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Two plead guilty in violent robbery of elderly man

SHERBROOKE

The two Sherbrooke men accused of assaulting an elderly man as he came from a bank machine on Bowen St. last month pleaded guilty in a Sherbrooke courtroom last week and one, Hans Pouliot-Morissette was sentenced to 42 months imprisonment, minus the 17 days already served. The other, Yannick Desgagné, will be sentenced on May 26, following the receipt of a psychiatric evaluation.

The two men, both 25, attacked an 83 year-old man in broad daylight as he emerged from the ATM on Bowen Street. They had identified the victim as having withdrawn a large amount of cash. When the man came onto the street the two attacked him and stole about \$3,000 in cash.

In a victim impact statement deposited by Crown attorney Joanny St. Pierre, the victim stated that the attack had had severe physical and psychological impacts on both him and his wife, adding that he hadn't wanted to come to the hearing out of fear of the accused.

Following the robbery, the two went on a spending spree and bought a TV, a video game console, an iPod, a computer, and headphones that were found in the room rented by Pouliot-Morissette. Both were arrested in the evening of March 22 by Sherbrooke Police.

After his arrest Yannick Desgagné told investigators that he regretted his actions and that he had acted under the influence of Pouliot-Morissette. Pouliot, in turn, apologized to the victim in court.

Pouliot-Morissette also acknowledged attempts to commit a similar robbery at the same place on March 16, in which he had made threatening gestures with a fork. In addition, he pleaded guilty to an obstruction of police work and mischief in an incident in 2013 as well as a theft from a grocery store last month.

His 42-month sentence was a joint recommendation by the Crown

Potton salutes its volunteers



MABLE HASTINGS

Three friends who enjoy volunteering in Potton: Sheila Kerr, Janet Jones and Beverley Bolsius.

By Mable Hastings
Record Correspondent

The Municipality of Potton in collaboration with the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) hosted Potton's fifth annual Volunteer Party on Saturday, April 12 in the gymnasium of the Mansonville Elementary School as part of "Volunteer Week" which ran from April 6-12.

Approximately 76 volunteers representing some 40 local organizations plus municipal and CAB staff, joined in the fun. A light brunch, prepared by the Restaurant Soleil Rouge consisting of ham, eggs, potatoes, beans and fruit salad was served.

Potton Mayor, Louis Veillon welcomed the group and thanked all who had gathered for their important contribution to life in Potton through the giving of their time. Also present to join in congratulating community volunteers, representing the Potton Municipal Council were: Diane Marcoux, Pierre Pouliot and Edith Smeesters.

Almut Ellinghaus, the President of the Volunteer Centre followed the Mayor in addressing the crowd. Ellinghaus's heartfelt message taken from a storybook entitled, "Mrs Rumphius or the Lupin Lady," that she shares with her step daughter touched the hearts of many attendees.

Her speech went as follows:

"Mikala, the daughter of the love of my life, has a children's book about a little girl called Alice who would sit on her grandfather's lap and listen to his stories. She'd say: "When I grow up, I will live just like you did and I will do things just like you did, grandpa."

And she did, living her own life and creating her own dream.

"Well, that is all very well, little Alice," her grandfather would answer, "but there is one more thing that you must do: You must do something to make this world more beautiful."

And so she did, just like you, by lending someone a helping hand, by making life just a little bit easier for

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