

No further jail time for man convicted in after-party stabbing

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A Newmarket judge has deemed a 21-year-old's time already served as having been plenty, after he was found guilty of stabbing an acquaintance with a machete after he allegedly "glassed" the man's brother.

Tyler Wirag was handed a sentence of time served last week, including the 12-month pre-sentence custody time served for aggravated assault.

For this he was handed 24-months credit.

Wirag, from Musselman's Lake, was found guilty of a brutal attack on Stouffville hockey player Kyle Sauro, who was left with parts of his organs sticking out of his stomach, resulting in a huge scar on his torso and lasting medical problems.

2013 GORMLEY HOUSE PARTY

The incident began while the pair attended a house party in Gormley with hundreds of young people in August 2013.

During the party Sauro heard Wirag had spat on one of his female friends.

After propositioning a fight between the pair, Sauro was told to avoid Wirag as he had a knife.

Sauro backed off, but then heard his younger brother Kameron was glassed in the face by Wirag, causing a huge gash.

On the way to hospital or home, the car carrying Sauro and his brother Kameron came across the car carrying Wirag.

The two vehicles became embroiled in a car chase involving speeds of well over 100 km/h on Stouffville's Main Street, before arriving at the home where Wirag was living.

Sauro said at this point Wirag and two other men exited the home armed with machetes, pellet guns and an extend-o-bat, a device that resembles a police baton.

Sauro then recalls running away before being stabbed. As he lay on the floor, he further recalled perhaps the trial's most frightening memory — Wirag calmly walked towards him with the machetes drawn.

WEAPONS BAN

Sauro's friends pulled up at that moment and hit Wirag with their car, ending the alleged attack.

Although the machete sheath was found, the weapons were never located by police.

Wirag has also been given a 10-year weapons ban and one year probation for breach of recognizance. The sentence puts to rest an ugly chapter in Whitchurch-Stouffville's largely peaceful history.

Sauro's father, Darryl Sauro, would not comment when contacted by The Sun-Tribune.



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GETTING WILD

Forest education specialist Aileen Barclay lets Julia Rubino get a hands-on lesson in woodland animals during an Earth Day Celebration with Clean Air Champion Donna Vakalis and the Regional Municipality of York at the Bill Fisch Forest Stewardship and Education Centre in the regional forest north of Ballantrae Friday. Grade 5 students from Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School in Aurora learned the importance of protecting our environment

Permit parking favoured by council

BY ALI RAZA
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Finding a place to park in Stouffville is about to get easier.

Town council approved the final report on the on-street residential and commercial parking study at a meeting last week.

The study focused on major areas of concern: signage and "wayfinding", lack of a parking permit program, customer service practices and protocols to educate residents, and providing consistent parking enforcement.

The study provides recommendations on how to address the above issues.

Now that it's approved, the town can

implement several short-term and long-term solutions to parking issues.

"The two short-term priorities identified and marked by council are signage/wayfinding and the implementation of a permit parking program," said project lead and customer services manager Tamara Carlson.

Staff will report back to council with short-term solutions by the end of May.

Skate club's grant request denied, referred to events' committee

Council decided at a meeting April 19 to deny the grant request of \$2,000 from

the Stouffville Skating Club to support its Ice Show on May 6 and 7.

Instead, Councillor Rick Upton suggested offering a \$500 grant to offset costs of renting Stouffville Arena during the show dates.

A deduction from the fee could not be made but a grant to curb the costs is possible. The club is billed for their usage 30 days after each rental.

Councillor Ken Ferdinands suggested it was best to refer the matter to the municipality's special events advisory committee after member Anand Date spoke to council regarding the matter.

Council agreed and the matter was passed to the committee.

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