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**Public Information Session
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Suspect bullied at age 14 facing second-degree murder allegation

Man charged in shooting targeted as a teen

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THE man accused of fatally shooting a 20-year-old woman on a rural road west of Gimli on Saturday night was on the opposite end of a less-serious road shooting eight years earlier.

Jesse Paluk was walking home from Teulon Collegiate on Highway 17 in 2010 when he and a friend were shot at and bruised by plastic pellets from an air rifle.

Three students, aged 15 and 16, drove up and began shooting at the then 14-year-old Paluk. He and his friend were struck in the back, arms, leg and one plastic pellet hit Paluk in the face near an eye.

The incident was characterized as bullying and made headlines.

Paluk, 23, is now charged with second-degree murder in the death of Hailey Dugay. A suspect opened fire on three vehicles travelling along Provincial Road 231, between Fraserwood and Gimli, at around 11:30 p.m. Dugay, who worked at a daycare, was fatally wounded.

In the bullying incident in 2010, Paluk's father, Douglas, complained to media that Teulon Collegiate wasn't doing enough to protect students from bullying.

Two of the three students in the car were reportedly expelled from school over the incident. However, RCMP did not lay charges, noting that the plastic gun used in the incident can be bought at sporting goods stores and is not considered a firearm.

Douglas Paluk died last year at the age of 50.

Jesse Paluk's lone conviction as an adult was for dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm in 2016. He was handed a 90-day intermittent jail sentence, to be served on weekends. His licence was also suspended for 18 months.

Paluk was convicted after he flipped his truck on Highway 17. He had no driver's licence, no car insurance, and bald tires. He swerved off an on-ramp into a ditch and "completely pancaked" the truck, provincial court Judge Murray Thompson said as he handed down the sentence.

Several passengers were in the truck, but luckily, only one was hurt. He was off work for three months recovering from a shoulder injury.

"He already is someone who doesn't have a lot of friends, and that was a friendship that he has all but lost as a result of his conduct that day," Paluk's defence lawyer, Gerri Wiebe, told court at the time. She asked the judge to spare Paluk jail time because of his history with ADHD and the depression he suffered as a result of his father's death, which transpired after the truck crash.

At the time, Paluk worked at a quarry for a construction company and was responsible for all of the maintenance and yard work at his family's 80-acre farmhouse outside Teulon, the court heard.

The shooting with a firearm last Saturday was reportedly preceded by a fight at a Fraserwood bar, 80 kilometres north of Winnipeg. The fight ended with everyone ejected.

Dugay and her boyfriend, Brandon Harasymko, were not part of the skirmish, Brandon's father, Jerry, said.



Shooting suspect Jesse Paluk was 14 when he was shot while walking on a highway.

holding a rifle, standing on the road beside a car, Jerry Harasymko said.

"Brandon stopped and said, 'Is there a problem here?' and (the man) told him to keep on driving," Harasymko said. "He did, and all of a sudden, he heard shots being fired."

Dugay, seated in the rear passenger seat, was shot.

Paluk, from the Teulon area, has been charged with second-degree murder and an additional seven counts each of attempted murder and discharging a firearm with intent to wound, and three counts each of reckless discharge of a firearm and assault with a weapon.

He was scheduled in bail court on Tuesday but did not appear. He will have to make a bail application in front of a Queen's Bench Justice because of the seriousness of the charges.

The case will be back on today's bail docket, but it's expected to be adjourned again.

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Appeal Court upholds 2016 murder conviction

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MANITOBA'S highest court has rejected an appeal from the man convicted of first-degree murder in a 2012 Winnipeg diner shooting.

In its decision this week, the Court of Appeal ruled against Devin Kingsley Hall, who had challenged the guilty verdict.

He had argued there were problems with the judge's instructions to the jury about DNA evidence against him, and a police statement from a now-dead eyewitness to the Salisbury House shooting was unreliable and shouldn't have been accepted during his June 2016 trial.

Hall's lawyer, Martin Glazer, raised those concerns as part of a 12-ground appeal, but Court of Appeal Justice Christopher Mainella decided many of the appeal grounds were "repetitive or of no merit."

Mainella, along with Justices Diana Cameron and Barbara Hamilton, ultimately decided the trial judge acted properly in instructing the jury and allowing as evidence a witness statement from a man who was later killed a year after the shooting at Salisbury House on Pembina Highway and Stafford Street.

That homicide remains unsolved. They also decided the jury's verdict was reasonable.

"Taking into account the factual matrix of the case viewed through the lens of judicial experience, the jury was entitled to conclude that the only reasonable conclusion was that the accused was the shooter," Mainella wrote in the 66-page decision, released Monday.

Investigators found a white shirt and gloves near the Winnipeg restaurant where 23-year-old Jeffrey Lau was fatally shot in September 2012.

DNA from several people was found on the items, and a DNA expert testified it was "likely" Hall's DNA was among them. The appeal court's decision emphasized the DNA was only one piece of an entirely circumstantial case that had to be considered as a whole.

"The accused went so far as to argue that it is impossible for a properly instructed jury to ever convict when there is a mixed DNA profile because one cannot tell which of the contributors may have perpetrated the crime. This logic is faulty," Mainella wrote.

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RCMP seeks public's help in weekend Selkirk homicide

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POLICE are seeking public assistance in helping track down a person of interest in the second of two homicides last week in Selkirk.

RCMP asked Tuesday for the public's help in finding anyone who was hitchhiking or involved in any suspicious activities in the Selkirk areas of Jemima Bay, Main Street, Old Henderson Highway and Highway 9 south to Lockport between 6 a.m. Friday and 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday.

Selkirk is a city of about 10,000, located around 22 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg.

The request is part of the homicide investigation which began Friday, after RCMP officers responded at 9:15 p.m. to a call about a 64-year-old man in cardiac arrest inside a Selkirk home. The victim was found dead.

"A family member returned home to the residence and located the deceased with obvious signs of trauma, to which

EMS was contacted. Officers attended to the scene and determined the incident to be a homicide," RCMP Sgt. Paul Managie said in an email.

It was the second homicide in Selkirk in a week.

On Nov. 10, RCMP responded to a call around 5 a.m., and found an injured 30-year-old man. He later died in hospital.

On Wednesday, RCMP said Mitchell Brett Ritchot, 24, had been arrested and charged with manslaughter, unauthorized possession of a firearm and possessing a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Selkirk RCMP at 204-482-1222 or call Manitoba Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at manitobacrimestoppers.com or text "TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

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BLAZE EXTINGUISHED

A house fire on the 700 block of Selkirk Avenue forced traffic detours in the area Tuesday morning, after water used to fight the blaze turned to ice on the streets. Police closed Selkirk between Parr Street and McKenzie Street after a report of a house fire came in around 4:30 a.m. Occupants of the home escaped before crews arrived, and no injuries were reported, officials said. Firefighters declared the situation under control shortly before 6 a.m. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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Wanipigow Sand Extraction Project
Canadian Premium Sand Inc.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018
SEYMOURVILLE HALL, SEYMOURVILLE, MB
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Drop-In Format)

As part of the Provincial Environmental Assessment process for the Wanipigow Sand Extraction Project, Canadian Premium Sand Inc. (formerly Claim Post Resources Inc.) is hosting a Community Information Session. This will be an opportunity for local communities and the general public to learn about the Project and share their feedback.

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