

Suspect faces 17 charges

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Murder suspect Donald Eric Armstrong, 25, attended by two Peel police officers and handcuffed behind the back, was led into county courtroom number two on Highway 10 Friday.

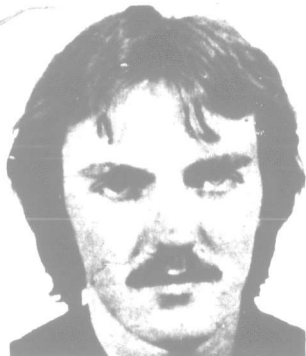
Dressed in a checked shirt, faded blue jeans and blue suede track shoes, the brown-haired, auburn-bearded young man walked to the prisoner's box.

The Halifax native faces 17 charges including two murder charges and one for attempted murder.

Armstrong is charged with second-degree murder in connection with the stabbing death of 27-year-old Glenna Fox at the Bramalea City Centre parking lot in 1977.

He is also charged with first degree murder in the death of 16-year-old Linda Bright. Her body was found 40 kilometres away from the Kingston shopping mall where she was last seen in March, 1978.

Armstrong is also charged with attempted murder in the stabbing of



Donald Armstrong

Rita Bayer, 41, at Square One shopping centre in 1977. He is also wanted on a Canada-wide warrant in the forcible confinement of a woman in a Winnipeg parking lot in 1977.

Armstrong's current home is the Metro West Detention Centre in Etobicoke where he was taken after being arrested on his way out of the Brampton Detention Centre, March 28 by Peel Police Inspector Jim Wingate.

Youth, 16, receives a 'show of mercy'

In what he described as an unusual show of clemency, Judge John Ord granted a second discharge to a 16-year-old Streetsville youth who pleaded guilty to the possession of three stolen simulated mag wheels valued at about \$200.

Kevin Denny of Joseph Street was charged by police June 6 with possession of stolen goods. By

that date, the wheel rims had been returned to their owner by a youth who had noticed them on Denny's car. Denny willingly removed the rims.

Denny was charged and convicted of possession of about two grams of marijuana shortly before the theft charge. He received an absolute discharge on the drug charge.

Judge Ord handed Denny a conditional discharge. Denny is subject to one-year probation and an order to not drive his car for six months.

"You can count on the fingers of one hand the number of times I've given a second discharge (when two offences were committed so close together)," Judge Ord said.

Judge discharges attacker

A man who hit another man with a shovel and a brick received an absolute discharge in provincial court Monday.

James Fleming, 33, an attendant for Halton-Peel Ambulance, discovered his girlfriend lying in her driveway on Cliff Road with her nose broken.

When Fleming found the man who had hit her a fight started and Fleming hit him in the right leg with a shovel and in the left arm with a brick.

Fleming pleaded guilty to common assault. Judge Kenneth Langdon ruled in Fleming's favor after hearing of Fleming's four years as a police officer.



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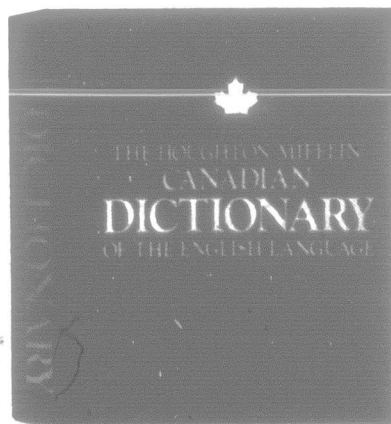
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