

# Local man abducted and tied to tree in area

By Ken Lusk

It was like a scene out of the Burt Reynolds' movie *Deliverance*.

Terrace Bay resident Edmond Trapp, 61, was abducted at knife-point by a lone male and then left tied to a tree by the man and two female accomplices later that same morning.

The Terrace Bay Police Force informed the *News* that the incident, which occurred on Sunday, August 9, involved three persons who cannot at present be identified.

Police Chief Russ Phillips said the identity of the male is in question and that one of the females is a young offender.

## On the beach

The *News* has learned that on the morning of Sunday, August 9, Terrace Bay resident Edmond Trapp was just exiting his truck on the beach when he was approached by a male in his early twenties wielding a medium-sized knife.

The man held the knife to Trapp's back and forced him to drive to the highway (this was after the man had put a bicycle into the back of the truck).

Trapp was forced to drive the vehicle from the beach to the highway, from the highway to the high school and from the high school to the Shell gas station on Highway 17.

On the corner of Hudson Dr. and Highway 17 two female accomplices came out of the bush and joined Trapp and the male in the truck.

Police Chief Phillips said that Trapp was then forced to drive west through Schreiber to the Zenmac road that leads to

Winston Lake.

The foursome proceeded for about two kilometres on this road at which time they turned into a side road.

## Tied to tree

It was at this point that Trapp's hands were bound. The three offenders made Trapp walk and they also took his wallet and cigarettes.

Trapp was then forced to sit down in front of a tree where he was tied to it with stiff cable wire the three offenders had found.

It was then about 10:30 a.m. and Edmond Trapp found himself tied to a tree. While he diligently worked on loosening his bonds, the three responsible for this ridiculous affair were on their way, in Trapp's truck, to Wawa, Ontario.

Trapp eventually managed to free himself, but in the process suffered from many lacerations to his hands caused by the friction of the wire.

After freeing himself Trapp walked from that spot in the bush to Highway 17 where he flagged down a passing motorist. It took Trapp about one and-a-half hours to walk that distance. When he reached Schreiber Trapp informed the OPP about the incident.

## Threatening threesome

On the same day of the incident, Sunday, August 9, the threesome, in Trapp's stolen truck, were stopped and arrested at about 3:45 p.m. in Wawa, Ontario.

They were detained and interviewed and transported to Nipigon by the Terrace Bay

Police Force and the OPP from Nipigon.

Constables Polches and Chasse represented Terrace Bay.

In Nipigon the three were brought before a Justice of the Peace on the next morning (Monday, August 10) and remanded to Thunder Bay Court.

They are now in custody and the possible court date is this Friday when the Terrace Bay Police will have a show-cause hearing to prove that the three should be kept in custody as opposed to being released.

Chief Phillips told the *News* the three have been charged with abduction, robbery, and two counts of theft (the truck and Trapp's credit card).

The male has also been charged with weapons dangerous to public peace.

The *News* will follow up with more information as it becomes available.

## Writer responds to Michael Moore concerning story

By Ken Lusk

Several weeks ago the *News* ran a story about a magazine article which focussed on a circle tour of Lake Superior.

Our story focussed on the writer's passage that, in effect, created a bad image of Terrace Bay for anyone who may have read the article.

The Reeve of Terrace Bay, Ollie Chapman, the President of the Aguasabon Chamber of Commerce, Michael Moore, and everyone else who read the article that we talked to were in agreement that this passage created a bad image.

That section that caused all the fuss has been reprinted below for your convenience:

"Our disappointments were Terrace Bay, where we knew Kimberly-Clarke had been spewing its killing excrement into the Lake for more than thirty-five years...."

(You might notice Kimberly-Clark was spelled incorrectly).

The article also mentions other disappointments in other places. The article didn't state where these disappointments were found. One was something about a dirty washroom (that must have really peed the writer off).

## Responds to Moore

Regardless, the writer of this article, Joan Skelton, has in fact answered to Michael Moore's letter, and again, it has been reprinted with his permission:

"...I am at my summer cottage and therefore without benefit of my file-drawer of research on Lake Superior and my thick file of research and correspondence on Terrace Bay. However, even without the specifics, I want to reply to your letter and to your very genuine concerns.

