

Convictions on 11 charges result in 21 month reformatory sentence

A 23-year-old Brantford man was sentenced to 21 months in jail, after he pleaded guilty in provincial court in Penetanguishene last Thursday, to 11 different charges.

Jesse Alan Churchill was charged with five counts of break and enter, three counts of theft over \$200, two charges of possession of stolen goods valued at over \$200, and one charge of theft under \$200.

The first group of charges were laid in connection with incidents he and an accomplice were involved in late in June of this year. They were found in possession of a stolen window van in Coldwater on June 28, and on June 30 they were charged with theft over \$200 in connection with a

pickup truck stolen in Matchedash, and with break, enter and theft in connection with a break

In provincial court

at a summer residence, also in Matchedash.

The other charges were laid in September in connection with a series of break-ins at residences in Tay Township, the theft of a Ford pickup truck in Tay township, possession of a stolen 1965 Oldsmobile in Medonte, the theft of some gasoline in Tay, and the theft of another pickup truck in Medonte.

Four other charges on the docket Thursday were withdrawn.

Churchill's attorney told the court Churchill had had an accomplice, and he said alcohol had

been used frequently, if not on every occasion throughout the two sprees.

He admitted Churchill had a record for break-ins in the past, but pointed out that he had always pleaded guilty to every charge he was faced with,

and had never before had a lawyer represent him.

He informed the court that Churchill had been in jail since the first week in October, and asked that the judge take that into account in sentencing.

Provincial Judge Len Montgomery said he had to decide whether or not to give Churchill more than two years in jail, which would mean he would go to a federal penitentiary. He said the rehabilitation aspect of sentencing was important, but he added that the deterrent aspect for others and the protection

of the public were also important.

He admitted that Churchill had not been involved in any related offences between the last time he was released from jail in 1974 and the time he committed the offences considered Thursday.

He ruled that although the offences all occurred at two definite times they were in fact all separate offences, and therefore sentences for each had to run consecutively.

"I'm aware that if he goes to a penitentiary, the chances that he will be

rehabilitated are nil," he said.

He then decided to make the total sentence less than two years.

"We aren't going to give up on you yet," he told Churchill.

The judge recommended that the 21 month sentence be served at the Ontario Correctional Institute in Brampton, and ordered a period of probation of 18 months, following Churchill's release.

Car theft

Circumstances which were referred to as "a little different than usual" resulted in a conditional discharge for

a 25-year-old North-West Basin man who pleaded guilty in provincial court Thursday to a charge of theft over \$200.

Robert Cascagnette was charged in connection with the theft on October 15 of a 1968 Mercury Meteor.

The court was told that Cascagnette had accompanied a friend of his to the "Rooster Tail" in Tiny Township on the night in question, in the friend's car. After a while Cascagnette left, and a short time later the friend went to leave, and found his car missing. He reported the incident to police, who found the car

the next morning in Cascagnette's driveway.

According to Cascagnette's statement taken by the police, he had been intending to get a ride home with some other friends, but they took longer than he had expected to leave, and when he found the keys in his friend's car, he took it, intending to return it in the morning.

The judge asked Cascagnette if he had known the friend whose car he took for a long time, and Cascagnette answered that he had.

The judge then said he thought the circumstances were

unusual, and said the fact that the keys were in the car was a mitigating circumstance. He said he felt the circumstances warranted a discharge, and gave Cascagnette a conditional discharge, with 10 months probation.

But he warned Cascagnette that if there were another occurrence, there was a good possibility he would go to jail.

Excess alcohol

A 38-year-old Victoria Harbour man was fined in provincial court Thursday, after he pleaded guilty to a charge of excess alcohol.

Peter Karalash was

charged on October 23 of this year.

The court was told Karalash had been spotted by police at about 12:05 a.m., weaving as he drove south on Highway 103. The police pulled him over after they saw him drive onto the shoulder and back onto the road twice. They observed a smell of alcohol on his breath, and charged him with impaired driving. The excess alcohol charge was laid after a breathalyzer test yielded a reading of .260.

Judge Montgomery ordered him to pay a fine of \$350, or spend 50 days in jail.

Charges laid in theft case

A Midland man was arrested Sunday in connection with theft and an attempted theft which occurred in Penetanguishene on October 15.

Police report

Peter Laramy, 21, of 225 Charles Street in Midland, was charged with theft under \$200, and attempted theft over \$200, following an investigation by Constable Michael Brady of the Penetanguishene police department.

The tape deck was taken from a vehicle which was parked on Robert Street West. Laramy allegedly took the tape deck, then tried to steal another car parked on Robert Street.

He was remanded in custody, with a bail hearing scheduled for Monday.



A Halloween preview

Friday provided a preview of Hallowe'en at St. Croix School in Penetanguishene. These children were the winners of the best costume contest at the school. Seated in front are J.C. Dubeau, as the devil, and Catherine

Parker, as Raggedy Ann. Standing, the fairy is Tracy-Lynn Charlebois, the witch is Jessica Irving, the scarecrow is Elaine Robitaille, the clown is Cynthia Robitaille, and the pumpkin is Julie Morrison. Staff photo

Film comes to library

Things are hopping at the Penetanguishene Public Library.

Next Monday, the film Body and Soul will be shown as part of the Travelling Film Society being put on in libraries throughout the Georgian Bay Regional Library System.

The next night, November 8, Canadian children's author Lyn Cook will be visiting the library. The author of *Samantha's Secret Room* and more than a dozen other books for children, Cook will be at the library at 8:00 p.m.

Admission is free, and

adults and children are welcome.

The program is sponsored by the library with the assistance of the Georgian Bay Regional Library System and the Outreach Ontario program of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation.



The lucky winner

Mrs. Alma Vaillancourt (right) was the winner of the quilt and pillow made to commemorate the centennial of All Saints Anglican Church in Penetanguishene. With her is Mrs. William Webster, who helped put the quilt together, and did much of the embroidery on it. The quilt took over a year to make, and it contains the names of 600 people who each paid a dollar for that privilege. All the names were put in a hat Sunday night, and Mrs. Vaillancourt's name was drawn.

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