

Murder trial continues

Wife tells accused he's in hot water

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In a July 30, 1997 conversation, Mark Bucchiachio accused his brother-in-law David Fiorino of killing his partner in a contraband liquor deal that happened the year before, court heard Thursday.

The two men, as well as Mr. Fiorino's wife Kimberly, were at the Fourth Line home of Mr. Fiorino's parents Carmine and Lillian Fiorino. The OPP had placed wire-taps on the phones and bugged the home.

"What did you do to get their money?" the jury heard Mr. Bucchiachio ask.

David responded he would never tell his brother-in-law what happened on July 2, 1996 — the day of the contraband alcohol deal.

"What did you do?," Mr. Bucchiachio asked. "Did you set the guy up? Take the money and disappear. Left the guy in the middle of Gruny. Boom, boom, boom."

David, 27, is on trial in Superior Court in Milton for first-degree murder in the death of Stephen Andreopoulos, 26, of Barrie.

On the same day of the intercepted conversation, the OPP presented a search warrant to Mark Fiorino (David's brother) at his parents' home. The warrant stated that the family's vehicle was confiscated because the OPP thought it was used by David when he committed first-degree murder, court heard.

During another intercepted conversation, the jury heard the accused tell his wife that there were too many stories going around and instructed her to go to the kitchen so he could tell her the truth.

On the way, David is heard telling his father that he should only answer yes or no to questions he's asked.

"I don't want her to know nothing, okay?"

In the kitchen, David told his wife, "They (his business partners) got the money and they got the booze, okay. I got my share. Steve (Andreopoulos) he played with his own life."

Kimberly responded by telling her husband he was going to get caught. "You are going down whether you believe it or not."

The jury also heard Carmine tell his daughter-in-law that he knew the money was dirty, but didn't know the details about the theft.

The trial continued at press time Friday.

Indecent exposure

Police are warning the public to be careful after receiving two separate reports of men exposing themselves.

A man exposed himself outside a window at Milton Taxi on Ontario Street May 14 at about 2:45 a.m., Halton Regional Police said.

The suspect is described as five-foot-nine, 160 pounds, wearing a dark grey sweatshirt with a zipper in the front and tan-coloured baggy pants.

On May 13, two female youths were walking through the Milton Fair Grounds at about 5:35 p.m. when they were approached by a man on a mountain bike. The man exposed his genitals.

He's described as white, with a medium build, blue shorts and a white shirt.

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