

Man who took car in Midland will spend one year in jail

A 26-year-old Scarborough man was sentenced in provincial court in Penetanguishene last Thursday to 12 months definite and six months indeterminate, on a charge of theft over \$200.

James Dagg pleaded guilty to the charge, which was laid on October 21 in Midland, after police investigated the theft of an automobile. The court was told the car was parked with the keys in the ignition at the corner of Bay and Fourth Streets, at about 9:00 p.m. on the day in question. It was gone when the owner returned.

An officer, returning to his home later in the evening, noticed a man abandon a car which was stuck in the mud. He phoned the station, and discovered that the car had been stolen earlier that night. He gave a description of the man who had abandoned the car and Dagg was picked up. The arresting officer followed Dagg's footprints in the snow from where he was picked up to where the car was stuck in the mud, and Dagg was charged.

Dagg's attorney told the court he could not contest the facts since Dagg had been so inebriated that night, he could remember nothing about what had transpired. The attorney told Judge Len Montgomery, before sentencing, that Dagg had had an extremely hard life, and had had a problem with alcohol and other drugs for about the last five years.

When Montgomery passed sentence he strongly recommended that Dagg be sent to the Ontario Correctional Institute at Brampton, and that while he was there, he should be given a psychiatric assessment, and treatment for his problem with alcohol.

Dagg was also charged with failing to appear in court on January 10. His attorney told the court Dagg had intended to be in court that day but had been in no condition to make an appearance. The judge sentenced him to one month, consecutive to the other sentence, on the failing to appear charge.

Remanded
A couple of thefts and

an incident of wilful damage in the summer, and a joy-ride in November, resulted in four convictions in court Thursday for a 16-year-old Port McNicoll youth.

The court was told William Robert Fournier stole two batteries valued at \$50 apiece from boats in Tiny Township on August 5, and removed the drainage plug from one of them, causing \$30 damage to the boat, and the loss of water skis valued at \$30. He also took a Dodge truck on the morning of November 14 in Port McNicoll and drove it around before abandoning it.

Fournier was remanded to February 17 for sentencing, pending receipt by the court of a pre-sentence report.

Dangerous driving
A 17-year-old Tiny Township man is spending 20 days in jail as a result of an incident last fall in which he drove a small motorcycle at some children and a dog walking along Concession 13.

Robert Mayer admitted that on September 5 at

about 8:30 p.m. he was driving his motorcycle with a friend on the back. Neither of the riders wore helmets. A woman walking along the road with a group of children and a dog told Mayer he should have his headlights on, but he told her he did not have to.

He then spun the bike around, and gunned it toward the dog. The dog leapt out of the way, and some of the children had to take evasive action as well. Mayer then turned around, taking another run at the group, and again causing some of the children to have to move out of the way.

The judge told Mayer the maximum sentence for behaviour of that kind was six months and a fine of \$500, before passing the 20 day jail sentence. He also put Mayer on probation for a period of 12 months, and placed a 12 month suspension of his driver's license on top of the mandatory suspension.

Suspended
Six months in jail was the sentence handed to a 21-year-old Victoria Harbour man, after he was convicted in provincial court Thursday of three counts of driving while his driving privileges were suspended.

Edward Pelletier pleaded guilty to all three charges which arose out of three separate incidents which occurred over a two and a half week period. The court was told Pelletier was stopped and charged on December 23 in Victoria Harbour, again on

January 2 in Tay Township, and again on January 10 in Victoria Harbour. The original suspension was due to a conviction for impaired driving about three months before first suspended driving infraction.

Pelletier was given a fine of \$200 or 30 days in jail on the first charge, 60 days in jail on the second charge, and a further 120 days in jail on the third charge.

Drive suspended
A 23-year-old Galt man was sentenced in provincial court Thursday to 40 days in jail on a charge of driving while his license was suspended.

Robert Ross was charged on October 11, after police investigated a minor accident on Highway 69 in Tay Township. The driver involved in the accident told police the person in front of him had been driving erratically, and the police followed the car, and pulled it over. They found Ross was the driver, and he produced an expired driving permit. After checking, they found his license had been suspended.

Ross had a long record of driving offenses.

Judge Montgomery allowed Ross to serve the 40-day sentence on weekends in order for him to maintain his employment, and continue to support his wife.

Withdrawn
Charges of causing a disturbance, and failing to appear in court, laid against 20-year-old Brent Anderson of Midland,

were withdrawn in provincial court Thursday, at the request of the crown.

Refuse sample
A 34-year-old Barrie man pleaded guilty in provincial court Thursday to a charge of failing to provide a sample of his breath, suitable for an analysis to be made.

The court was told Thursday Dunbrook was found in a pickup truck in



On his way to the nationals

Penetanguishene's Brian Orser placed third in the Eastern Canadian Figure Skating Championships held this

month. The 14-year-old star will be going to the Canadian Championships in Calgary on February 6. Staff photo

front of the Port McNicoll Inn, at about 12:10 a.m. on October 22. The police looked inside the truck and noticed that Dunbrook appeared to be impaired. They had to break a window in the truck to get him out. They took him back to the detachment, where he refused to take the breathalyzer test.

His attorney told the court Dunbrook had been taking medication at the time which induced a feeling of nausea, and he produced a letter from Dunbrook's doctor to that effect. He said Dunbrook had been feeling extremely nauseous that night, and that was why he refused to take the test.

Dunbrook was ordered to pay a fine of \$200 or spend 30 days in jail.

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Police report

Police investigate P.S.S. break-in

A break-in at Penetanguishene Secondary School is the subject of an investigation currently being carried out by Constable Graham Whiteside of the Penetanguishene Police Department.

Police received a call Sunday morning at 10:30, from a custodian at the school, who reported the incident. Entrance was gained by breaking a window in a door, and school officials are still determining if anything was taken.

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Area board studies growth

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When asked by the press whether or not Midlanders were anxious to see such growth, Mayor Moreland Lynn reported that he had taken his own personal poll which indicated that the people of Midland were interested in this kind of growth.

"I only talked to one person who offered a negative response to the idea of expansion," Lynn said. "Ninety-nine per cent of the people that I talked to were excited by the prospects of peninsula growth."

Lynn added that in modern times a municipality must continue to grow moderately just to maintain the standard of living it has grown accustomed to.

Board member Ray Baker also pointed to the inevitability of population growth, explaining that the Toronto megalopolis will greatly effect peninsula planning.

"Cottagers and tourists are going to begin looking for viable alternatives to big-city living," Baker said. "In a sense, we're planning for people who aren't yet here, but we want to have a say now, before the influx begins."

PMCL will fill gap

In a statement released to the media, Brian Dubeau, general manager of PMCL, said his company "is prepared to immediately file for authority and, if licensed, to institute a service of at least comparable quality and frequency as that now provided by Gray Coach."

Dubeau was not available for comment on PMCL's decision to take a stand at this time. He had in December refused to discuss the possible cessation of Gray Coach runs to North Simcoe.

As a result of an Ontario Highway Transport Board's decision to allow American owned Greyhound Lines to compete with some of Gray Coach's most profitable runs, Gray Coach has said it will have to cut out unprofitable routes to make up lost revenue. No specific routes have been mentioned but it is feared that the Toronto-Penetanguishene, Toronto-Orillia and Toronto-Owen Sound routes may be affected.

Gray Coach's appeal of the Highway Transport Board's decision is currently under review.

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