

Crown tells court Carroll has a credibility problem

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Mr. Carroll was seen fleeing the scene in a two-door Hyundai Accent that sustained extensive damage to the headlights and windshield on the passenger's side.

After being confronted by his ex-wife, Krista, regarding the damage to his car, he admitted hitting the cyclist and fleeing the scene. He turned himself into Halton Regional Police two days after the accident and confessed to the hit-and-run.

Dr. Fedoroff told the court Mr. Carroll suffers from avoidance personality disorder, which means he has trouble making decisions and facing up to painful events.

During cross examination, assistant Crown attorney Mary Ward suggested Mr. Carroll had a credibility problem because of conflicting stories he told of the accident.

Dr. Fedoroff testified Mr. Carroll said he told his ex-wife without prompting he was responsible for the death. But she said he didn't admit involvement until she saw the damage to his car and confronted him. He also told her the cyclist had swerved into his path, but told police he thought he had enough room but hit him.

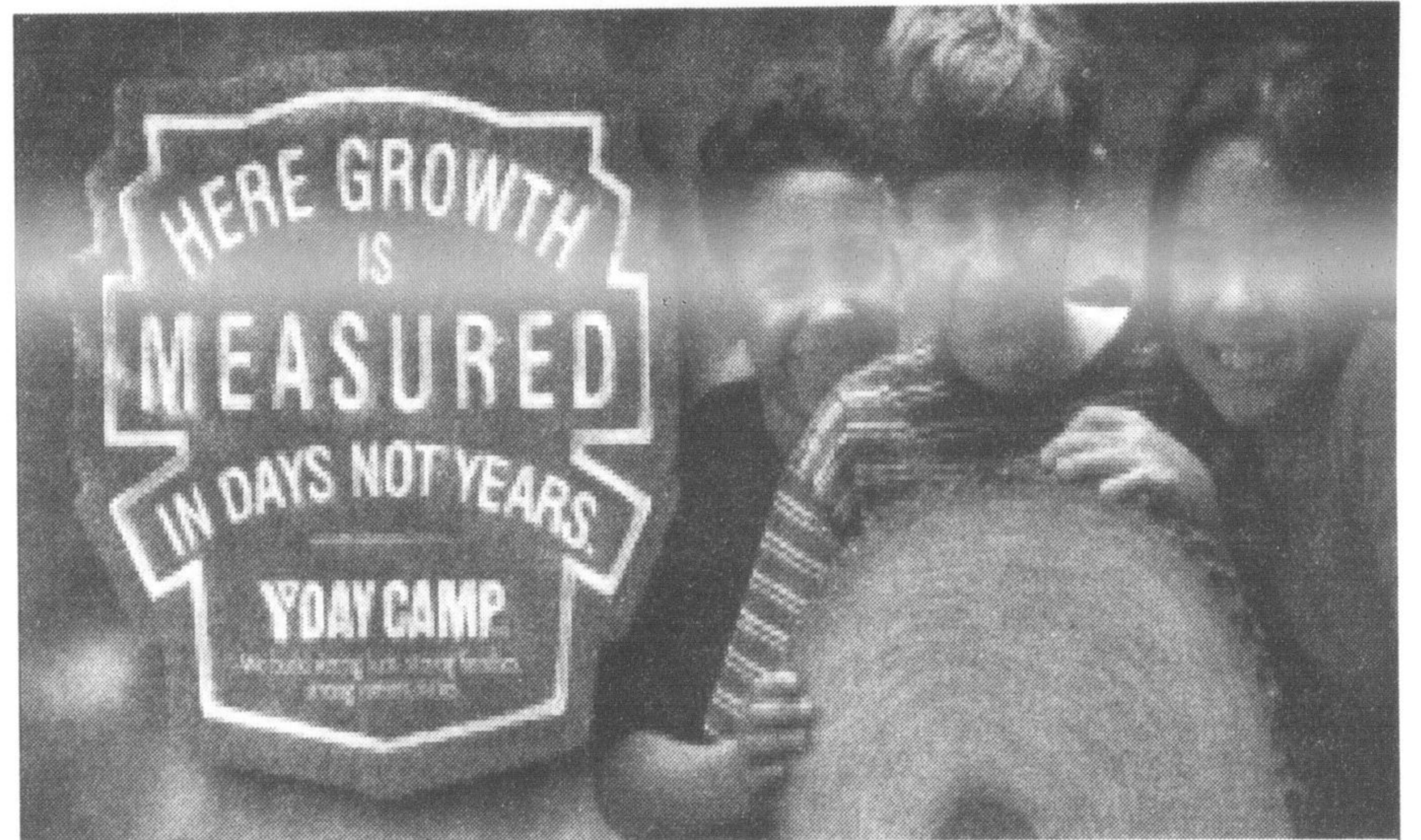
"It's clear different versions are given on a variety of points," Dr. Fedoroff testified.

