

Crown seeks 'significant' sentence

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and projected off the tracks into a light post.

Meanwhile, Bakhsh's car skidded all the way across the tracks, out of the train's path. He collided with a Honda Civic on the other side, but fortunately that driver wasn't seriously injured.

The driver of the Civic said Bakhsh was yelling and completely irrational, O'Marra said.

Bakhsh was arrested later that night after he was transported to Milton District Hospital, court heard.

When a police officer attempted to take a breath sample, Bakhsh wouldn't blow hard enough, court heard.

When blood was collected that night, Bakhsh had 310 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood.

Thursday, charges of danger-

ous operation of a vehicle causing death (two counts), refusing to provide a breath sample and driving with over the legal blood alcohol level were stayed. O'Marra later explained they were covered by the other more serious charges.

O'Marra told the court he will seek to have the previous charges laid in Peel consolidated with the more recent charges.

Later, he told reporters he will seek a "significant" penitentiary sentence.

The maximum penalty for impaired driving causing death is life in prison.

Bakhsh has been in custody at Maplehurst since the crash.

Family members of the Millers hugged and consoled each other after the court appearance. They didn't want

to speak to the media.

Bakhsh's parents and young wife exited the courtroom quietly.

His father, Ike Bakhsh, said his son did the right thing pleading guilty.

"It's a sad situation on both sides," he said. "He did what he did and he's got to admit his faults."

The Ferguson Drive resident, who lives with his wife and daughter-in-law, added the family is "going through a lot of pain."

Bakhsh's lawyer, Bruce Daley, said afterward his client has taken responsibility for his actions.

Sentencing will take place August 21 in Burlington.

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Accused seen at bar

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had been drinking or how much.

The trial continues June 12.

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A bartender testified Thursday that she saw Dylan Palmer with two people at Charley Fitzwhiskey's shortly before a collision that killed a man, seriously injured a woman and saw Palmer charged with drunk driving.

Barbara McCannel told Judge Stephen Brown on the fifth day of Palmer's trial in Oakville that she saw Palmer with two friends at the Ontario Street bar "toward the end of the night" and that they left sometime between 2 and 2:30 a.m. February 23, 2007.

Court heard McCannel recognized Palmer because he came to the bar somewhat frequently but didn't know who the other two people — a woman and a man — were. She said the man "seemed drunk" and was yelling in the bar.

At 3 a.m., Palmer, his girlfriend Lori McKinley and friend Jason Wood — all from Milton — were involved in a crash at Fifth Line and Steeles Avenue when their car hit the back of a tractor-trailer.

Wood died instantly, while McKinley suffered serious injuries.

Palmer, 32, was charged with impaired and dangerous driving causing death and bodily harm, as well as driving with over the legal limit of alcohol.

He pleaded not guilty.

McCannel didn't have much information about the activities of the trio that night, because she was serving customers on the floor, not at the bar, she told the court. She couldn't say if they

Officer charged in domestic dispute

A Milton police officer is facing charges in connection with a recent alleged domestic dispute at his Cambridge home.

The 39-year-old patrol officer, who works out of Halton Regional Police's Milton division, has been charged with assault, forcible confinement and uttering threats after an incident March 1.

A spokesperson for Waterloo police said they were called to the home by a woman at 3 a.m. that day.

Police helped the woman and a child out of

the house, leaving a distraught man inside, the spokesperson said, adding nobody was hurt.

The man allegedly barricaded himself inside, and tactical officers surrounded the house. The standoff ended at about 10 a.m.

The officer had been suspended with pay February 29 pending the outcome of an internal police investigation into an unrelated matter, said Sgt. Brian Carr of Halton Regional Police.

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