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## Two are arrested after second bold robbery in **Eganville in two weeks**



Jennifer Louise Horne of Dartmouth, N.S. is led into the Killaloe detachment by Sgt. Mark Mackisoc and Constables Jordan Bullis, left, and Phil Regamey. She was one of two people arrested following an armed robbery at Conway's Pharmacy early Saturday afternoon.

#### **Couple arrested near Renfrew 31** minutes after pharmacy is robbed

By Gerald Tracey News Editor

**Eganville** -- Fast and efficient work by Ontario Provincial Police officers coupled with excellent descriptions provided by staff working at Conway's Pharmacy Saturday afternoon resulted in the quick apprehension of two individuals following the second armed hold-up in the village in as many weeks.

Police said a male carrying a knife entered the pharmacy at about 1 o'clock and demanded narcotics. A female accomplice remained in the vehicle which pharmacy staff had observed from one of the store windows prior to the male entering the store. Staff were able to provide police with such an accurate description of the suspects and the get-away car that a video wouldn't have been any better, Sgt. Mark Mackisoc said.

'The staff did an absolutely fantastic job," he said. "If we had had video to look at I don't think we would have extracted a better description of the people or the vehicle by looking at the video ourselves."

Sgt. Mackisoc and three constables initially responded to the call from the detachment at Killaloe. They had finished lunch a short time before the call came in and had returned to the office to catch up on paper work after dealing with a couple of incidents in Barry's Bay and area through the night and into the early morning.

While enroute to Eganville, Sgt. Mackisoc communicated with Renfrew and Upper Ottawa Valley OPP officers and arranged for road blocks to be established in strategic locations and to observe for the suspect vehicle. Approximately 20 minutes later the

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suspect car was spotted by Renfrew/ Amprior OPP Sgt. Garry Doherty as he was driving west on Hwy. 60 to Douglas to set up a road block. Within minutes, he had back up from another officer, the suspect car was stopped on Hwy. 60 near Butler Road, a few kms west of Renfrew, and two people were taken into custody. The female was driving the car.

"It worked out really well," Sgt. Mackisoc said. "It was nice."

Roadblocks were also set up quickly on Hwy. 41 at Bulger Road (Lake Dore) and at Kelly's Corner (Hwy. 60 and County Road 8). It is believed the robbers used the Fourth Chute Road as their get-away route to Hwy. 60 at Douglas. Killaloe officers also did a quick sweep of rural roads west of

Charged with armed robbery, possession of a weapon dangerous to public peace, theft and possession of a controlled substance is Dwayne Anthony Yeates, 31, of Dartmouth, N.S.

Charged with armed robbery, theft and possession of a controlled substance is Jennifer Louise Horne, 28, also of Dartmouth.

The two were in custody about 31 minutes after police were notified. Both suspects appeared before a Justice of the Peace via video for a bail hearing on Sunday and were remanded in custody until they made an appearance in the Ontario Court of Justice in Pembroke Monday. They remain in custody at the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre. There was also the possibility of further charges being laid stemming from incidents in other jurisdictions.

Sgt. Mackisoc said it was quite clear following interviews the pharmacy

was not targeted, but rather the couple was passing through the area and simply wanted drugs.

"Unfortunately for us they just happened to stop in Eganville," he said. "Or maybe unfortunately for them." It is not known where the two were heading, but it is believed they were travelling from Nova Scotia west.

Sgt. Mackisoc praised the pharmacy staff for remaining calm throughout the ordeal and doing everything right. He said all of the officers responding to the call also did a great job.

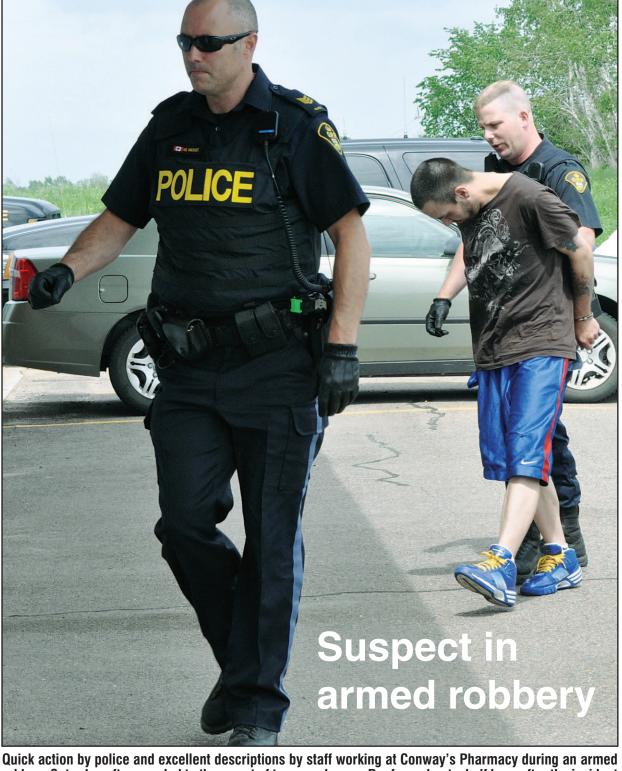
"It certainly paid off," he said. A small crowd of people gathered in the vacant parking lot across the street from the pharmacy watching officers carry out their duties and when it became known two suspects were in custody, the officers were thanked for their efforts with an appreciative round of applause.

