# Angry man pickets, protest at courts is a sign of the times

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The Champion

Miltonians who spotted a male protester outside the Steeles Avenue courthouse Friday afternoon may have been witnessing a sign of the

who'd lived in Oakville 22 years.

He said he'd just come from a Family Court appearance where he's embroiled in a matrimonial dispute in which his assets have been frozen.

He said his wife left him over a year ago and he's been out of work for almost two years.

"I just want them to get their foot off the back of my neck. When a person is down, that's when you've got to kick them?" he challenged.

He said the matrimonial dispute is his "first taste of court". Pointing at the courthouse, he said the system was intimidating. "I thought it was

built by the people, for the people," he said.

The obviously frustrated man claimed to have been in the military eight years and is now an unemployed computer programmer. He said his RRSP savings are gone and he was referred to computer upgrad-The man, who refused to give his ing by the unemployment office. "I name, said he was a 57-year-old refuse to go on welfare. I'd steal first," he said.

> The father of three children, aged 21,19 and 13, was wearing a pinstriped suit and tie. In the sweltering mid-day heat, he carried an umbrella. sunglasses and a large sign that read, "Overdose of Justice. Can a judge sentence a family to starve and then go to lunch?

"It's a question. I want an answer," said the frustrated middle-aged man.

"I'm of the old generation. What's happened to us? We have no values anymore," he said. The man said he planned to continue picketing the



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