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York Regional Police tape marks off Rose Avenue in Stouffville in the summer of 2013. Tyler Wirag of Musselman's Lake is facing an attempted murder charge at a trial in Newmarket.

# Gormley mansion party preceded fights, attack

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alleging is the machete's sheath.

According to Sauro, who testified last week, he left home that night with a six pack of Brava beer in his hands to go to a mansion party on Cedar Ridge Road, in the Woodbine Avenue and Bethesda Road area.

He said after pulling into the wrap-around driveway of the multi-million dollar home with his friends and brother, the men headed to the back yard where there were "people everywhere".

Meanwhile, Cody Scott, who testified yesterday, said he went to the basement of the home and consumed between eight and 10 beers throughout the evening.

Sauro said he spent most of his time near the "beer-pong table".

He said while there he drank about five beers, one of which was a part of the game.

"Yes, I was impaired ... but I could make rational decisions," he said.

At one point he said he turned around and saw the after-effects of what people told him involved Wirag spitting on a female friend of his.

When Sauro stepped out onto the front lawn of the home to fight Wirag, he said he stopped after more than one person advised him Wirag had a knife.

"I got scared," he said. "I went back to the back yard."

Meanwhile Scott said he watched a group of people scream at Wirag and his friends before two or three people kicked him all over his body, including his head.

Sauro then said he found Wirag a few meters from the home and punched him once in the face, knocking him down, after he discovered his younger brother, Kameron, had been glassed in the face, causing a bloody gash under his eye.

Soon after, a truck carrying Wirag sped by with obscenities being yelled out the window at the men, Sauro said.

In the following moments, during which Sauro said the car he was a passenger in was either going to the hospital or to his home, he said they pulled up behind the truck at a stop light.

He then said he got out of his car and tried to open the rear-door, before the truck sped away.

"I was angry at how my little brother looked, I was devastated about the state of (him)," he told the court. "I was really angry. When we pulled up, I lost my cool, my emotions got the better of me. I made decisions I wouldn't have normally."

In the following sequence of events, Sauro said the car he was in and the truck sped down the road at about 100 km/h before both vehicles reached the home where Sauro said he discovered Wirag was living at the time, in Stouffville, near the intersection of Rose Avenue and Burkholder Street.

Sauro said he began calling Wirag's name from in front of the house before Wirag and two other men exited with weapons, including a machete, two guns, one sawed off, later found to be pellet guns, and an extendo-bat,

an expanding but thin metallic baton.

"I remember him vividly carrying a machete," Sauro said, describing it as a "brush"-clearing tool with an 18-inch blade and jagged edges at its tip.

Despite running down the street, he said he was stabbed by Wirag in the belly and again to the side of his belly-button. He said he knew he was stabbed when he looked down and could see an organ sticking out of the wound.

He then said he began to bleed and passed out.

Meanwhile he said the windows in the car were broken by the men present.

Sauro said when he awoke he saw Wirag walking towards him with the weapon, before his friend stopped his advancement by hitting him with the car.

Scott said when the car impacted Wirag he jumped and his hip pierced the windshield, before Wirag retreated back into the home.

As a result of his wounds, Sauro said his job, as a commercial diver, has been negatively impacted along with his ability to play sports and he suffers discomfort after eating.

"I can't run like I used to, I used to run cross country and I can't do that now," he said. "Playing hockey is harder, I don't have the stamina."

Scott said his leg was also hit by a machete, but described the wounds as minor.

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Under cross examination by Wirag's lawyer, Glenn Orr, Sauro denied that he swore or yelled racial epithets and threatened to kill a black teenager at the party, one of Wirag's friends.

The man was later led into the courtroom and shown to the court.

Sauro told the court he "never" would have said those words.

He further explained that he wasn't aware of anyone putting "the shoulder" to the man.

Orr suggested Wirag told Sauro the man was his friend and said "nobody wants problems, you've obviously been drinking too much", but Sauro denied the entire series of events took place.

Scott told Orr he remembered Sauro connecting on one punch in the back of Wirag's head before seeing two more swings, although he was unsure if he landed those.

"It turned into something of a brawl," he added, after noting that once the two men engaged, a number of other people jumped in.

Scott denied Sauro hit Wirag with a bottle during this altercation.

Pictures of the damaged truck were shown to the jury, but Sauro rejected claims he caused the damage with an extendo-bat when he ran up to the vehicle at the stop light.

At one point, Orr implied Wirag would be testifying during the trial.

The trial continues.

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