"I share your concerns. For some ten years now, I have been keeping a file on Terrace Bay. The last entry in it, if memory serves, is a copy of a letter to The Hon. Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment, requesting financial assistance for Kimberly-Clark in order that it could maintain its operation and employment in Terrace Bay and also meet the terms of the Ministry control order imposed some time ago.

"As you quite rightly mention, Terrace Bay is not our only area of concern on Lake Superior. Nor is it mine. I have many files on Lake Superior hot spots. I am doing what I can.

"It is an underlying theme of all my writing, both in my novels and in my articles, to try to awaken a recognition of the preciousness of our area. If we want to have "GEMS OF THE NORTH" such as you are trying to create in Terrace Bay, if we want to maintain the purity of Lake Superior and the healthiness of our forests, we must 'tell it like it is'.

"Hopefully, then, there will be more people to preserve what is good and to fight against what is bad. If we sweep problems under the rug, they will never be solved.

"Southern Ontario will simply continue to keep more of our tax dollars; and industry will uncaringly use our beautiful north as a dumping ground.

"I have had many laudatory comments about the "Circle Tour" article, mostly referring to it being "meaningful". Hopefully, in

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## Council is formulating Waterfront development

By Tonya Zborowski

Terrace Bay Reeve Ollie Chapman has announced that the township, in conjunction with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNR), will be embarking on a waterfront development study.

The purpose of the study said Chapman is to examine what possibilities may exist within the township for the development of water-oriented activities such as a marina, beach and picnic facilities, public docking, cottaging and the development of the Aguasabon gorge area.

With the announcement of the study, Terrace Bay Council has also formulated a committee of local citizens that will develop the terms of reference and oversee the project. The committee consists of Rod Bryson (chairman), Doug Baker (secretary), Dr. Keith Wilkes, Jim Nickleson, Arnie O'Keefe, and Chris Joubert (councillor).

While the committee will be providing the direction for the study, the project itself will be carried out by consultants.

Committee Chairman Rod Bryson is excited about the upcoming project and says that the committee membership is composed of a good cross-section of people who can provide valuable input into the study. In addition, Bryson is asking that the public contact members of the committee or write to the Municipal Office directly, if they have ideas on what they would

like to see as part of the waterfront study.

The committee is presently working on the terms of reference and will be inviting private consultants to submit proposals on how they would plan to carry out the study and how much it will cost.

Reeve Chapman indicated that funding for the study will be borne 75 per cent by the Ministry

of Northern Development and Mines and 25 per cent by the township.

Bryson indicated that it is the intention of the committee and council to hire the successful consultant as soon as possible in order that field work can be completed before the fall season ends.

The study is expected to be completed sometime next year and will involve public input at

various stages of the planning process.

While Bryson feels that a waterfront study is necessary and long overdue for Terrace Bay, he cautions that any recommendations that the study arrives at will have to be reviewed by council to determine if and how an implementation strategy can be initiated to benefit the people of Terrace Bay.

## 15 Municipalities to receive grants

Municipal Affairs Minister Bernard Grandmaitre announced on July 30 that grants totalling 3.3 million under the Program for Renewal, Improvement, Development and Economic Revitalization (PRIDE) has been awarded to fifteen municipalities in Northern Ontario. The grants are part of the total PRIDE allocations of 15.6 million for 1987 to municipalities across Ontario.

The PRIDE program provides assistance for projects in older residential and commercial areas and was recently expanded to include community renewal projects in all older sections of a municipality including industrial and mixed-use areas.

"This expanded PRIDE initiative will give municipalities in the North greater flexibility in dealing with their individual needs," Mr. Grandmaitre said.

"PRIDE will help Northern municipalities create an improved environment for investment. It will also create jobs and strengthen municipal tax bases," he said.

Financial assistance is in the form of a grant covering 50 per cent of improvement and land acquisition costs comprehensive community improvement projects.

Project components eligible for financial assistance under PRIDE include: building, improving or replacing social and recre-

ational facilities, municipal services, utilities and parking facilities intended to serve the project area; aesthetic improvements such as streetscape upgrading and landscaping; acquisition and clearance of land and buildings; and the relocation costs including moving costs and related compensation.

Through the PRIDE program, the Municipality of Terrace Bay has been granted 120,000 dollars.

PRIDE is a program of professional and financial assistance to promote the upgrading of older sections of Ontario municipalities.