

Boudreau gets nine months, mom says sentence 'fair'



Jane Cipryk tucked son Luke into bed the night he arrived home from Hawaii where he was taken by his father.

Photo by John Warren

By STEVEN LEBLANC
 Just before receiving a nine-month jail sentence March 18 for abducting his son and breach of probation, Brian Boudreau said he was sorry for what he had done and that it was never his intention to hurt anyone.
 Boudreau received two consecutive jail terms, six months for the abduction of his 4-year-old son Luke and three months for breach of probation. These terms will be followed by a three-year probation period. Judge Douglas Latimer gave him six months credit for the time he has already been incarcerated. The sentencing at provincial court in Milton which concluded March 18 began on the afternoon of March 6 and was held over due to lack of time.
 "I feel it was fair and justified and I am thankful for the protection," says Janet Cipryk, Luke's mother, regarding her husband's sentence and probation that will follow. Under the probation, Boudreau will not be able to come near his wife or her sons, "I don't hate him but I can't trust him."

Cipryk adds that there was a lot of stress with the trial and now feels a sense of relief. She explained that she is trying to put the abduction behind her but that there will always be that fear of it happening. As she stated however, we can't live in fear.
 She said that she would like to thank the Halton Regional Police, Child Find, the Salvation Army, and everyone else who helped out during the abduction.
 Luke Boudreau went missing last April after a weekend visit with his father. The pair were discovered last October in Hawaii and Brian Boudreau was arrested and charged upon his return to Ontario.
 In his sentencing, Judge Latimer said that Boudreau's well thought plans made the abduction deliberate and appear permanent and that he had little concern for anyone but himself.
 The judge also read part of the letter Boudreau sent to Cipryk

following the abduction. In it, he stated that if she made any attempt to contact the police or any other authority, she may never see her son again.
 When presenting his decision, Judge Latimer also said Boudreau's past record was taken into account. Before the abduction, he had been charged with indecent exposure.
 In the summation, the Crown asked for a 15 to 18 month incarceration followed by a period of probation. Boudreau's lawyer, Elli Benaiah said this would be a harsh penalty, explaining Boudreau's actions were done out of concern for his son.
 Janet Cipryk said the end of the trial now allows her to make other plans. She will speak at a Child Find seminar in April in which the case of her son Luke will be used.
 "My hopes are that my Lukie's case helps find other children," says Cipryk.

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Car vandalized
A 1991 Ford pickup truck was vandalized as it stood on the Capital Ford Sales lot in Acton over the weekend. Damage to the right side door and mirror of the truck was estimated at \$800.

Cameras stolen
A garden spade was used to pry open the front door during a break-in at a RR1 residence in Halton Hills last Tuesday at about 9 a.m. An unknown person or persons took two cameras and some liquor with a total value of \$950, after tampering with the contents of all the rooms in the house.

Barn theft
Six saddles and some bridles worth about \$4,700 were stolen from an isolated barn at Concession 8 in Georgetown. The theft occurred sometime between last October 31 and March 14.

School vandalism
Three windows near the main entrance of Stewarttown Public School were broken by a vandal or vandals last Sunday at about 9:50 p.m. The interior panes of the windows were left intact, with the total damage estimated at \$300.

Drywall stolen
Fifty sheets of drywall and some insulation valued at \$800 were stolen from an underground parking lot on Park Avenue in Georgetown. The thefts occurred sometime between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. last Sunday.

Tool boxes taken
Three tool boxes with an estimated value of \$2,000 were stolen from a shed on Main Street North in Acton last Sunday. The thief or thieves removed a lock from the shed and took the items sometime between 6:50 a.m. and 8:10 p.m. last Sunday.

Vandal scratches car
Air was let out of the tires and obscenities scratched in the paint of a car on Delrex Blvd. in Georgetown sometime between 11 p.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Wednesday. The damage to the car was estimated at \$800.

Tidy thieves
Thieves described in a police report as working "neatly" removed two rear lights from a pickup truck at Concession 5 in Acton sometime between 11 p.m. Saturday and 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Gas was siphoned from another vehicle at the same location. The estimated value of the loss was \$250.

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