

ANTI-BULLYING: Colborne area gives generously to Abigayle Kempton fund



Submitted photo

Dr. Lex Luttikhuis (left) of Northumberland Veterinary Services, Colborne, presents a cheque to Orletta Kernaghan (right) for the Abigayle Kempton Memorial Fund. Also present is fund coordinator Roy Kempton (centre). The Kempton family deeply appreciates the generous donation and the expressions of support. Kernaghan has been canvassing on behalf of the fund in the Colborne area and has raised approximately \$2,500 to date. The Kempton family is very appreciative of this effort and the commitment which has raised local awareness of the Anti-Bullying Initiative (ABI).

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Jurors see rifle purportedly used

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the Warkworth home, the two picked up the boy in Oshawa and drove to Brampton, the witness said.

The evidence of the boy's grandmother contradicts the 20-year-old's testimony.

She said her grandson was at her home for four to six hours before he was picked up.

The uncle sounded as if he had been crying when he came to pick the boy up, she added.

Describing his time in the Warkworth home, the 20-year-old said the boy and his mother would often be in separate rooms. The mother would sometimes take off for

three to four days at a time, he said.

"She would come and go," he said.

The boy's lawyer, Howard Goldkind, told the 20-year-old it was odd his uncle would ask him for help moving and leave the boy at his grandmother's.

"He just needed my help," the 20-year-old said.

In other evidence, the five women and seven men of the jury got to see the rifle Tuesday the Crown says was used to shoot the victim.

During a June 11, 2008 interview, the boy told police his common-law uncle had thrown the gun into a river and he brought officers to a secluded location in Hope Township.

Under a bridge on the Seventh Line, police found a .22-calibre rifle, a 22-pound telescope, which court has heard came from the Warkworth home, a magazine clip, a trigger lock and telescope lenses, identification officer Heath Crichton testified Tuesday.

Police later found a key in the uncle's truck that unlocked the trigger lock, Crichton said.

A spent bullet casing found in the uncle's bedroom fit the magazine found in the river, he added.

Crichton also showed jurors bullets and fragments taken from the victim's skull.

The uncle was given a .22-calibre rifle from his ex-wife's father in 2005, court heard.

The trial resumes today.

COURT: Boy on trial for first-degree murder

Court gets glimpse into woman's home

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PETERBOROUGH - A 20-year-old man said he helped clean up a marijuana grow-op from the Warkworth home where two days earlier the Crown says a woman was shot eight times and buried in the backyard.

The man's evidence Tuesday gave the court a glimpse into the home where the 14-year-old accused lived with his mother and common-law uncle.

That boy, now 16, is on trial for first-degree murder in Peterborough's Superior Court of Justice, accused of killing his 33-year-old mother with his common-law uncle, who is being tried separately.

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

Northumberland Today is not naming his mother or any other family members to protect his identity.

Tuesday's witness was the biological nephew of the boy's common-law uncle.

He lived with the trio at the Warkworth home for about one year, but was living in Brampton at the time of the killing, court heard.

The victim was last seen May 27, 2008. Her body was discovered buried in the backyard 16 days later.

On May 29, 2008, the 20-year-old met his uncle and the boy at a Tim Hortons rest stop in Oshawa, he said.

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The boy appeared to be in good spirits, he said.

"He was smiling and he told me his mom was gone," he said.

The uncle wanted help moving some of his items from the Warkworth home to Brampton where he planned to join his biological nephew, court heard.

The two dropped the boy off at his grandmother's Oshawa home and headed to Warkworth, the 20-year-old testified.

At the home, the 20-year-old dismantled a grow-op in an upstairs room, he said. The operation consisted of about 10 marijuana plants, he said.

"I just placed them all into a garbage bag," he testified.

After that, he helped his uncle move a television and stereo into his uncle's truck, he said.

Nothing in the home appeared out of the ordinary, he said. But he did notice a pile of tires and garbage in the backyard had been moved from behind a shed to the front of a tree.

The woman's body was buried under a tree, court heard earlier.

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