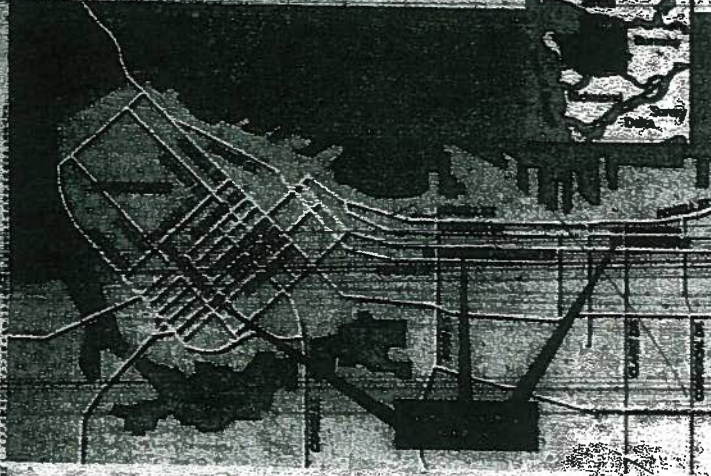


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VANCOUVER'S SEX ZONES

The 11 missing women from across the city in the past few years are shown on this map.



FOUR OF THE MISSING

- Michelle Gosselin**
Age 23
When missing in the early morning hours of April 14, 1988, near the corner of Pritchard and Hastings Streets.
- Stefan Blue**
Hastings-Down
Age 32
Long dark blonde hair, hazel eyes; last seen August, 1989, in the Downtown Eastside.
- Angela Andrew**
Age 27
Last seen Nov. 20, 1988, wearing a bright pink rain dress.
- Michelle Gosselin**
Age 23
When missing while staying with a friend in Vancouver, 1988.

Too weak to hurt anyone else, old pedophile says

Ex-Scout leader Dudgeon awaits sentence for nightmarish abduction of boy in 1960

BRIMLEY, Ont. — A former Scout leader who was sentenced to a term in jail for the abduction of a 13-year-old boy in 1960 says he is too weak to hurt anyone else.

The abduction of Michael "Honey" Bentley, the runaway youngster who still breaks his sleep — the dream from which he cannot escape that his hand chained by his neck to a tree in the dark, visited by a monster.

But the man, who faced a 13-year-old boy to play this scene out so long ago never flinched, never even looked up from where he sat alone in the front row of the courtroom, old and decrepit, one hand resting on his cane.

When he finally spoke to the court, there was no apology and no remorse — only a statement that he is now too weak, too poor, and too slow to hurt anyone else. "I couldn't catch a six-year-old kid in a race," he said. The only way he could kidnap someone, he added, was if he knocked him out first and dragged off the last body.

Mr. Bentley, now a father with two sons, told his story to an Ontario judge yesterday in a sentencing hearing for Mr. Dudgeon, 77, who has pleaded guilty to a horrific abduction almost 30 years ago.

The judge has adjourned sentencing until March 12, but he is clearly leaning toward jail time for Mr. Dudgeon, who is fit until his age.

When Bentley's violence involved Mr. Justice Don Chitton of the Ontario Court (General Division) said, "There's no place for a conditional sentence."

The Crown dropped 10 charges related to the alleged abduction and torture of four other teenagers between 1947 and 1960, after Mr. Dudgeon pleaded guilty to the offence involving Mr. Bentley, 57, because he asked for a long-term sentence in a federal penitentiary.

Defence lawyer Denis Carleton supported that his client be allowed to leave his home as long as because of his age and physical condition. Mr. Dudgeon practices daily medical

attention because of pimple his legs.

The abduction of Michael Bentley is a bone-chilling story that he kept for decades. In the summer day in 1960, Mr. Dudgeon stopped his boy when Bentley was playing a 13-year-old hitchhiker on the highway.

She kidnapped down the road, drove put a knife to Mr. Bentley's neck and pushed him up the back of his neck, snapped a chain around his neck, snapped lock over it and tied him. Then he walked away and Bentley listening to wild at the desk, thinking he would die.

