

COURT: Blood at scene matched woman's DNA

Victim's blood found on son's shoe, murder trial hears

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PETERBOROUGH - A youth worker testified Friday in Superior Court of Justice that a boy charged with killing his mother asked her if she ever pictured seeing her mother's brains splattered on a wall.

The boy, now 16, was 14 years old when he was charged with murdering his mother.

He can't be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

The Warkworth woman was last seen May 27, 2008. Her body was discovered 16 days later, buried in her backyard.

Youth worker Lyndsey Duvall testified that the boy had been brought to the Oshawa youth group home she was working at June 12, 2008.

He was dropped off at the home by mistake, court heard, and should have gone to a secure and closed facility.

Duvall told court it was about 7 p.m. and she was told to go upstairs and watch the boy until he was picked up and taken to the correct location.

When she walked into the room the boy was watching television, she told court.

Introductions were made and she began to write in the home's logbook when the boy turned to her, she testified.

"He stated to me, 'Have you ever imagined seeing your mom's brains splattered all over the wall?'" Duvall told court.

She felt the boy was making more of a statement rather than asking a question, she testified, but told him no.

She also told him anything he said to her could be told to the police, she testified.

OPP Const. Trevor McLeod was called in to examine blood splatter in the home June 16, 2008.

He told court Friday he was also looking for any signs of a clean-up.

Police spray the chemical Luminol when they're looking for blood splatter, he told court, and when it reacts with blood it slowly brightens in a darkened room.

Luminol also reacts with bleach, he testified. When Luminol is sprayed onto bleach, it instantly turns a bright fluorescent colour.

McLeod told court he found no evidence of bleach on the floor of the living room, or any other floors in the house.

That means that either there was no blood or bleach present or that there had been something between the floor and blood or bleach, he testified.

It could also mean the scene was so thoroughly cleaned that the Luminol wouldn't react, he told court, but that was very unlikely.

Bloodstains were found on a lamp, a love seat, a couch, a piece of drywall and on walls of the living room, he told court.

McLeod testified that the blood samples were too small and he couldn't come to a conclusion as to how they got there or what caused them.

A forensic biologist from the Centre of Forensic Sciences testified that those samples were a DNA match to the woman. The woman's blood was also found on the toe of a shoe belonging to the boy.

The trial is to continue today.

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COURT: Teen accused of mother's murder

Boy e-mailed girlfriend on day mom disappeared

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PETERBOROUGH - A boy accused of murdering his mother sent his girlfriend two e-mails in the hours following his mother's disappearance; one telling the girl he loved her, the other asking her not to believe anything she may hear about him, Superior Court of Justice heard yesterday.

The boy, 16, is charged in the first-degree murder of his 33-year-old mother, a Warkworth woman.

He can't be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, and *Northumberland Today* isn't naming his mother to protect his identity.

The woman was last seen May 27, 2008. Her body was discovered 16 days later,

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buried in the backyard of her Warkworth home.

The boy was 14 years old when he was charged in June 2008.

OPP Sgt. Vern Crowley testified officers took the woman's computer from the home May 29, 2008 and brought it to him for examination.

Crowley works in the OPP's electronic crimes section.

Crowley detailed the history of the computer's use in the house during a four-day period, beginning May 25, 2008, to the time when OPP officers seized it.

The woman had created her own profile on the computer, Crowley told court, and logged off on the computer at 8:59 p.m. May 27, 2008.

As he searched the computer, he told court, he discovered that someone using the boy's profile visited gaming websites and sent e-mails using a Hotmail account.

Crowley told court those e-mails were obtained from Microsoft. The e-mails were entered into evidence and read in court.

One e-mail was sent May 27, 2008 at 9:44 p.m. and read: "Baby, I'll always love you I really will please believe that, I

won't speak to you for a while but one day I promise if you still want me I'll be in touch with you, and one day if you still want me I will propose, you had nothing to do with why I'm leaving I love you so much I miss you so much."

The second e-mail was sent about an hour later, at 10:34 p.m., Crowley testified.

It reads: "Whatever you hear about me or the place I live doesn't mean I'm gone, I will not die, and I will have you back one day I will take you away, if it's what you want I'll always love you."

The jury heard testimony from the woman's boyfriend earlier in the morning.

The two met online and were dating for about five months, he testified. Court heard that he, at one point, described their relationship as a "match made in heaven."

He only met her son on two occasions, he testified.

On May 27, 2008, the woman brought the boy to work with him for a few hours that afternoon, he told court.

He thought the afternoon would be a good chance for them to get to know each other, he testified.

He told court the woman liked to drink the occasional glass of wine or beer.

He testified that he was aware that marijuana was being cultivated at the house, and the two would smoke the occasional joint.

She complained to him that she and her son were growing apart, he told court, and that chores weren't being done around the house while she was gone.

She was also beginning to have some "really big issues" with the boy's common-law uncle, who was also living at the house, he testified.

The woman spent about three to four nights a week at his home, he told court.

During that time, the boy was left in the care of his common-law uncle, he told court, and the woman believed that the arrangement was working.

"He was left in good hands, or so she believed," he said.

The woman also relied on a former boyfriend to help pay for things, he testified, adding that the man was a pushover and would deposit money in the woman's account whenever she asked him to.

"(The former boyfriend) was infatuated with (the woman), and she knew he was an easy target for her," he testified.

The trial is to continue today.

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Deaths

HALL, Mary Magdalen (Maggie) (nee Palmer) - Peacefully at the Northumberland Hills Hospital on Friday November 13th, 2009 in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late Percy Hall. Loving mother of Denis Hall (Eleanor), Linda Sleep (late George) (William Hoskin), Michael Hall (Louise), Richard Hall (Sylvia), Paul Hall (Janice), Christopher Hall (Catharine) and Janet Prentice (Gordon). Dear grandmother of 18 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. Sister of Phyllis, Shirley, Ross and the late Walter, Bernard, Louise and Douglas, Norman, John, Evelyn and Francis. At Maggie's request there will be no visitation. A Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Michael's Church, Cobourg on Monday November 16th at 1:30 pm. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Grafton. If desired donations may be made to Sleeping Children Around the World, Save a Family Plan or charity of your choice. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com

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INVITATION TO TENDER for the construction of the following project: TOWNSHIP OF ALNWICK/HALDIMAND Centreton Public Library
Tender documents will be available for viewing at the Township offices at 10836 County Road 2, Grafton Ontario and at 9059 County Road 45, Roseneath Ontario after 12:00 noon on Monday, November 16th, 2009.
Up to three sets of documents are available to Bidders after 12:00 noon on Monday, November 16th, 2009 at the Grafton location upon payment of a refundable deposit of \$100 per set in cash or certified cheque payable to the Municipality of Alnwick/Haldimand.
A mandatory Site Visit will take place at 2363 County Road 23 in Centreton on Thursday, November 19th, 2009 at 2:00pm.
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