

Psychologists disagree on teenager's rehabilitation

FROM PAGE 1

He was ordered to spend 20 months and 15 days in an Oakville youth detention centre, followed by one year of open custody.

The boy, who is now 17 years old, has served 12 months of the sentence at the Syl Apps facility in Oakville.

Turrall, a psychologist once affiliated with Syl Apps, testified that when he first assessed the boy in June 1997, he was suffering from significant clinical depression, which impaired his cognitive abilities and led to his psychotic state.

But the court heard that the boy had excelled academically while attending the facility, and was participating in various forms of therapy.

"He's doing very well," Turrall said. "Academics tend to be a window into how one is doing in one's life."

And even though Turrall noted the boy "still needs to do a lot of work with his family" and "has anxiety about stepping back into society," he said he didn't believe he posed a threat to society.

"I did not sense from him the slightest degree of hostility," he said.

However, another psychologist who assessed the boy suggested he was "arrogant" and "tightly wound," "driven" and "lacks insight into his feelings."

The teen's lawyer was critical of his client's treatment at the detention centre, saying a full psychological assessment wasn't done until the family asked for one and that grief counselling also had to be arranged by his family.

Scully argued that the teen could obtain further counselling at a place such as Kennedy House, where there are no more than 12 residents, as opposed to 100 at Syl Apps.

Kennedy House requires residents spend up to four months in secure custody before they can earn the right to be accompanied on outings by one of the employees.

But Crown attorney Bob McCreary urged Judge Sherrill Rogers to find that the evidence isn't sufficient to prove the boy is ready to leave secure custody, reminding her of the nature and seriousness of the offence.

"I'm asking your honour to find that all signs are he is going in the right direction. The fact he has been doing well since April doesn't mean he is at a stage where we

should move on to a different setting with different staff," McCreary said.

"He's made progress but he hasn't made sufficient progress," McCreary said in his closing submission, adding the boy could be considered for temporary release from Syl Apps in October.

"The situation isn't one where the services are not available. The progress has been noted in all the materials."

Rogers will rule on the boy's request for transfer to open custody Sept. 11.

WE MEAN BUSINESS

"With toronto.com, people can visit the Toronto Eaton Centre from as far west as Mississauga to as far east as Egypt! By including information on our retailers and a complete map of the mall, our toronto.com site makes the Toronto Eaton Centre accessible 24 hours a day."

Vivienne McCuaig
Director of Marketing, Toronto Eaton Centre
www.toronto.com/torontoeatoncentre



toronto.com

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT T.O.

With Toronto Star CitySearch, GTA residents and visitors find information ranging from entertainment, shopping, and travel opportunities to real estate, health care, and professional services.

Get business on-line. Connect online visitors with your own Toronto Star CitySearch website. For only one monthly fee, CitySearch can help you work in your own time and on your own terms. No advertising, no monthly fees.

And hosting are all included. You don't even need to own a computer.

And with our new URL, www.toronto.com, readers know your business can be found in the GTA. Already people from all over the world and across the globe are using Toronto Star CitySearch to find information to make smart business decisions for home, office, and travel.

Make sure you're not missing anything.



Call today for more information.

Phone: (416) 416-2790 Fax: (416) 416-2750 E-Mail: info@toronto.com

CRTC

PUBLIC NOTICE

Canada

Public Notice CRTC 1998-88: The CRTC has received applications from the following cable licensees to be relieved, by condition of licence, of the requirement to distribute the new television station licensed to Crossroads Television System, on the basic band pursuant to the Broadcasting Distribution Regulations. The applicants have advised that this station will be distributed on a cable channel that is no higher than channel 36. PARTS OF RICHMOND HILL, KING CITY, KING TOWNSHIP, MARKHAM, VAUGHAN AND WHITCHURCH, STOUFFVILLE, BOLTON AND SURROUNDING AREA, ORANGEVILLE AND SURROUNDING AREA, PART OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PICKERING, PART OF SCARBOROUGH, BROUGHAM, GREENWOOD AND CLAREMONT, PART OF METRO TORONTO, CFB BORDEN AND SURROUNDING AREA, ERIN, HILLSBURGH, CALEDON, VILLAGE, CALEDON EAST, TERRA COTTA, CHELTENHAM, INGLEWOOD, ACTON, MONO MILLS, BELFOUNTAIN, BOSTON MILLS AND FERDALE AND SURROUNDING AREAS. Ont. Applications by SHAW CABLE SYSTEMS LTD. EXAMINATION OF APPLICATIONS: As noted in the public notice, this application is available through the CRTC in Hull, (819) 997-2429, or our office in Toronto, 55 St. Clair Ave. East, Suite 624. The notice is available in alternative format, on request. If you wish to support or oppose the application, write to the Secretary General, CRTC, Ottawa, Ont., K1A 0N2 by 21 September 1998, with proof that you sent a copy to the applicant. For full information, contact the above or CRTC Communications at (819) 997-0313; fax (819) 994-0218; TDD (819) 994-0423; http://www.crtc.gc.ca; or Toll-Free at 1-877-249-CRTC.



Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission

Conseil de la radiodiffusion et des télécommunications canadiennes

LOOK INSIDE

TODAY'S PAPER FOR OUR VALUE PACKED FLYER

MOORES THE SUIT PEOPLE