

# Victim says 'justice was served' after man jailed for racist attack

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his father's girlfriend after the Wong attack.

Judge Latimer said he agreed with the Crown the attack against Wong should result in a penitentiary term, but given Harrison's age and background it would be in his and the public's best interest if time was served in a correctional institute. The judge added a sentence in a provincial institution allows the court to impose a probation period, which it couldn't do if Harrison was sentenced to a federal penitentiary.

"I would like to thank the Crown attorney for her efforts," said Wong Thursday, who didn't attend the court proceedings. "I think justice was served and I'm very grateful to the judge. It inspires me to have a lot of faith in the legal system."

Wong, who is of Chinese-African background, was attacked in front of his Main St. store on May 27.

Wong was accosted and subjected to racial slurs and kicking and punching. He sustained cuts and lacerations, especially to his head.

Quoting from Wong's victim impact statement in court, Stevenson said he is concerned about Harrison or his associates "snuffing" out his life in his store.

Kirley recognized Harrison as the

person who attacked him when his photograph was published in this newspaper after the Wong assault.

That assault occurred when Harrison went to the animal shelter looking for a cat. Stevenson said Kirley suffered significant injuries to his shoulder and collarbone in the incident, and they are still causing him problems.

Court heard from Harrison's fiancée Susan Holmes who said Harrison is "a very caring person" who likes life and loves animals.

Holmes said Harrison got along well with the Jamaicans she works with at Sheridan Nurseries.

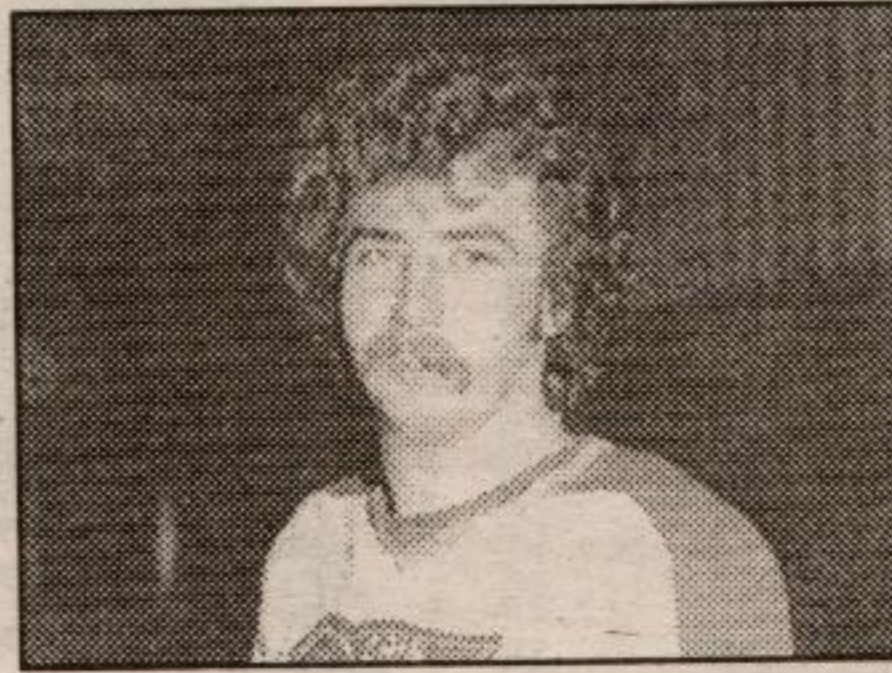
Harrison's lawyer Jack McCulligh said Harrison "is the first to admit he has an anger problem. There is no doubt in his mind it affects his judgment."

He said Harrison had been in solitary isolation at Maplehurst since May 28.

He said there was nothing premeditated about any of the incidents. He added Harrison was taking painkillers, Halcion (type of tranquilizer) and had been drinking the day of the assault against Wong.

McCulligh said Harrison has the support of his mother and his father is "willing to rehabilitate that relationship."

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