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## Two charged with attempted murder in biker shootout

By KAREN SMITH

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Two Satan's Choice members arrested in connection with a shooting near the motorcycle gang's Lawson Road clubhouse Tuesday have been charged with attempted murder.

Charged is Michael Peter O'Shaughnessy, 30, of Oakville, who joined the outlaw gang when the Lost Souls flipped patches and opened a new Milton chapter in April.

The other suspect, Kevin Erik Zita, 29, of Mississauga, is a new recruit who's currently on probation with the club, police said.

Dubbed "strikers," new recruits undergo an initiation process before becoming full-fledged members, said Det. Sgt. Mike Eacrett, head of the Halton Regional Police intelligence bureau.

The men also face numerous weapons charges in connection with the attempted shooting of Rayne Doherty, 31, of Milton, the former founding member and president of the now defunct Lost Souls.

Police said at least five shots were fired

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at Mr. Doherty shortly before 5 a.m. as he walked from his vehicle to his motorcycle repair shop, situated beside the Satan's Choice clubhouse in an industrial complex. He fled to a field and hid, then called police on his cellular phone. He wasn't struck by any of the bullets.

Officers who responded stopped a vehicle as it fled the scene and arrested two men. A semi-automatic handgun, a revolver and ammunition were seized from the vehicle.

The suspects were held for bail hearings at Ontario Court (provincial division) in Milton. Following an initial court appearance, Mr. O'Shaughnessy was remanded in custody and was expected to get a hearing today (Friday). Mr. Zita's hearing is slated for Tuesday.

The shooting was the result of bad blood between the parties created when Mr. Doherty refused to flip patches, Det. Sgt. Eacrett said.

The fact that Mr. Doherty remained working and living in the unit beside the clubhouse added to tensions, he said.

Police confirmed that Mr. Doherty has had no affiliation with any outlaw motorcycle gangs in recent months.

The victim told *The Champion* in a June interview that he left the Lost Souls two months before its members joined Satan's Choice, and was running a legitimate business in unit 5 of the complex.

Satan's Choice rents the neighbouring unit 4.

The gunfire was the first serious incident at the clubhouse, the former home of the Lost Souls, which is frequented by other gang members and associates, particularly on weekends, police said.

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## Did you see this car near bank?

Police are anxious to speak with anyone who saw a blue 1989 Volkswagen Jetta in the area of Laurier Avenue and Gowland Crescent Monday.

The vehicle, seized by police, is believed to be the getaway car in Monday morning's robbery at

the Bank of Nova Scotia at the Laurier Centre.

Halton Regional Police are seeking witnesses to help them in their investigation.

Anyone who saw the vehicle in the area is asked to call investigators at 878-5511, ext. 2416.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

## Witch craft

Robin Andrews of Oakville adjusts one of her handsome Halloween wreaths prior to hanging it. She was one of a half dozen crafts people who displayed their wares Saturday during Andrews Scenic Acres' craft fair for Halton Women's Place.

## It's a mistrial in murder case

By KAREN SMITH  
*The Champion*

The jury in the Fred Sheppard murder trial was discharged and a mistrial declared after it was determined evidence wouldn't be heard until the new year.

Judge Robert Zelinski declared the mistrial in Ontario Court (general division) in Milton late Tuesday afternoon. A new jury will have to be chosen when the trial starts over again in early 1997.

"I don't do it lightly," Judge Zelinski said before sending home the seven women and five men chosen early last month.

After two of the 12 jurors indicated hearing the case in January could cause them extreme hardship due to work commitments, the judge decided a discharge was necessary, prompting the mistrial.

The trial was scheduled to begin September 3, but ongoing legal issues in the case caused numerous delays in the evidence portion of the trial.

"No one has the right to expect more from you in terms of your responsibilities to court to serve as a juror, based upon the fact that you've already met your original commitment," Judge Zelinski told jurors while asking them if they would be available for four weeks early next year.

"It's now anticipated that the evidence in this trial may not commence before a time as late as after the new year 1997, and that's just as estimate."

Mr. Sheppard, 77, was found slain in the outhouse behind his Steeles Avenue home on March 7, 1995. An autopsy determined he had been shot several times. Charged with first degree murder is Keith Madeley, 22. He's scheduled to return to court Oct. 16.

### NEWSLINES

#### Tickets available for fashion show

A few tickets are still available for the Green Ginger Fashion Show at Halton Hills Place Sunday night.

The fundraiser for cancer research will feature dinner followed by a line-up of Canadian designer fashions, entertainment and prizes.

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