

Woman wants accessory charge quashed

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An Annapolis County woman accused of trying to help her former boyfriend escape justice after a homicide in Halifax in July 2019 wants a Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge to quash the charges against her.

Miranda Lynn Taylor, 22, of Deep Brook was arrested this summer and charged with being an accessory after the fact to murder in the shooting death of Triston Reece and two counts of intimidation of a justice system participant.

Reece, 19, was shot on Scot Street on the night of July 26, 2019, and died in hospital after midnight.

The alleged killer, Kaz Henry Cox, 41, of Halifax, was arrested last November at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Dartmouth, where he was in custody on other matters, and charged with first-degree murder.

Cox and Taylor were in a relationship. Police allege she committed the accessory and intimidation offences between July 26, 2019, and Feb. 1 of this year.

It's not clear what Taylor allegedly has done after the slaying to make herself

an accessory, but the vehicle police believe was used in the shooting was found burned in Berwick.

She is accused of attempting to impede the administration of justice by using violence or threats to provoke a state of fear in two people — Cox's estranged wife and one of his friends — who were interviewed by investigators.

But Taylor's lawyer, Sarah White, has filed an application in Supreme Court to have the charges thrown out. The application will be heard Jan. 19.

On Friday, meanwhile, Taylor and White appeared in Halifax provincial court to set dates for a preliminary

inquiry. Judge Gregory Lenehan scheduled the hearing for Oct. 27, 2021.

If the charges are still active, the preliminary inquiry will determine whether there is sufficient evidence to proceed to a jury trial in Supreme Court.

Taylor was in custody for about two weeks this summer before Supreme Court Justice Timothy Gabriel released her on a \$40,000 bail order with one surety — her mother — and strict conditions, including house arrest.

She's been ordered to have no contact with Cox, the alleged victims of the intimidation and 25 other potential Crown witnesses in the

murder case.

Cox parted ways with his lawyers last April and last word was self-represented. The Crown filed a preferred indictment in June to bypass a preliminary inquiry and send him directly to trial in Supreme Court. Dates for his jury trial have yet to set.

Cox is also charged in a brutal assault by a group of inmates at the Dartmouth jail last December. The 15 defendants face charges of attempted murder, conspiracy to commit murder, forcible confinement, aggravated assault, assault with a weapon and obstructing correctional officers.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Jail sentence 'excessive,' senior claims in filing

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A Halifax senior with previous convictions for animal cruelty is appealing the sentence she received in September in connection with a seizure of neglected and malnourished dogs in November 2016.

Gloria Adele Martell, 72, pleaded guilty in Halifax provincial court to Criminal Code charges of causing unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to the dogs and failing to provide the animals with adequate food, water and shelter.

One of the nine dogs removed by the Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was dead. Another had a broken leg that had to be amputated.

Judge Gregory Lenehan sentenced Martell to 10 months in jail, followed by three years' probation, imposed a lifetime ban on owning animals and ordered her to pay \$1,815 in restitution to the SPCA.

In a notice of summary-conviction appeal filed Oct. 30 in Nova Scotia Supreme Court, Martell claims the judge did not apply the proper sentencing principles, resulting in a punishment that was "excessive."

She is asking that a Supreme Court judge vary the sentence to allow her to serve her jail time in the community on a conditional sentence.

Martell appeared in Supreme Court in Halifax on Thursday via a video link from the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Dartmouth.

She told Justice Denise Boudreau she hopes to retain Joel Pink as her lawyer for the appeal.

A date for the appeal to be heard could be set when Martell appears in court again next week.

SPCA officers were called to an apartment building in Lakeside for an after-hours emergency Nov. 21, 2016. Officers found several dogs alive in a parked minivan, and another one dead inside a garbage bag.

One dog was tied to the front seat of the minivan while others were trapped in tiny carriers, unable to sit or stand, the SPCA said. There was an overpowering smell of ammonia and garbage.

Martell was arrested after an altercation with RCMP and SPCA officers. More dogs were then discovered in small crates at another location.

The SPCA took the animals to their Dartmouth shelter for immediate care. All eight dogs were rehabilitated and given new homes.

A necropsy determined the other dog died from severe emaciation, gastric

hemorrhaging, endo-parasitism and pressure sores.

Crown attorney Janine Kidd recommended a year in jail for Martell, who had convictions for animal cruelty in the United States, where she lived for 30 years under

assumed identities.

Defence lawyer Mark Bailey conceded custody was necessary but requested that his client be permitted to serve her time in the community. He said Martell did not pose a risk to society and real jail

time would be unduly harsh because of her age, poor physical health and mental health issues.

But Lenehan said Martell, regardless of her age or medical condition, had to be separated from society. "Whether

an animal lover or not, the members of this community would expect a person before this court for a third time for cruelty to animals, especially in a case in which a dog was starved to death, to spend time behind bars," he said.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Halifax Regional Municipality Notices will generally appear each Saturday in this section of the newspaper. Readers are still encouraged to look throughout the paper for information which might appear in a different section or on another day.