"There's no doubt the story changes, but that's common with people who suffer from PTSD because he could be representing confusion. He's possibly speculating on what's happened and then concludes what has happened by filling in the blanks. We don't know who's telling the truth."

A conviction of dangerous driving causing death carries a maximum sentence of 14 years in prison.

Failing to remain at the scene of an accident carries a jail sentence of 10 years to life.

The sentencing will continue before Justice Harry Edmonstone June 19 in Milton court.



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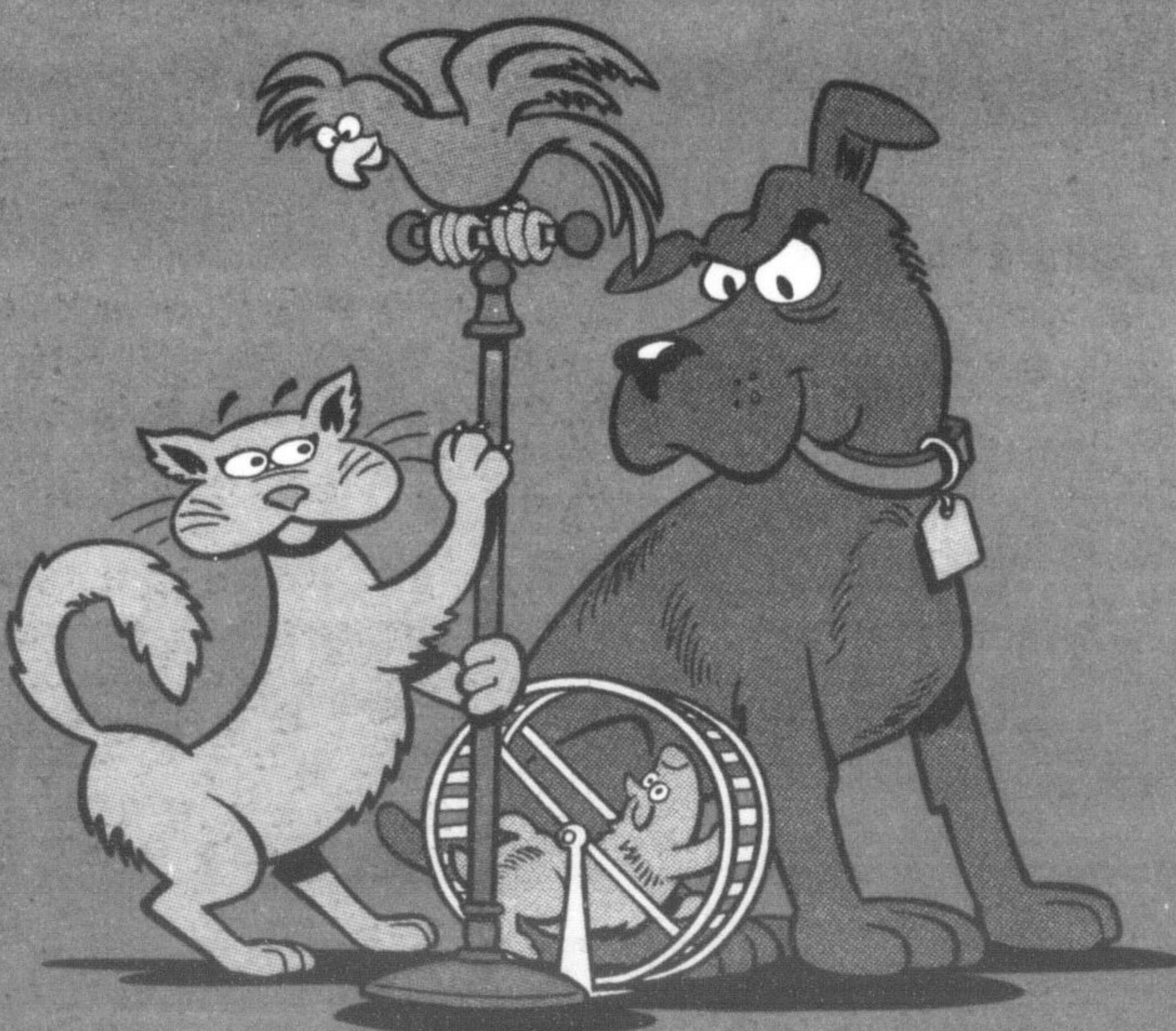
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