

Father doesn't think apology was sincere

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Mr. Manchisi's car — not seen since his disappearance — in an Orangeville storage unit. It had been leased by a man named Dean Martin on Mr. Moore's behalf.

Police arrested Mr. Martin soon after and agreed to give him immunity in exchange for helping with the investigation, Mr. Cornelius said.

Aiding police, Mr. Martin — not a relative of Ms Martin's — phoned Ms Martin and asked to meet with her. Police hoped to use evidence from Ms Martin to incriminate Mr. Moore in the murders, court heard.

Despite pleas from Mr. Martin, Ms Martin — who has no previous criminal record — refused to help destroy the car, Mr. Cornelius told court.

But she acted as a middleman between Mr. Martin and Mr. Moore, relaying that Mr. Moore wanted the Honda Civic burned. She also directed Mr. Martin to the correct storage unit, not knowing police already had the car, and gave him \$400 from Mr. Moore's account for the vehicle's disposal.

"She had knowledge of the crime and did nothing to assist police," Mr. Cornelius told court, later adding that Ms Martin wasn't coerced by Mr. Moore to aid him, but likely acted out of loyalty.

In his submissions, Mr. Wigderson presented Ms Martin as a victim of Mr. Moore's scheming, sick mind.

"Were it not for Douglas Moore, Sandra Martin would never be standing before this court of law," he said.

Mr. Moore, he said, was a pedophile whose preference was pre-teen boys. Court heard that authorities now believe Mr. Moore preyed upon single moms, becoming romantically involved with them to gain access to their children.

Ms Martin, who was born and raised in Cornwall, met Mr. Moore in 2001 in Hamilton. They moved to Mississauga and although she knew he had a record, he convinced her he was wrongfully convicted, Mr. Wigderson said.

"She thought he'd play a positive role in the life of her son," Mr. Wigderson said, adding, "In retrospect, she appreciates nothing's further from the truth."

Two years ago, court heard, Ms Martin and Mr. Moore ended their romantic relationship, but they continued to live together for the sake of her son.

Mr. Wigderson re-iterated that Ms Martin refused to do anything more than pass along messages from Mr. Moore and it was on just one occasion that she transferred money.

"She was a reluctant accessory," he said.

After Ms Martin was arrested and released on custody, Ms Martin moved in with her parents and son in Cornwall. But life has been far from easy for the single mom, Mr. Wigderson told court.

Extensive media coverage made it difficult for Ms Martin to keep a low profile, and she was prohibited from being alone with her son or any other youngster. She lost two jobs as a result of her charges, he said.

The lawyers jointly requested a sentence of six months in jail — seven months of custody minus a one-month credit for Ms Martin's time in pre-sentence custody — which Justice Durno deemed appropriate.

He also gave her three years probation.

When asked by the judge if she had anything to say, Ms Martin replied simply, "I'd just like to say I'm very sorry, Your Honour."

After the sentencing, Joseph Manchisi swiftly left the courtroom saying, "My son got killed for nothing," referring to the new information that Mr. Moore was mistaken

in thinking Mr. Manchisi stole the drugs.

He said he didn't believe Ms Martin's apology was sincere.

"If she was a decent person, she should've gone to the authorities — and then I'd take the 'I'm sorry,'" Mr. Manchisi said.

Miltonian Domenic Manchisi, older brother of the slain Manchisi, added he felt

nauseous when the sentence was read.

"I think she needs a life sentence, not a six-month sentence," he said, noting, "Our sentence is for life."

But, he said, he's glad his brother's name is cleared.

"At least today I learned that my brother really isn't a thief," he said. "I've known my brother my whole life — I didn't think

he was a thief. I couldn't believe that crap."

He fought tears as the TV cameras zoomed in.

"Me and my brother just got to the point where we could be friends, and then someone took him."

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