This is the substance of his case, although he wakes up the true ending, at when Mr. Dudgeon returns unchained him from the five days, he told the court he held prisoner by a man strapped photos while he his feet from a pipe in the mast of a house he did as the chains was left tight on neck, and he was forced, only a bathing suit.

If he could, the man would have hit Bentley and tightened the chains. He was finally dumped by trails tracks and threatened chains unless he kept quiet. Bentley kept quiet about what would finally lead to the sentencing of Mr. Dudgeon.

Yesterday, the court heard Bentley's account of his abduction and pedophilia. He served 12 months for a six-month sentence. He was Scout leader involved in hockey, known for a child who disappeared and forcing with his hands.

The report described his power and predatory but intelligent — a man, what his age, is a risk to society to be confined.

Fear of killer haunts Vancouver sex trade

Prostitutes say a sharp increase in disappearances shows the need for more police protection

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Vancouver prostitutes say they have inadequate police protection and fear the city's worst night district has become a stalking zone for one or more serial killers.

Seven women in the sex trade on the so-called Lower East Side around East Hastings Street and Vancouver's Downtown Eastside disappeared last year, police confirmed yesterday. None of these were identified.

Twenty-one women known to work as prostitutes, most of them in the Lower East Side, have disappeared since 1985. Four other Vancouver prostitutes have been killed since 1985, although their crimes have not been solved.

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RCMP seeking new law to help pre-empt smuggling of rough-cut diamonds

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As the RCMP says it needs federal legislation to counter an estimated boom in the illegal trading of rough diamonds from southern Canada.

"A major concern is that the diamond trade in southern Ontario and the Northwest Territories will be replaced by illegal trade," RCMP investigators report that trade of rough diamonds will occur and that Canadian diamond mining operations will be established, since a 1988 federal RCMP report submitted by the Indian Party.

In fact, RCMP in the Northwest

Territories say they are already investigating several cases of their smuggling rough-cut diamonds, some with links to organized crime.

Although he refused to discuss specifics, Sergeant Roy Hobson said there are clear signs the problem exists in Canada, although the exact nature is still in its early stages. "It's a very real threat to us right now," he said. "It's something we have to stay ahead of."

It is extremely difficult to prove the availability of rough diamonds, so the RCMP wants the federal government to pass new legislation similar to that that exists in other

countries — this would make it illegal to own rough diamonds without a permit. Canada's legislation currently only covers cut diamonds.

Sgt. Hobson, who works with another officer in the authority on the diamond trade, reported several arrests within in Australia and South Africa in 1987 to get a sense of the police forces around the operation. He said almost all the mine managers said they a problem with such largely organized or organized crime groups who control the "diamond" employees into smuggling diamonds.

Shortly after returning the report yesterday, Robert MP Jim Abbot

accused the federal government of dragging its feet on the increased smuggling activities in Canada and stalling for two years on the introduction of a money-laundering bill.

"Smuggling of all types are all directly connected to organized crime. It all comes down to the fact that when you get the proceeds of that crime, you have to find some way to handle that money. Money laundering is the key to the bottom line," Mr. Abbot said.

The Solicitor-General's Office said yesterday the federal government is working on the diamond issue. "The legislation on money laundering is expected in the

spring. "It has taken some time, but the government wanted to make sure it fully got the views of everyone out there, in terms of other jurisdictions, the law enforcement community and the banking and financial sectors," spokeswoman Dawn Brien said.

The RCMP report on smuggling obtained through Access to Information highlights revenue and growing trends in the diamond trade, which is illegal in Canada. Alcohol and tobacco are seen most often, but weapons, jewelry, computer components, cell phones and cars, and illegal aliens commonly enter

our country illegally as well.

"Products like frozen fish, steel, carpets, hockey suits, flatbeds, trucks (a number of them) and other goods are also smuggled into the country from southern Ontario and the Northwest Territories," she said.

The report lists other smuggling commodities as jewelry, frozen chicken, jeans, video cassettes and used auto parts worth \$1.2 billion last year, largely concentrated in the Northwest Territories. There is growing concern about the diamond trade in the Northwest Territories, she said.

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