

CRIME

# Teen says he didn't kill his mom

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WARKWORTH -- Michelle Barnoski's body was found buried in the backyard of her Warkworth home last June.

"Someone is responsible for her death," the officer said. "How do you feel?"

"I don't believe it," said the accused. "She's a drug addict and a whore. I think she ran away."

"Did you kill her?"

"No," replied the accused.

When asked to describe his mother, the accused said Ms. Barnoski liked to drink, fish, and he said she was a whore and a drug dealer. He said landlord Marc Vickers, who also resided at the house and is charged with second-degree murder in the case, told him about the drug dealing. He described how Ms. Barnoski would stay three days with a man and return with boxes of food.

During the past months, "she only came home to shower," and he said she was "a really angry person."

On the night of her disappearance, the accused told the detective sergeant his mother had picked him up from a job site and was in a good mood, but that

changed when they got home, when she complained of his missing school, and that Mr. Vickers did not work.

After drinking from a half bottle of Dry Martini, the accused said his mother grabbed her purse and a black book from a table by the door and told him, "f--k ya's all," and walked out the door.

"She was in one of her freakouts. I wasn't going to argue with her," the boy said.

The following day, the accused said he didn't go to school because of a recent breakup with his girlfriend, and got a bit worried about his mother. He messaged friends and asked if anyone had seen her.

"She just abandoned me and ran away. My life's all screwed up right now."

"Do you think she was killed?" the officer asked.

He said no, adding his mother had just left.

The detective sergeant told the teen the police believed his mother had been murdered.

"What kind of a person would do this?" he asked.

Someone who is crazy and unstable, replied the youth, adding her boyfriends would have the best opportunity, one in particular whom he described as, "Creepy... but he wouldn't kill her, maybe kidnap her."

The DVD was filed as an exhibit. The trial continues Thursday, Nov. 12, with forensic evidence, and cross-examination of the detective sergeant by defense counsel Howard Goldkind.

- with files from Jennifer O'Meara

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## KPR board seeks suggestions for name of new Cramahé school

CASTLETON — Cramahé Twp. residents have the opportunity to suggest names for the new elementary school at Castleton scheduled to open next year.

A joint board/community school naming committee is welcoming suggestions from all students, parents, guardians, staff members, school councils and community members for the new elementary public school. To be built on the site of the current Castleton Public School in Cramahé Twp.. The new school will serve students from the current Castleton and South Cramahé public schools.

"Board policy favours certain kinds of names," said Diane Lloyd, Kawartha Pine

Ridge District board chair. "We encourage people to submit names that are based on people who have made positive contributions to society; the current or historical areas served by the schools; the street on which the school will be located; and the diversity of the school communities served.

"A committee including trustees, staff, and parent, student and community representatives, will consider the suggestions," Lloyd says. "The committee will then establish a short list of preferred names, and recommend one of those names to the board for approval."

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