

# use hastened death of man's mother, Ont. court rules

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Ontario man who admitted  
killed his dog better than his ail-  
mother was convicted of  
laughter Wednesday, even  
his actions didn't directly  
her death — setting a legal first  
elder abuse case.

Justice Edward Then found Donald  
worthy of Scarborough guilty of  
"significantly contributing" to the  
death of his 78-year-old mother, Mary,  
two years ago.

Donald suffered from Alzheimer's and  
congestive heart failure.

In most cases, a manslaughter con-  
viction hinges on a person directly  
causing someone's death.

Donald then agreed with a pathologist  
who testified Noseworthy's regular  
arguments on the woman, along with  
malnutrition, "accelerated" her  
death.

"Accelerating death is a manner of  
contributing to death," Then said.

A reasonable person would have  
caused no bodily harm in striking Mrs.  
Noseworthy ... it precipitated, accel-  
erated or exacerbated the diseases  
leading to her death."

Noseworthy, 55, pleaded guilty to  
contributing to the necessities of life  
of his mother, who died July 14, 2005.

Crown prosecutor Rosemarie  
Lukovic pushed to have the man  
convicted of the more serious  
murder charge after a police  
investigation revealed Noseworthy  
didn't call 911 in the last days of his  
mother's life, fearing he'd be charged  
with elder abuse inflicted on the inconti-  
nence woman.

Noseworthy told police he slapped  
his mother, didn't feed her  
for several days and gave her little water.  
Toronto police officer Joel Kuli-  
ski said outside court Wednesday  
that Noseworthy treated his dog bet-  
ter than his own mother.

Donald had an elderly dog in the base-  
ment that he admitted to us he fed, he  
watered the water regularly," Kuli-  
ski said.

However, he allowed his mother  
to starve in squalor."

Noseworthy will be back in court  
on March 2 for sentencing.

The maximum sentence for  
murder is 25 years in prison.

Post News Service, with files from  
The Canadian Press

## CANADA DIGEST

### Bizarre scheme to hide from police

**KITCHENER, ONT.** / A man who missed a date in a Cam-  
bridge, Ont., courtroom last November went to great  
lengths to hide from the law, court heard Wednesday.

Barry Kirkpatrick, who was to plead guilty to driving  
while disqualified, decided to elude the police by digging  
a tunnel under the cement floor of his basement.

Kirkpatrick's bizarre scheme actually worked for a  
while, his lawyer, Tom Brock, said after his client pleaded  
guilty to the charge on Wednesday.

Police were in Kirkpatrick's home in Kitchener several  
times and couldn't find him. He was hunkered down in a  
dirt room under his basement. A dresser screwed to the  
floor covered the hole in the floor. Kirkpatrick unscrewed  
it from inside his tunnel to get out. An air supply and elec-  
tricity had been routed to his makeshift room.

"He simply wanted to conceal his whereabouts and  
elude detection and arrest on his charges," Brock said.

Asked why Kirkpatrick didn't just move to another city,  
Brock said his client didn't want to be far from his large  
family and his drug supply. Instead, "he commenced the  
excavation," Brock said outside court.

### Copper thieves cost company millions

**VANCOUVER** / Thieves raiding B.C. Hydro installations last  
year — three of whom died and one who was badly in-  
jured — cost the Crown corporation millions, an official  
said Wednesday.

Now, the company is fighting back and implementing  
measures to deter thefts of copper wire and equipment,  
such as spraying items with microdots so items can be  
traced, said Elisha Moreno.

High copper prices are driving the rash of thefts, which  
police believe are mostly being done by drug addicts.

Pure copper wire might become a thing of the past as  
the utility has begun using copper weld — a mixture of  
copper and steel which is just as conductive but worth  
only pennies a pound and not worth stealing.

### Sex may have sunk B.C. ferry

**TORONTO** / The federal Transportation Safety Board says  
it looked into whether sex was taking place on the bridge  
of the B.C. ferry Queen of the North when it sank last  
year.

A board spokesman tells the *Toronto Star* that scenario  
was part of its investigation.

A B.C. Ferries spokesperson acknowledges there has  
been speculation about sex playing a role in the sinking,  
but wouldn't comment further.

A draft report on the sinking — in which two of the 101  
passengers are missing and presumed dead — is to be de-  
livered to the board within days.

The draft report goes next to interested parties for com-  
ment and a final report is expected in three to six months.

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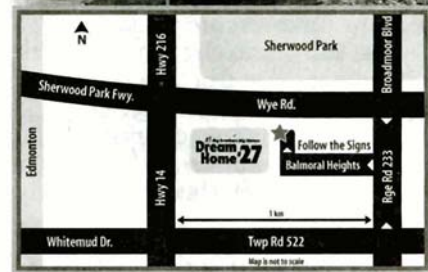
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