NOTICE OF

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR HALIFAX MAINLAND AND BEDFORD WITH HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Halifax and West Community Council and North West Community Council intend to consider and, if deemed advisable, approve the following application:

Case 22450 - Cresco Holdings Limited is requesting a substantive amendment to an existing development agreement to allow for the transfer of up to 162 persons (equivalent to 72 multiple unit dwelling units) from their allowable commercial population to their allowable residential population on lands on Hogan Court, Bedford.

A virtual joint public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. All oral and written submissions will be considered at that time. This meeting will occur in a virtual setting and attending in person is not possible. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, written submissions are welcomed and encouraged in advanced of the hearing itself. These submissions are distributed to all Councillors and considered at the time of their decision. Written submissions may be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk by e-mail: clerk@halifax.ca by fax: 902.490.4208; or by mail, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3A5. **Written submissions must be received by the Municipal Clerk's office as early as possible and not later than 3:00 p.m. on November 26, 2020.** Please allow sufficient time for delivery given slower than typical mail delivery times during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The virtual joint public hearing will be webcast and may be viewed online at <https://www.halifax.ca/city/hall/agendas-meetings-reports>.

For individuals seeking to speak at the hearing, **members of the public may contact the Municipal Clerk's office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 to be added to the speakers list to speak by telephone.** We encourage all residents who have any desire to speak at the meeting to ask to have their name added to the list.

Individuals who do not want to speak at a later time may ask to have their name removed from the speakers list. To be placed on the speakers list, individuals may:

- Send an email to clerk@halifax.ca or
- Call and leave a voicemail at 902.490.4210; or
- Send a fax to the clerk at 902.490.4208.

In your message, please include the meeting body (Halifax and West Community Council and North West Community Council), the planning Case number (22450) or civic address, in addition to your name, community of residence, email address, and telephone number. Should you have questions about the nature of the application itself, please contact Meaghan Maund directly at 902.233.0726 or maundm@halifax.ca.

Should you have questions about the process of the virtual joint public hearing, please contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at clerk@halifax.ca or 902.490.4210.

The staff report is available on-line at the following location: <https://www.halifax.ca/city/hall/agendas-meetings-reports>. If you have questions about how to access the staff report contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk clerk@halifax.ca or 902.490.4210.

Further details regarding the application can be found at the following location: www.halifax.ca/planning (scroll down to Case 22450). To arrange for paper copies of the staff report and application materials to be sent to you by mail, contact the Planner.

ACC KPC02310

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

REGIONAL MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGIES / COMMUNITY LAND USE BY-LAWS

TAKE NOTICE THAT Halifax Regional Council did, on September 1, 2020, adopt amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and all land use by-laws, with the exception of the Regional Centre Land Use By-law (Centre Plan Package A).

Case 21162 - HRM-Initiated application to amend the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and all land use by-laws, with the exception of the Regional Centre Land Use By-law (Centre Plan Package A), to allow secondary suites and backyard suites accessory to single-unit, two-unit or townhouse dwellings.

The planning documents have been reviewed by the Provincial Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations as per Section 223 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter. In accordance with Section 223 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, these amendments become effective as of the date of this notice.

The planning documents can be inspected on the HRM website, specifically Attachments A and B of the staff report dated June 2, 2020 at the following location: <https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/200901rc81.pdf>

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TAX RELIEF FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM 2021-2022

(ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2014-001-ADM)

This is a reminder that Halifax Regional Municipality's Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program is accepting applications for 2021-2022. Organizations applying for acceptance into the program (or the addition of another property) must submit a complete application on or before Monday, November 30, 2020. Applications for renewal of tax relief (organizations previously accepted into the program) are due no later than March 31, 2021 (post-marked). Late renewal applications may be pro-rated. The Tax Relief Program for Non-Profit Organizations application and renewal forms are available online at: www.halifax.ca/business/doing-business-halifax/tax-relief-non-profit or email nonprofittax@halifax.ca.

Act A811-6912

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

DARTMOUTH

TAKE NOTICE THAT Halifax Regional Council did, on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, adopt amendments to the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy.

Case 20756 - Application by ZZap Consulting Inc., on behalf of the property owner G2J Residential Holdings, to amend the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy to re-designate 246 Waverley Road and 2 and 4 Montebello Drive to the Waverley Road Mixed-Use Sub-designation. This change would allow for future consideration of a multiple unit dwelling by development agreement.

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The planning documents can be inspected at HRM Planning and Development, 40 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth, during regular business hours.

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PLEASE SEE SECTION 158 - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SATURDAY'S PAPER AND SECTION 258 - TENDERS IN CLASSIFIEDS FOR ALL TENDERS AND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS ADVERTISEMENTS IN SATURDAY AND WEDNESDAY'S EDITIONS

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