 13 and be complete within 60 days. After that, the township will move in under the direction of the Cramahe Library Board. Shelves and equipment will be installed.

There is no firm date set for a reopening.

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