

# 'No justice' say teen's parents

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for Raymond," Brian Getty said, noting that the judge and the teen's lawyer said he was remorseful.

"But, he hasn't been remorseful to us. He's never apologized - he's never said that he's sorry to our family," Getty said, adding lax youth and gun laws need to be changed.

In his judgment, Justice LeDressay called Getty's death "every parent's worst nightmare" and said the tragic facts in the "not intentional killing" were not in dispute.

The court heard the teen, on a Christmas pass from a Brampton group home, took a 270c. Winchester hunting rifle from the bedroom closet of

a boarder at his mother's house, pointed it at an 11-year-old Acton boy, and then at Ray Getty.

The teen tapped the trigger lock and the rifle discharged, killing Getty almost instantly. The teen was charged with second degree murder, but it was withdrawn, and replaced with criminal negligence causing death, when forensic testing found the rifle was capable of being fired with the trigger locks in place.

The teen's lawyer, Charles Waite of Brampton, argued his client had an honest and reasonable belief that the rifle was not capable of being fired because of the trigger locks.

That was not a reasonable belief, according to Justice

LeDressay who said the defendant's behaviour - loading and pointing the rifle and "tapping" the trigger locks - "represents a marked departure from the behaviour of a reasonably prudent person, and showed a wanton or reckless disregard for the life or safety of others, in this case, Ray Getty."

The YO, described as a "model prisoner" declined to make any comment when offered the opportunity before being sentenced to time served, and three months of community supervision, a joint sentence submission from the crown and defence.

He was placed on three years probation and prohibited from possessing weapons or

ammunition for three years, and he must stay out of Acton.

Three days after the verdict and sentencing, Ray Getty's re-married mother, Bonnie Bennett of Acton, said the sentence still felt like a "kick in the face."

"That's not justice - he's free and my son is dead. That sentence is not even a slap on the wrist," Bennett said on Sunday.

"We feel robbed - justice was not served," she said, adding it was hard to hear the teen who killed her son called a model prisoner who completed some school courses and counselling while in custody.

"My son was a great boy, too, but he's no longer here," Bennett said, adding she was very surprised the teen did not say anything in court to Ray's grieving family.

"I was told he wants to get together with me and talk, but to me, in my own heart, if he wanted to talk to me, he had the perfect chance that day (in court)," Bennett said, adding if she did meet her son's killer her instinct would be to "slap him across the face and ask him why."

# Drunk driver arrested

A 38-year-old Guelph man was arrested for drunk driving after being spotted driving a 1999 Pontiac erratically at 5:52 p.m. last Thursday in the Highway 7-Mississauga Road area.

A citizen following the Pontiac called 911 and Halton police stopped the driver 18 minutes later on Queen Street in front of the Acton East plaza.

The driver was arrested for impaired driving, and taken to the police station where he failed a breathalyzer test and was charged with impaired driving and driving with more than 80-milligrams of alcohol in 100-millilitres of blood.

## POLICE/FIRE REPORT

stolen from a locked car parked at the Acton arena between 7:20 and 8:15 p.m. on June 20.

Police report there were no signs of forced entry into the 1990 Acura.

### Taurus damaged

A vandal or vandals used an unknown object to scratch both sides of a 2004 Ford Taurus parked at St. Joseph Catholic School on Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

### Pressure drop

Maintenance staff at the Louisiana Pacific vinyl siding plant on Main Street North had to make hourly

fire checks after their fire alarm system malfunctioned at 5:15 on Saturday.

Acton firefighters responded to the call and found a pressure drop in the sprinkler system in a maintenance area set off the alarm and it could not be reset. Staff was told to do regular checks and notify the fire department when the alarm system was back in operation.

### Gas Leak

The smell of natural gas was heavy in the area of Tanner's Drive and Kingsley Road at 9:41 Thursday morning when a construction worker ruptured a two-inch natural gas line while digging a trench to a home being built.

Fire crews stood by until a Union Gas crew arrived on scene.

### Part pickers

The door of a backhoe left parked on Salmon Way from June 18 and 21 was stolen and there are no suspects.

Police report the 1999 CASE backhoe was left parked at the housing construction site over the weekend when the left door, valued at \$1,000, was stolen.

### Theft from car

A Sony digital camera valued at \$2,000 and a wallet containing \$65 was



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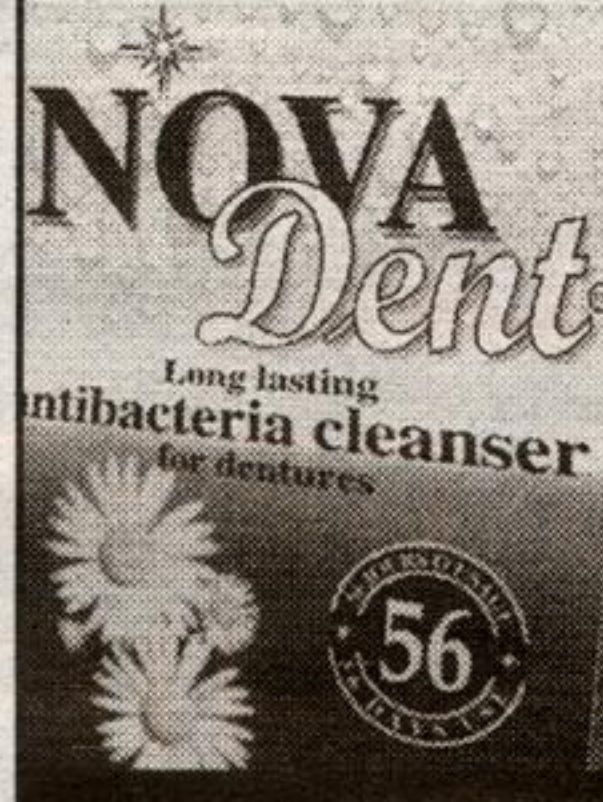
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