



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

What was hold-up in probing confession?

Dear Editor:

Let me see if I have this right. Keith Madeley is in jail, convicted in March last year of murdering Milton's Fred Sheppard.

According to The Champion, a story was written by the Toronto Star that on August 25, 1998, another criminal, Roy Hopkins, confessed to this crime with detail in writing. That's August, 1998. This is March, 1999. What has been done so far (seven months later), as Halton's Crown attorney Brian O'Mara puts it, to "have any new information thoroughly investigated?"

Just when was the Crown planning to start the investigation of this seven-month-old, new information?

The case already involved two mistrials. Two police officers were disciplined for misconduct in the investigation

and a murder suspect was assaulted.

The fact that these "bizarre" conditions exist in addition to the confession doesn't deter the Crown from making the comment that, "We are confident that it (the original case) can withstand scrutiny."

Is that so? How can that last comment be made at all, confidently or not? I can't imagine what more would be required for the Crown to be not so confident. If it's new information and it still has to be investigated, how can anyone be confident of any outcome?

The comment precludes any new outcome — such as the possibility of an innocent man being imprisoned for the past seven months.

Doesn't any new information open the case again and any comment on it should be at least "no comment," or an "I don't know" comment in order to appear to be impartial? Scary.

Jon Komow
Milton

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