

# Campbellton Provincial Court snippets

## GUILTY FOLLOWING YOUTH CHASE

On Oct. 18, Campbellton Youth Court Judge Steven Hutchinson spent the better part of a half an hour reading his decision before declaring a McKendrick boy guilty of dangerous driving and failure to stop for police following a chase in the village last year.

The youth, who cannot be named, was clearly identified by one of the officers who was chasing him on Aug. 15, 2009 on a clear summer evening. The chase, which saw the boys GMC Tracker reaching speeds over 140kph, lasted about 5km but was called off when he continued into Balmoral.

The boy was arrested and charged soon after.

The two officers involved in the chase gave the same testimony during the trial while the boy testified he was with a friend that night and his Tracker never left the yard.

The boy is no stranger to police and will be back in court Nov. 30 for a sentencing hearing following the preparation of a predisposition report.

## PICOT TO TRIAL IN JANUARY

An agent acting on behalf of Charles Picot's lawyer was in court last week to set a date for Picot's trial on the most recent sexual assault charge the former Dalhousie priest faces.

The incident dates back close to 40 years while Picot was a priest at the St. Jean Baptiste Church in the town.

He will be in court on Jan. 25 and 26, 2011 for his trial.

## CURFEW FOR FIGHTING MOM

Fighting her mother after spending the night in the drunk tank landed a 17-year-old Campbellton girl on court last week.

The girl, who cannot be named, had

pleaded guilty earlier this year to assaulting her mother July 6. On July 5, the girl was arrested by the Campbellton RCMP and spent the night in jail for being drunk in her back yard. When she got home the next day, she and her mother got into an argument that soon turned physical.

She spent a month undergoing an assessment in Miramichi following the incident and was in court Oct. 15 for sentencing.

Judge Steven Hutchinson sentenced her to a 12-month term of probation with a 10 p.m. curfew on school nights and 11 p.m. curfew on non-school nights.

## GUILTY PLEA FOR COKE POSSESSION

Trying to hide cocaine after being in a car accident will cost a St. Quentin woman in the pocketbook.

Rosaline Godin appeared in Campbellton court Oct. 15 where Judge Steven Hutchinson handed her two fines totalling \$690 for having cocaine and marijuana on her this past summer when the vehicle in which she was travelling was in an accident.

Originally she was charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking after the bag in which 32g of white substance turned out to be creatine with some cocaine residue. She also had 4g of marijuana.

She pleaded guilty to possession and was fined \$230 for the marijuana and \$460 for the cocaine.

## HOUSE ARREST FOR COKE

Thirty-year-old Eric Thibault of Dalhousie avoided another trip to jail on drug charges after being sentenced in court Oct. 15.

He pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine (two bags of 3.5g each) and

to breaching a probation order after charges were laid following an investigation April 28. Court details show he had served jail time for having cocaine less than two years ago.

Judge Steven Hutchinson put him on six months house arrest followed by three months curfew so that Thibault could continue to attend college.

As well, he ordered Thibault to perform 40 hours of community service, fined him \$200 and put him on 18 months probation.

## APPEARS FOLLOWING MALTAIS INCIDENT

Gerald Theriault of Maltais was arrested Oct. 18 and appeared in court the next day on a pair of charges stemming from an incident in the community earlier this week.

He was released on an undertaking (including a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew) and will appear in court on Nov. 1 to set a date for a preliminary inquiry.

He pleaded not guilty to obstruction and breach of probation and elected trial by judge alone in Queens Bench.

## SENTENCING HELD OVER PENDING TESTIMONY

A Campbellton man who was to be sentenced for breaching probation Oct. 19 had the hearing postponed after arguing the facts of the case.

Pierre LeBlanc told the court that his probation officer had visited his home and argued that the charge wasn't valid. He said that he never missed an appointment with her, even though he pleaded guilty to breaching the order.

Judge Steven Hutchinson adjourned the sentencing until Nov. 10 so the probation officer who LeBlanc claims visited his home could come and testify.