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## Informant says he was to be paid for his alibi story

By BRAD REAUME

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Late last week the jury in the Keith Madeley murder trial heard testimony which poked holes in the credibility of a jailhouse informant.

During cross-examination, the 25 year-old informant admitted he had often lied in the past, and has a string of more than 60 convictions largely for crimes of dishonesty, such as stealing, passing bad cheques and failure to comply with court orders.

He also admitted he had committed crimes for which he has never been caught. He is currently serving time outside Ontario.

Mr. Madeley seemed amused at the informant's answers and he exchanged a raised eyebrow with his attorney while listening to testimony. Defence attorney Christopher Hicks got the informant to admit he has lied in the past, but the man refused to call himself a liar. He said that he merely failed to live up to conditions of various court orders. He likened his actions to a breach of contract.

The informant, whose name has been banned from publication, told the court he was approached by Mr. Madeley in the days shortly after his arrest, when they were both being held at Maplehurst Correctional Center in Milton. The two had been vaguely acquainted prior to landing in jail, the informant explained.

During these discussions the informant claims Mr. Madeley admitted to killing Fred Sheppard, 77, saying Mr. Sheppard had sexually assaulted his granddaughter, Mr. Madeley's girlfriend.

The man explained to the court the circumstances under which he received instructions from Mr. Madeley on what he characterized as an attempt to build an alibi for the 25-year-old, charged with first degree murder.

The informant told the court that in the event the plan failed, Mr. Madeley suggested a back-up scheme to obtain help in escaping to Jamaica.

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**"Mr. Madeley wanted to pay me \$4,000 to secure him an alibi. I was financially vulnerable at the time."**

**JAIL INFORMANT**



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

## Flying high

Snowboard competitor Jordon Muldooti, 15, soars off the last jump of the run at Glen Eden Ski Area Saturday. The snowboard races attracted close to 70 racers at the newly-built snowboard hill.

### NEWSLINES

## Condo aired out

A minor chemical mishap forced Milton firefighters to ventilate the first two floors of the Village Park on the Pond condominium complex last Wednesday afternoon.

A maintenance worker at the Millside Drive building had mistakenly mixed muriatic acid with liquid chlorine in the pool area, which caused heavy fumes that seeped up to the main lobby. There were no injuries or damage.

By KAREN SMITH

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The head of Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital has been appointed as president and chief executive officer of the new East Halton Hospital Corporation in the merger of Oakville and Milton hospitals.

John Oliver will lead the amalgamated organization while Allan Halls, Milton hospital's executive director, will become senior vice-president.

The appointments were announced by both hospitals' boards of directors yesterday.

"It is our belief that both com-

munities require on-site accountability at their hospital through a senior corporate leader for patients, community members and key stakeholders to have their concerns addressed," said Milton board chair Norm Flemington.

"For the time being, John and

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