Pharmacy owner Joe Conway, who marks 30 years in business in Eganville this month, was very appreciative of his staff for remaining calm and alert during the incident and providing in-depth descriptions to police. Mr. Conway was also grateful to police for their speed and professionalism in responding and bringing the matter to a quick conclusion.

Mr. Conway said Killaloe Community Services Officer Const. Darcy Nicol met with pharmacy staff a few years ago following a similar type of incident elsewhere in the county.

"She did a staff session on how to respond to the type of incident that occurred Saturday and the staff knew exactly what to look for," he said. "I have to thank Const. Nicol as well for having given us that heads up."

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robbery Saturday afternoon led to the arrest of two people near Renfrew about a half hour after the incident occurred. Here, Sgt. Mark Mackisoc prepares to open the door to the detachment as Const. Trevor McInnes leads suspect Dwayne Anthony Yeates to lockup.

### Priest pleads guilty to molesting five boys

By Debbi Christinck Staff Writer

**Pembroke** -- Father Dan Miller pled guilty in court Monday afternoon to five counts of sexually molesting boys in incidents that date back 35 to 44

years ago. The victims, who ranged in age from nine to 13, were fondled by the priest and many of the assaults occurred while they were visiting the priest and sleeping in the home of Father

Miller's mother in Renfrew. The tall thin priest, wearing a gray shirt and not sporting a clerical collar, looked around the courtroom during the afternoon and nodded to those present. He was accompanied by Msgr. Douglas Bridge of the Pembroke Diocese. Father Miller did not speak during the proceedings, only

entering a guilty plea on five counts. During the court session, it was revealed the Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke knew in 1997 Father Miller had admitted molesting a boy when he was 10 years old. That incident occurred in the 1970s, and the victim

only told his mother about it as an adult. The mother of the victim then confronted the priest, who admitted what he had done. She then went to meet with the bishop and was offered counselling and a promise Father Miller would no longer be performing mass or be near children. As part of the counselling process, she asked Father Miller to write a letter of apology, which he did in 1999.

Father Miller was charged in early 2012 with gross indecency and indecent assault against a male following a police investigation. He was arrested in late February 2012. By the time the court proceedings began there were 12 charges against him in relation to six victims. Father Miller pled guilty to five charges associated with molesting five young boys.

Crown Attorney Jason Nicol said the Crown decided not to proceed with the charges from the sixth complainant. The other charges will most likely be withdrawn in September when the sentencing hearing for Father Miller begins, Mr. Nicol said.

Father Miller was ordained in 1969 and the incidents occurred between 1969 and 1980. There is a publication

ban on the name of the victims. According to the statement of facts presented by the Crown, the first victim is now 57 and his assault occurred when he was between 10 and 13. At that time, Father Miller was an assistant priest at St. James the Less in Eganville. According to the statement entered by Mr. Nicol into the court record, Father Miller picked the young man up on a Saturday night and took him to the rectory before mass at the church at Pikwakanagan First Nation at Golden Lake. The priest and the boy went to bed in the rectory when the priest asked the boy, "do you want to try something that will feel good?" Father Miller then proceeded to pull down the boy's underwear and began to fondle his genitals. The priest also pulled down his own underwear and asked the boy to touch him. The boy touched him once and became nervous and the priest stopped fondling him. See Page 4







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### Priest will return to court for sentencing in September

Second Victim From Deep River

The second victim, now 55, was abused when he was an altar boy in Deep River. He was between 11 and 12 at the time. The statement said his parents were very involved in the church and Father Miller would visit the family residence. Since the family was not well-to-do, the priest would invite the boy to movies. Once, after a movie trip to Ottawa, they stopped to spend the night at Father Miller's mother's home in Renfrew. They slept in the same bed and while the boy was in bed, Father Miller began running his hands on the boy's stomach. He then pulled down the boy's underwear and felt his penis. The abuse went on for 15 minutes. This abuse occurred more than three times, but

victim believed he was the only one until he heard about the charges against Father Miller last year.

