

Man gets twenty months for breaking out of restaurant

A 20-year-old Midland man was sentenced in provincial court in Penetanguishene last Thursday, to 20 months definite, and 10 months indeterminate, on a charge of breaking out of the Panorama Inn, after committing an indictable offense.

Daniel Vermuelen pleaded guilty to the charge, which arose out of an incident in which he hid in the basement of the hotel, waited until closing

time, and then stole \$365 and broke out with it. The crown attorney said the crime showed definite premeditation. Vermuelen, who has a number of previous criminal convictions, was sentenced to a further three months in jail on a charge of theft under \$200. The sentences will run consecutively.

A co-accused on the second charge, James Downer, 23, of Midland, had the passing of sentence suspended for 18

months.

Possession
Downer also pleaded guilty Thursday to a charge of possession of marijuana, laid in connection with a separate incident.

The court was told he and another Midland man, Ray Leeking, 24, were stopped after police spotted the car in which they were driving, weaving westbound on Highway 12. The officer noticed a smell of alcohol,

and saw that Leeking, the driver of the car, was unsteady on his feet. The police officer then searched Leeking, and found a plastic bag containing half an ounce of marijuana. A search of Downer revealed he had four plastic bags containing a total of 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana. Leeking, who was charged with both excess alcohol, and possession of a narcotic, was found to have an alcohol level of .140 in his blood stream.

Leeking was given a fine of \$150 or 20 days in jail on the charge of excess alcohol, and a conditional discharge for a period of 6 months on the possession charge. Downer was given a suspended sentence on the possession charge.

Theft over \$200
The theft of a colour television set from the

Midtown hotel, led to a jail sentence for a 39-year-old Toronto man in provincial court Thursday.

Harold Thomson was charged after he was found asleep behind the wheel of his car in a driveway in Midland. A portable RCA colour television was found in the back of the car. The court was told Thomson admitted to stealing the television, and the defense counsel told Provincial Judge Len Montgomery Thomson had been drinking at the time of the incident.

Thomson was sentenced to three months in jail.

He was also charged with failing to appear for a scheduled court appearance on December 20, 1976. Defense counsel told the court Thomson had tried to make it to

court that day, but the person who was supposed to drive him up from Toronto, felt the weather was too bad, and turned back. Thomson was fined \$150 on the failing to appear charge.

Theft under \$200
A 19-year-old Midland man was sentenced Thursday to 60 days in jail on a charge of theft under \$200.

Benedict Materka was arrested on October 22, after he stole a suede coat from Zellers. The court was told the coat was recovered, and was not damaged in any way. The duty counsel told the court Materka had been drinking the night of the theft, but admitted that he knew what he was doing, and knew it was wrong.

Materka was also given a fine of \$150 for failing to show up for a scheduled

court appearance on December 9.

Causing a disturbance
A 19-year-old Brampton man pleaded guilty in provincial court Thursday to a charge of causing a disturbance in a public place.

Michael Walters was charged after he used obscene language directed at a waitress at the Voyaguer Restaurant on Highway 103 in Waubausene.

He was given a fine of \$100 or 10 days in jail.

Hit and Run
The failure to remain at the scene of an accident led to a \$150 fine for a 17-year-old Perkinsfield man in provincial court Thursday.

Timothy Leroux pleaded guilty to the charge, laid on July 20 of last year. The court was told Leroux was proceeding south on Highway 27, when another car pulled out of the lane from the new Huronia District Hospital in Midland, and turned south. Leroux's car struck the other car in the rear, and then Leroux turned his car around and headed north, leaving the scene.

Judge Montgomery cautioned him that in future, he would have to live up to his obligations to the other users of the road, before giving him the \$150 fine.

Hit and Run
A 45-year-old Midland man, charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident, pleaded guilty in provincial court Thursday.

Anthony Quesnelle was charged on July 17, after

a car he was driving struck two pedestrians on the parking lot of Zellers department store, in Midland. The court was told Quesnelle's car was heading south in the lot when it struck the two pedestrians. It did not stop, but proceeded into the parking lot of the Brewer's Retail next door. The pedestrians, who were not seriously injured, followed him to the beer store, but he then drove off.

Quesnelle was given a fine of \$150 or 30 days in jail, and his driver's license was suspended for two months.

Drive suspended
Driving while his license was under a legal suspension for non-payment of fines led to a \$150 for a 23-year-old Elliot Lake man.

Denys Veilleux was charged on June 7, after he was stopped on Highway 69 because only one headlight on his car was working.

The duty counsel told the court Veilleux had been living in Hamilton when he learned his license had been suspended. He had to get himself, his car and his belongings back to Elliot Lake, and he did not know anyone well enough to ask them to drive his car for him.

Judge Montgomery told him the circumstances surrounding the crime were mitigating to some extent, but they did not excuse the act. He gave him the \$150 fine or 30 days in jail, and further suspended Veilleux's license.

Police report

Accidents abound on weekend

The bad weather over the weekend took its toll, as Penetanguishene police investigated three accidents.

On Saturday at 4:30, a car driven by Garry Leneham pulled out from Burke Street onto Lorne Avenue, and struck another car, driven by Danile MacMillan, of 83 Fox Street. Leneham's car sustained \$200 damage, while \$50 damage was done to MacMillan's car.

There were no injuries in the accident, and Leneham was charged with failing to yield to traffic on a through highway. The investigating officer was Constable Michael Brady.

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Sergeant Donald Westcott investigated an accident at 2:55 Sunday afternoon in front of 223 Fox Street.

A car driven by Diane Lacroix of 4 Victoria Crescent, Penetanguishene, was struck by a car driven by Gloria Longlade of 223 Fox Street, as Longlade pulled out of her driveway. Longlade's car sustained \$350 damage, while no damage was done to Lacroix' car. Longlade was charged with failing to yield from a private driveway.

Accident
Sergeant Westcott investigated another accident at 8:05 Monday morning in front of 3 Poyntz Street.

Albert Morin, of 3 Poyntz Street, was charged with failing to yield from a private driveway, after he pulled out and struck a car being driven by Theodore Leblanc, of 211 Fox Street. Morin's car sustained \$500 damage, and Leblanc's car received damages to the extent of \$450. There were no injuries.

Warning
The Penetanguishene Police Department would like to remind town residents that it is against the law to shovel snow from a driveway onto the road.

They say they have received a number of complaints about the practice, and point out that it can be both dangerous, and costly for the offender. A town bylaw provides for a \$25 fine for those who shovel snow onto the road.

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Manpower fills more vacancies this month

The number of vacancies filled by the Midland-Penetanguishene Manpower Center is up from last month and the number of unemployed registered is down

from last year at this time, the local manpower center reported last week.

The opening of the Midland McDonald's and the hiring of individuals

for L.I.P. programs are, CMC manager Don Mcenee reported, to be credited for the increase in positions filled.

A total of 52 male and 75 female vacancies were filled in November. The total number of individuals now registered stands at 2259, up considerably from the 1552 registered with manpower during December 1975.

Survey to be undertaken
The local manpower center plans to conduct a survey among industries in the Midland-Penetanguishene area to determine what problems they may encounter in hiring adults between the ages of 16 and 24 years of age. Over 40 per cent of those registered with manpower fall into this age category. Clients in this age bracket will also be canvassed to get their opinions.

PGH births

Mr. and Mrs. William Archer, of Queen Street in Elmvalle, announce the birth of a boy on January 6, 1977.

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