

■ GRAVE



Thief was caught in the act by a hidden gravesite camera.

Thefts take toll on kin still grieving

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Medeiros turned the video over to police and filed a report on the theft. She estimates it's the 16th time her mom's grave has been stripped bare.

"It's obviously personal," she said. "We have a large family. Originally I wanted to put it on Facebook to show all the family members to see if anybody knew her."

The video had been shared more than 20,000 times by Friday evening and prompted someone to leave a pot of pink mums at the grave, which Medeiros planted.

It was a small act of kindness after months of indignities for the large family Allerston left behind. She had eight children, 13 grandchildren and more than 20 great-grandkids.

"Everyone loved her, my goodness," Medeiros said.

The thefts started shortly after Allerston was buried at St. Peter's.

First, mementoes and knick-knacks carefully placed on the grave by family members went missing.

Then it was handmade wooden plaques. The family would put them on the grave only to return and find them gone.

Medeiros chalked it up to St. Peter's being an open cemetery, and figured people saw things they liked and took them.

Then the family started planting flowers in June.

The result was the same: gorgeous flowers, planted in memory of her mother, ripped from the earth by an unknown thief.

"I'm talking planted in the ground," Medeiros said.

Officials at St. Peter's Cemetery couldn't be reached for comment.

London police are asking for the public's help to find the suspect, described as a slim woman in her 20s, about five feet five inches tall with dyed blond hair and dark roots.

"I would say it's unusual for one grave site to be targeted," Const. Alanna Hollywood said.

Medeiros said the thefts are taking a toll on her and her family.

"I need time to grieve."

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Miranda Bothwell, organizer of a paramedic training camp in London, watches Friday as 17-year-olds Adam Thomas and Rebecca Vandermeiden ventilate a dummy. The one-week course teaches high school students who are interested in becoming paramedics the importance of subjects such as biology, physics, calculus and chemistry, and the students leave with a first-aid certificate, CPR and defibrillator training. Thomas said the course "really opens your eyes. You really see what you're getting into." Thirteen students attended the course, set up by Middlesex-London EMS. "We wanted a small intimate group where we could focus on skills," Bothwell said.

■ PAROLE BOARD: Jason Cofell killed a Chatham teen and his grandparents in 1991

Killer's deal riles family

VICKI GOUGH
Chatham Daily News

CHATHAM — Relatives of three people killed by Jason Cofell are furious to learn the convicted killer will be allowed to spend personal time outside his institution.

Cofell shot Jasen Pangburn, 18, and stabbed the boy's grandparents, Alfred and Virginia Critchley, in Chatham on Oct. 18, 1991.

After serving more than 20 years of a life sentence for first-degree murder convictions, the now 42-year-old offender was

recently granted six unescorted 72-hour temporary absences from the Beaver Creek Institution in Gravenhurst to be taken during the coming year.

"We had absolutely no idea about this (parole board decision)," wrote one of Alfred Critchley's eight daughters in an e-mail. "Knowing that this brutal murderer has such freedom is an insult to the memory of my father, stepmother and step nephew."

A grandson of the Critchley's said relatives feel left out of the parole hearing process and are

perplexed why that's happened.

"To say we're still shocked and hurt and grieving can be applied to all of us. . . the thought that he could possibly be out and walking the community is horrifying to us."

According to court documents, Cofell organized a teen gang and shot Pangburn in a field near his house because he thought he was a police informant. A short time later, the boy's grandparents were killed at the home when Cofell and a teen stole guns from the property.

■ policebrief

CALLER SCAMS WOMAN

OPP issued a phone scam reminder Friday after an area woman was tricked out of \$2,100 by a "smooth and convincing" con. Police said the woman was phoned by a man who said he was an RBC fraud investigator working with the RCMP and they'd found someone had compromised her credit card. The caller directed the victim to a web page that looked like her actual banking page with fake account details — a technique police called "phishing" or "brand spoofing." After that, the caller told the victim she'd be reimbursed but needed to transfer various amounts of money to complete the service.

■ IPPERWASH

Beach lot status still to be decided

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In 1938, the Ontario government bought the land to develop Ipperwash Provincial Park from people who'd acquired it from the federal government.

In 1942, the federal government used the War Measures Act to seize nearby native land and create a military base, Camp Ipperwash. A promise was made to return the land to its native owners after the war, which didn't happen.

On July 29, 1995, native protesters occupied Camp Ipperwash, and later that summer took possession of the adjacent provincial park, leading to the standoff that resulted in the Sept. 6 shooting death of George, 38.

Deane, then an acting OPP sergeant, was eventually convicted of criminal negligence causing death. He later resigned from the force and died at age 45 in a car crash in 2006.

The larger question, though, revolved around why police confronted unarmed protesters that day — and whether political pressure from Queen's Park played a role.

Much of the \$95-million settlement now being offered to the community is likely bound for a fund for community development projects, Marshall George said.

The proposal doesn't address neighbouring beach lots acquired by the Department of National Defence that were later sold to private interests, according to documents obtained by Postmedia. That is the subject of another land claim between Kettle & Stony Point and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

A spokesperson with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada said it was unable to meet a Friday deadline to provide information.

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.

Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and
- A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton)	Decrease of \$20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of \$26
All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.


ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



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