

Retired senior policeman will return to court next month

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

A retired Halton Regional Police inspector charged with attempting to cover up an assault on a murder suspect by a fellow officer will return to court next month.

Les Graham, 51, of Burlington was remanded until May 5 in Ontario Court (provincial division) in Oakville Tuesday.

He was charged with attempt to obstruct justice last month following an investigation by Peel Regional Police officers called in to probe

cover-up allegations in a detective's assault on first-degree-murder suspect Keith Madeley.

Det. Doug Ford, who investigated the shooting of Fred Sheppard, 77, of Steeles Avenue, pleaded guilty in April, 1995 to assault for punching Mr. Madeley in the face during a

videotaped interview.

Then in September, 1996, it was alleged that before Det. Ford was charged, steps were taken with a view to cover up the assault.

Mr. Graham retired as an inspector from Halton police last year. As head of the major crime unit when Mr.

Sheppard's body was discovered, he was in charge of the case.

He was the first to be called before a judge in the busy courtroom packed with others waiting to make first appearances on charges Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Sheppard murder

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Mirror, mirror...

Four-year-old JoJo Walker (right and left) checks out her new friend, a stuffed tiger, at Cedarbrook Home's Spring Festival Saturday. Mom Thena O'Neill and three-year-old daughter Katie (above) share a hotdog from the barbecue. The event was a fundraiser for the No. 15 Sideroad children's hospice.



Photos by Graham Paine

Tiger is clawed by the defence

By KAREN SMITH / The Champion

The role of professional grappler Tiger Jeet Singh in a fraudulent Edmonton real estate deal has once again been questioned in a Milton courtroom.

A defence lawyer suggested the wrestling mogul — whose real name is Jagjit Singh Hans — should have faced trial with Bahadur Singh Toor, 47, and Narinder Dev Sood, 59.

Instead, Mr. Toor — Mr. Hans' brother-in-law — and Mr. Sood were left holding the bag, Ross Lundy told Ontario Court (general division) in Milton earlier this month.

Mr. Hans tells a far different story, saying he was duped by others and has a paper trail to back that assertion up.

Mr. Toor was handed a 12-month prison sentence and Mr. Sood was given two years less a day in connection with the purchase of the townhouse complex Rundle Park Village.

Both were convicted of defrauding the public and conspiracy to commit fraud over \$5,000 in January following a three-week trial last year.

The loss to investors — including two local men — in the scheme totalled more than \$500,000 from 1989 to 1991.

Mr. Toor and Mr. Sood, realtors for the Sutton Group in Brampton at the time, were try-



"Talk is cheap. I have all the cheques, all the papers and all the documents. I was the biggest sucker in this project."

TIGER JEET SINGH (JAGJIT SINGH HANS)

ing to put together deals for quick profits called property flips.

Mr. Lundy, who represented Mr. Sood, said at his client's sentencing that the Crown's reason for dropping a fraud charge against Mr. Hans before

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Million-dollar dream drives Leworthy trek

By BRAD REAUME
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Everybody wants a million dollars. However, Mike and Ryan Leworthy are willing to work for it, and then give it away.

The father and son will attempt to cycle across Canada this summer with a goal of raising \$1 million for the Link Foundation, which promotes active living for all disabled Canadians.

Wheelchair bound Ryan will use a special hand-cranked cycle while father Mike will

ride another behind. The pair will set out on May 3 from Toronto and hope to arrive back in about four months.

Plans are nearly complete for the Ontario Science Center to host the kickoff and finish events.

The elder Leworthy has invited all Miltonians to lend support and join them for the first kilometer or more to help give the event a big kickoff.

The Leworthys will head east. Upon arrival in St. John's, Newfoundland they will fly to

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