

Pre-trial date is set

The former common-law wife of suspected murderer and convicted pedophile Douglas Moore will return to Brampton court Friday for a pre-trial.

Former Mississauga resident Sandra Martin, 30, appeared at Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton November 29 to set the date.

Ms Martin was charged in May with two counts of accessory after the fact to murder in the deaths of Milton's Joseph Manchisi, 20, and his friend, Robert Grewal, 22, of Mississauga.

Mr. Manchisi's remains were discovered in a rural area south of Montreal April 27, five months after the pair went missing. Mr. Grewal's remains were discovered three days after his disappearance.

Prime suspect and convicted pedophile Douglas Moore, 36, killed himself at Maplehurst Correctional Centre April 2 before he could be charged with the murders.

A pre-trial is held to hammer out legal issues before trial.

Couple due in court Jan. 20

A Milton couple facing numerous charges in connection with a series of mortgage frauds will appear at Ontario Court of Justice in Newmarket January 20.

Frank Basso, 47, and his wife, Catherine, 46, both of Rutledge Road, were charged with a total of 16 and 10 counts respectively of fraud over \$5,000, conspiracy to commit fraud, uttering a forged document, obtaining money by a forged document and obtaining credit by false pretence along with three other non-Milton resi-

dents.

The charges relate to two incidents in 2001 and 2002 in which fraudulent mortgages were arranged on houses unbeknownst to the owners — relatives of the suspects — to obtain money.

York Regional Police allege \$1.7 million was pocketed by the five suspects from a total of three incidents in Toronto and Vaughan, one in which no charges were laid against the Milton couple.

Shooting suspect in court

A Brampton man charged with attempted murder in connection with the shooting of a Milton resident will return to court January 12 in Burlington.

Basil Martin, 31, appeared at Ontario Court of Justice in Burlington Wednesday to set the date.

Mr. Martin has also been charged with possession of firearms.

November 11, a Milton man was shot several times in his torso at his Houston

Drive home at about 5:30 p.m. Neighbours were told by Halton Regional Police to stay inside their homes while they searched for the gunman for several hours. A man turned himself in to police the next day.

Mr. Martin was released on bail from Maplehurst into the care of his father and wife November 23. One of the conditions was that he stay out of Milton and not have any contact with the victim or the victim's girlfriend.

Manslaughter case in court

An Orillia man charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of a Milton dentist will return to court January 17.

Adam Holland, 21, appeared at Ontario Court of Justice in Orillia November 29 to set the date.

Dr. David Dumencu, 42, was found lying unconscious with head injuries in the parking lot of an Orillia-area tavern at about 2

a.m. July 16.

He was taken to an Orillia hospital and then transferred to Toronto Western Hospital where he died two days later.

A post mortem revealed the cause of death was a blunt force head injury.

Mr. Holland was released on bail in August into the care of a relative.

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