

Man charged in stabbing

Robert Evans, 29, of Arthur, has been charged with break, enter and assault, as well as possession of an unregistered restricted weapon after an incident in which an Orton man was killed.

Evans and Robert William Gibson, 32, of RR 4, Orton, were at the home of William Marshall, who told police he defended himself against the two intruders with a knife at 2 a.m. April 1.

Gibson's body was found near the home. Evans was taken to Hamilton General Hospital where he was treated for a stab wound to his chest, Guelph OPP said. He has now been brought back to the Guelph Detention Centre, where he is being held for a bail hearing, expected to take place Monday.

The investigation into the death of Gibson is ongoing and when all the facts have been ascertained, an opinion on charges will be sought from the Crown's Office in Wellington County, police said.

Inquest into death

An inquest is being held into the death of Peter Cox, 23, of Hillsburgh, who died October 11,

Police

Blotter

1991 when a building collapsed. Cox was excavating under the building when part of the wall fell down. The Inquest is being held at the Guelph District Court April 29 at 9:30 a.m. with Dr. John Even presiding, Guelph OPP said.

Counterfeit \$50

The Guelph OPP are warning people to be on the lookout for counterfeit \$50 bills. A Rockwood business received a counterfeit bill on April 7. It appeared to be on photocopy paper and was a bit blurred in some places, but it looked well used, police said. Local businesses are warned to check the money they take in very closely, police said.

Easter bunny shredded

Someone in Acton destroyed an Easter bunny. The bunny was sitting on a bench in the front yard of a residence on Mill St. in Acton Saturday night, police said. In the

morning a woman found parts were strewn from her home to Wright Ave. along the sidewalk. The bunny was made of plastic, police said.

Conspiracy charges

Three men were arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit a crime. A citizen spotted three men in the area of Fifth Line and 15 Sideroad, where they appeared to be casing residences to see if anyone was home, police said. The citizen called police, who found the car stopped at Guelph Line and Hwy. 401 and arrested the occupants.

Break and enter

Someone broke into a residence on Tenth Line and Trafalgar Rd. during the day Monday, but did not remove anything. Police said there were no signs of forced entry, although the patio door was left unlocked. Items in the home had been moved, they said.

Broken window

Overnight April 9, someone threw an unidentified object and broke a \$900 window at a home on Wallace St. in Acton.

Youths sentenced for part in fatal crash

Judgement: 'tap on the hand'

By **KAREN SMITH**

Special to The Halton Hills Weekend

A Milton crown attorney says she may appeal the decision by a youth court judge who ruled jail terms were unnecessary for two teenaged girls responsible for last summer's car accident which claimed the life of 16-year old Carly MacNeil.

Seeking open custody for the young offenders, now aged 18 and 17, Crown Attorney Laurie Jago said she is "considering making a request for an appeal" in the case

which came to an emotional close March 27.

Judge James Fuller said in his 17 years he has never seen two young offenders come before the courts with such high academic achievements and backing from the community.

He gave the 18-year-old — one of two Milton youths sharing operation of the car when the crash occurred — three years probation and ordered her to perform 150 hours of community service work, while the younger girl was sentenced to one

year probation and was ordered to perform 40 hours of community service work. They are both prohibited from driving during their probationary periods.

Carly's mother, Sandy MacNeil, appeared stunned after the sentencing. She later said she, her husband Ron and two remaining children Bobbi and Jamie feel the eldest of the two drivers received only "a tap on the hand" for her actions.

"What about my daughter," Mrs. MacNeil said. "She was an honor student. I've had kids tell me she was a role model."

But Judge Fuller said the girls appeared to be responsible, while noting positive reports submitted from various members of the community concerning their background.

Aged 16 and 17 at the time of the single vehicle accident, the 18-year-old woman was convicted of criminal negligence causing death while the 17-year-old youth was convicted of dangerous driving.

Both of the girls, whose identities are protected under the Young Offenders Act, pleaded guilty.

In January, a 20-year-old Milton man was sentenced to 14 days in jail for buying liquor for the youths who were involved in the fatal crash.

Appeals must be requested within 30 days of the sentencing.

Police work examined in info series

The first in a series of four presentation on police work in Acton will be held Saturday, April 25 at 11 a.m. at McKenzie Smith School.

A representative from the Tactical Rescue Unit of the Halton Regional Police will talk about the work they do and show the equipment and weapons the unit uses. In addition, Chris Sharp and his drug dog will come from Canada Customs to demonstrate how the dog can sniff out drugs. The dog is used at Pearson International Airport for finding drugs in luggage, and he also searches cars and buildings.

Everyone of all ages is welcome to the event, which will be held outside. If it rains, it will be held the following Saturday, May 2 at the same time.

The presentation will go on for about an hour and a half, and people can bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

The Acton Community Consultation Committee, which works closely with the police, thought it would be a good idea to hold the event. The committee, which is made up of local citizens, would like people in Acton to learn more about the police, and thought this would be a good opportunity to inform people about police work.

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