

Mock Bail Hearing Scenario

Crown Brief Synopsis-Arrest brief

On Friday January 12th 2007, at 16:05 hours, OPP-Rockland was dispatched to L'Ecole secondaire Julie-Payette, in the City of Clarence- Rockland, with regards to an assault and threat complaint.

Upon arrival at the school, police officers spoke with the school principal, Robert Degranbois. He indicated that at 15:30 hours, a student reported that he had observed a male student push hard another female student in the lockers area and gestured thereafter to her that he was going to shoot her.

School principal Degranbois, advised that he believe the female to be Sandra Picard (17 years old) a grade 12 student. Degranbois spoke with her. She indicated to him that it was all a misunderstanding, stating the push was accidental. Further he provided names of student who would have observed the incident.

Police later that afternoon interviewed Picard. She was visibly upset and fearful. She advised that she had in been in a relationship with her then boyfriend, Mitch Paradis (17 years old) also a grade 12 student for approximately 8 months. She terminated the relationship just before the holidays. She indicated, nothing happened and that it was a "big misunderstanding". She refused to provide a statement or sign the Officers' notebook. She was explained the importance of a safety plan, the need to report to police any further difficulties and the fact police would continue the investigation.

Police interviewed Robert Lachance (15 years old) and Sabine Verbier (14 years old). They were both adamant, that Paradis following a heated argument, pushed hard Picard in the lockers, walked away and then gestured with his hand as if he was going to shoot her.

At 18: 40 hours, Police attended the residence of Mitch Paradis, 1717 Burton Street, Bourget, where they spoke with a parent (mother). Paradis was placed under arrest for assault and uttering threats. Rights to counsel/ parent and Caution were given in language appropriate for Young person. Paradis was transported to OPP- Rockland detachment for processing.

At OPP detachment, both parents were present. Young person spoke in private to Duty counsel. He refused to provide a statement.

At 19: 10 hours, Paradis was released in the custody of his parents, on a promise to appear with an Undertaking given to an Officer in Charge, with several conditions, namely no-contact/attendance at Picard's residence or place of work.

Supplementary report- Breach and Harassment charges.

On January 13th 2007, at 08:30 hours, OPP Rockland, received a complaint in relation to breach of condition and harassment allegation involving Young Person- Mitch Paradis.

Investigation revealed that Paradis, after being released on January 12th 2007, attended at a teen dance at the Bourget arena. During the course of the evening he would have made several

comments in relation to his ex-girlfriend, Sandra Picard, blaming her for his situation and for charging him. Paradis would have been observed by witnesses consuming alcoholic beverages in the vicinity of the arena's parking lot.

At approximately 20:00 hours, Paradis attended, in his father blue pick up truck, the residence of Joe Poirier. The complainant, Sandra Picard was babysitting at that residence and was alone with 2 small children. The Young person would have sit in the truck in front of the house for approximately 10 minutes. He would stepped out, attended the box of truck as if he was searching for something. The Young person then proceeded to attend and pounded on front door, asking to be let in. The complainant didn't respond and pretended that no one was home. She observed, by the side window adjacent to door that Paradis appeared to have something in his hands but couldn't make out what it was. The young person said before leaving "This is not over. It will be me or you, or both of us". The complainant indicated that she didn't report this to police, as she feared Paradis would in more trouble, which would make him more upset and angry. Further, she was concerned that if Mr. Poirier learned about the incident she would lose her babysitting job and lose money, she is saving for school trip in Europe this spring.

At 03:30 hours, Young person Paradis, would have then proceeded to call, from his home (on 4 occasions), the residence of the complainant Picard. The first two calls were hang up calls. The complainant recognized however the phone number on her phone call display. The third call, the Picards let the phone ring and the Young person left a message on the answering machine. Shortly thereafter the Young person phone a 4th time. The complainant's father answered and warned the Young Person not to call again as he was breaching his court order. The Young person insisted to speak to his daughter or else-something bad would happen. The complainant later retrieved the phone message and made copy of it. It was seized and stored in the exhibit room at OPP detachment. Statements were taken from Pierre Picard and Sandra Picard.

At 09:45 hours police attended 1717 Burton Street Bourget, residence of Young Person. He was observed outside his residence shovelling snow. Young person's father was also outside. Police explained to father and Paradis, reasons for Police presence. Paradis was informed that he was being arrested for breach of the no-contact conditions in Officer in Charge's Undertaking, uttering threats, as well as criminal harassment. Father, immediately said that the complainant was a liar, as far as he knew his son spent the night in the basement watching movies.

The Young person was transported to the OPP detachment and was lodged in the office cells pending a bail hearing.