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Boy, not slain men, stole money from killer

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Although Mr. Moore had told him he'd done time in jail, the teen said he was told it was for manslaughter, not sexually abusing children.

On October 26, 2003, the teen stole \$4,000 worth of drugs and money from the 36-year-old Mr. Moore — an event that sparked the man's anger and made him vow "to get" the thieves, court heard.

Meanwhile, the teen went on a wild spending frenzy, buying new clothes and shoes for himself and treating his friends.

On November 14, 2003 — a Friday — Mr. Moore picked up the teen, saying he needed help moving a few things.

So, in a rented van, the pair drove to a home near Belfountain. From the back of a blue Honda Civic — the car Mr. Manchisi had owned and was driving the day he disappeared — Mr. Moore slid two large

Rubbermaid containers.

On the way to Mr. Moore's home, the boy asked what was in the containers, court heard. "Dead bodies," the older man responded.

At first, the boy testified, he thought Mr. Moore was joking. It wasn't until they were in Mr. Moore's garage that the teen saw inside one of the containers and knew he was telling the truth.

"I felt really scared and I didn't know what to do," the teen told the court. "I felt scared and I wanted to puke."

The teen went inside and heard the sound of a power saw coming from the garage, he said.

"I paced back and forth. I didn't know what to do. I was too scared to run — I could end up dead, too," he said.

When he returned, he saw "two dead bodies lying there chopped up," court heard.

The slain Manchisi's mother began to weep softly, overcome by the gruesome details as the story of her son's last minutes unfolded.

The teen told the court Mr. Moore then put the heads and hands of the two men into an orange bag, and put the two bodies back into the Rubbermaid containers. "Let's go," he said.

Their first stop was a coin-operated car wash in Streetsville, where the teen held the heads while Mr. Moore washed them, court heard.

"I couldn't believe it and I didn't want to believe it," the teen told the court, adding, "I thought I'd end up at the side of the road, dead."

They drove to Montreal and on the way, Mr. Moore recounted how he'd come to the conclusion it was Mr. Manchisi and Mr. Grewal who'd stolen his drugs. So on November 12, the day the young men disappeared, he killed them — one with a skate lace and one with a baseball bat.

Once in the Montreal area, the pair made three stops. One body was dumped in a wooded lot, the other in "an industrial area near a river," the teen testified.

For the heads and hands, Mr. Moore told the boy to dig two holes in a third location, which he did.

"I thought if I stayed (instead of running) he maybe wouldn't kill me. I thought if I acted normal, I maybe had a chance," the boy explained, close to tears.

On the way home, the pair stopped again at a car wash — this time to clean the van.

After they returned to Mr. Moore's house, the teen took a shower while Mr. Moore left for a period of time. He finished the rest of the weekend at Mr. Moore's home and returned to school Monday, court heard.

On April 2, 2004, before he could be charged with the murders, Mr. Moore hanged himself at Milton's Maplehurst Correction Complex where he was facing charges of sexually assaulting several disabled kids.

A day later, a man named Dean Martin showed up at the teen's home and informed him of Mr. Moore's death, the boy testified. The teen said Mr. Martin — who was acting as a police informant — told him they needed to drive to Montreal to make sure the bodies were properly hidden so they didn't get blamed, court heard.

A man named Dan — actually an undercover Peel police officer — accompanied them.

They didn't find the bodies, the teen said. Mr. Manchisi's remains wouldn't be found until April 27 of last year, while Mr. Grewal's body was found November 15, 2003, but not identified until April 7, 2004.

The victims' heads and hands were never discovered.

Mr. Waite said the teen had every reason to fear being hurt or killed.

"He didn't know until that point that Mr. Moore was capable of cold blooded murder," Mr. Waite said. "Now he believed he'd tracked down and killed two young men because of something he knew he actually did. His entire world had turned upside down."

The teen testified he didn't tell police about Mr. Moore even after his death for fear of reprisal from one of Mr. Moore's pals.

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