



Leaving Port Credit courtroom, John Graham, accused of the murder of Karen Madigan, was escorted to patrol car by Det. Sgt. William Brooks, who made the arrest Friday, and Det. Paul Harrison. Graham was remanded for a week.

Strangling suspect is remanded week

PORT CREDIT — An outwardly-calm John Graham appeared in court here Monday just long enough to be remanded one week and have a brief meeting with his parents and 19-year-old wife.

Then the 17-year-old suspect in the Jan. 5 strangling death of Karen Madigan, also 17, was whisked back to the cell in Peel County Jail in Brampton where he has been held since his arrest last Friday.

Graham has no counsel, and no plea was taken in his appearance before Magistrate John Orde.

Det. Sgt. William Brooks, who arrested Graham late Friday afternoon, and Det. Paul Harrison escorted Graham into the Port Credit cells.

"Graham covered his head with his jacket to prevent photographers from taking his picture, and one bystander angrily demanded 'Are you proud of yourself? I hope you're satisfied. I hope your son is in a similar position some day.'"

He was allowed only a short meeting with his family. Then Sgt. Brooks and Inspector Peter Sedwatski of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch took him upstairs to be interviewed before returning him to Brampton.

Graham's wife, Vera, and his mother, Mrs. Graham, have steadfastly maintained their faith in his innocence.

His father has declined comment.

"I do not want to say anything that could jeopardize his case," Mr. Graham told The News Saturday.

Graham, wearing a leather jacket and white shirt, said nothing to reporters and photographers who milled around him as he left the building. He buried his head in his chest and turned his head as photographers tried to take his picture.

In his short appearance in court the youth said nothing. Crown attorney Eugene Gerhart's suggestion that Graham's case be heard first to clear the crowded courtroom was accepted by Magistrate Orde. Graham said nothing to his wife or parents as he was ushered in and out of the room which Port Credit uses for Magistrate's Court.

After his appearance in court Graham was escorted back to his cell where he met his wife and parents for the first time since his arrest. Mrs. Graham was allowed to visit her son for ten minutes Saturday.

The boy's relatives left

by a side door so they would avoid the half dozen members of the press who were waiting for Graham out front. Shortly after Inspector Sedwatski arrived and Graham was led upstairs for an interview.

As Sergeant Brooks led him up the stairs Graham again put his head under his jacket to avoid having his picture taken. At 12:10 p.m. he was escorted out of the building and taken to Brampton.

Mr. Gerhart told the News on Monday night that it would be at least September before Graham would come to trial if he is held over. "The spring assize is already filled up," said Mr. Gerhart. "It will be September or later before he could come to trial."

Mr. Gerhart says that he and defence counsel when one is obtained will decide when to request a preliminary hearing. Up to press time Graham had not yet found counsel though legal aid officials and a Toronto newspaper where helping him find one.

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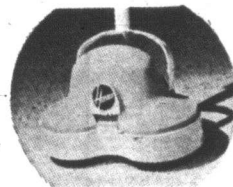
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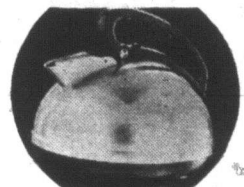


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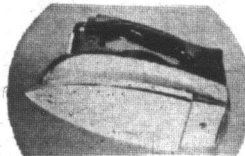


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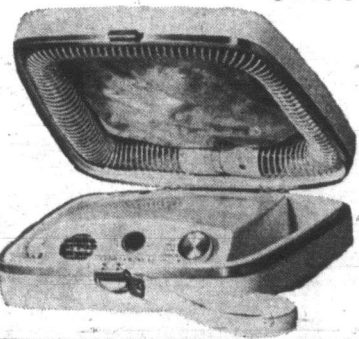


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