Third Victim

The third victim, now 52, was also abused when he was a boy in Deep River and Father Miller was at our Lady of Good Counsel. The boy was nine years old when Father Miller molested him. The boy had gone to Renfrew with Father Miller and was in bed at the home of Father Miller's mother. The priest began by asking him if he was ticklish and tickling him, eventually putting his hands to the boys genitals. According to the statement, the boy became catatonic at this point and Father Miller never asked him to touch him. However, the statement said Miller did tell him

less than seven times according to the court record. The he would get into a lot of trouble if he ever told anyone. Fourth Victim

The fourth victim is now 45 and the incidents accourred when he was 10 years old and Father Miller was a priest at St. John Chrystostom in Arnprior. The boy's mother was receiving counselling from the priest and the priest would take the young boy on outings, including the fair in Renfrew and skiing in Calabogie. One time, when they went to Renfrew they spent the night at the home of the priest's mother. When he woke in the morning, the court record heard the priest had his hands over the boy's penis. The victim asked him to put his hand away. At this point, they were called down for breakfast. When the priest dropped the boy off at home, he told him, "some people do bad things and people who do bad things go to hell."

This victim continued to have dealings with Father Miller, who bought him his first legal beer when the young man turned 19. Eventually, the victim had serious substance abuse problems and tried to commit suicide in 2010. When he saw a media report about the charges against the priest, he came forward to police.

Fifth Victim

The fifth victim is now 49 and the abuse occurred when he was in Grade 5 and was about 10 years old. The abuse occurred in Renfrew at the home of the priest's mother. The priest began by drawing on the boy's back and then moving to draw on his chest. He put his hands down into the boy's underwear and asked if he knew what his testicles were. The boy told him they were his balls. The priest then asked the boy to draw on his stomach and go lower, but the boy refuted. When he was a young man in the 1990s, he refused to get married in the Catholic Church and eventually told his mother about the abuse.

She would confront the priest, slap him and go on to speak to the bishop about the matter. He would later contact the

OPP about the abuse. Sylvia MacEachern, whose blog site www.theinquiry. ca deals with the trials of priests accused of sexually molesting children, said the atmosphere in the courtroom on Monday was highly unusual for a case of this nature.

courtroom and hallway and smiling, which is unusual, she noted. Most priests accused of a crime of this nature, or who have pled guilty, avoid eye contact with the public.

Father Miller kept locking eyes with people in the

"He watched people coming and going and would nod and smile," she said.

Keeping the profile of these cases high is important to "I just believe a priest sexually abusing a child has to be

the most abhorrent crime on earth," she said. "It breaks my heart what these victims go through."

After watching the proceedings on several trials, she is also disappointed in how the justice system responds to a finding of guilt, she said.

"We have a judiciary who are soft on child abuse," she said. "I get tired of hearing this is an abhorrent crime and then they get house arrest for it."

A practicing Catholic, she has not let the actions of a few men hinder her in her faith. Rather she hopes by making these stories public, more victims will have the courage

"It is educating the public so people are aware," she said. "It is confronting the men who do this."

The sentencing hearing for Father Miller will be held in Pembroke on September 17. Father Miller remains free until the sentencing hearing.



Courthouse on Monday afternoon. Father Miller pled guilty to five counts of sexual misconduct with pre-teen and early teen boys. Photo courtesy Sylvia MacEachern.



Courthouse. Father Miller, who pled guilty to molesting five boys, will return to court in September for a sentencing hearing. Photo courtesy Sylvia MacEachern

#### Catholic board announces changes, locally, St. James will have a new principal

Eganville -- The first District School Board and principal and .5 principal will continue on as a .5 changes in administraelementary schools were School in Eganville.

there will be a change of at St. James, will transfer tive positions in Catholic command at St. James to her home school com-

munity of St. Casimir's in of Douglas, who has been

system principal. Maureen McHale-Enright

(GVS) in Combermere, has been named the new principal of GVS.

Jody Weller, who is currently principal at St. Joseph's in Calabogie, will assume the position at St.

In other changes, Scott Nichol, vice-principal at

Our Lady of Sorrows in Petawawa, has been named interim principal for Holy Name in Pembroke, and announced last week by the Renfrew County Catholic chat, who was a .5 system Renfrew County Cath thony's in Chalk River, becomes a .5 system principal and remains a .5 principal at Chalk River.

The board will announce a new principal for Calabogie, a .5 principal for Chalk River and an acting principal for Petawawa at a later



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