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## R & R TIME FOR A HUMANITARIAN



After 19 years as the head of UNICEF's British Columbia and Yukon operations raising millions of dollars to help children and women in the world's most impoverished areas, North Vancouver's Shirley Kepper is retiring. She talks to The Sun's Gerry Bellett. » Story, A4

## One charged with murder, another faces gun counts: Both out on bail

Judge imposes publication ban on his reasons in murder case that involves alleged gangster

BY KIM BOLAN  
VANCOUVER SUN

Despite a crackdown on gun and gang violence, some judges are still granting accused criminals bail on strict conditions and with large sureties posted.

Two recent cases with alleged links to gangs resulted in the release of an accused killer on a \$100,000 bond, and of a man facing 13 gun charges on \$175,000 in bond and cash.

Gregory Barrett, who together with Red Scorpion Albert Jackman faces a second-degree murder charge for the stabbing death of Kyle Barber, made a brief appearance in Surrey Provincial Court on Thursday.

Jackman is in custody, but Barrett, who had no criminal record, was granted bail in B.C. Supreme Court on June 11.

In addition to the surety signed by his parents, Barrett is under a curfew from 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. seven days a week.

"You are to have no contact with any person known to be a member of the Red Scorpion gang," Justice Terry Schultes ordered.

Nor is Barrett allowed to possess any weapons, including firearms or knives.

There is a ban on publication of Schultes's reasons for releasing Barrett and on the submissions and evidence that came out during his hearing.

But in the other case, Surrey Provincial Court Judge Harvey Field agreed to defence lawyer Marvin Stern's request to waive a publication ban on most of the bail hearing for Ryan Wober, as well as his June 23 ruling freeing the accused.

Field laid out the arguments made by both Stern and Crown prosecutor Paul Sandhu in his 19-page decision, in which he said Wober would virtually be under house arrest while awaiting trial on the gun charges.

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### OPINION

## Another major Ottawa blunder on the Olympics

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Hello, Stephen Harper, are you out there? Do you know your government may be blowing a big part of our Olympic opportunity to market this city, province and Canada to the world?

An international conference, the Forbes CEO Forum, which

would have brought the world's top CEOs and some of its wealthiest investors to the West Coast just days before the 2010 Winter Games opening, has been scuttled by your bureaucrats to save \$1 million US.

On another matter, Mr. Prime Minister, your officials at the Canada Border Services Agency won't permanently waive a \$1,500 daily border fee to Amtrak, which wants to run a second train — on its own dime — from Portland to Seattle to Vancouver. If we keep that up, it will probably cost Vancouver a vital

addition to cross-border passenger-rail service, a train that most experts say would add tens of millions of dollars to the local economy.

More importantly, that train would plug us into one of U.S. President Barack Obama's fast-train networks, linking major U.S. cities and regional economies. You've probably read Richard Florida's stuff — which the Obama-ites in the White House love — suggesting links between cities will create mega-hubs of economic power that are the future of the conti-

ental economy. In the Pacific Northwest, we call it Cascadia. It would be nice to be part of that.

But here's the latest, troubling news: Your federal servants, searching for savings, still won't commit to building a Canada pavilion at the Games. They are privately saying they're considering the idea, which also means something else: After years of planning, they might not build a national pavilion at all.

That would be a major blunder.

The federal government's grasp of how to leverage the

Olympics to market our country leaves something to be desired. Last summer, our prime minister refused to attend the Beijing Summer Olympics, a move that China's leadership took as a slight and still hasn't forgiven. Federal officials are still trying to repair the damage from that and to get relations — and, more importantly trade talks — back on track.

In Beijing, Ottawa took a half-hearted approach to creating a Canada pavilion.

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BURNABY

# Contracting firm owner dies in altercation

Suspect who fled scene in a van could be charged with hit-and-run or homicide, RCMP say



RCMP officers walk along Meadow Ave. in Burnaby looking for clues in the death of Alberto Morgadinho. Police blocked off an area of the street where the businessman died Thursday.

BY RICHARD J. DALTON JR. AND REBECCA TEBRAKE  
VANCOUVER SUN

The owner of a contracting business in Burnaby, Alberto Morgadinho, died Thursday after an altercation with an unidentified man who fled the scene, police said.

"It appears that something took place between the driver of a van and the business owner of Berto Contractors in the area here," RCMP Cpl. Brenda Gresiuk said. "It tragically resulted in the death of a 60-year-old man."

She said the man who fled could be charged with a hit-and-run, or if another crime was being committed, he could be charged with homicide.

Morgadinho was like a father figure, employee Dave Twaites said.

"If you needed a favour, he'd be the first to give you a hand," Twaites said. "What are you going to say when a father figure dies for no good reason?"

Police did not yet know what prompted the altercation, Gresiuk said.

"It's an absolute tragedy here, and we are working really hard to get down to the cause," she said.

Police would only identify the victim as the owner of Berto Contractors.

Morgadinho, 60, owned Berto Contractors on Meadow Avenue, where the incident took place. The location is in an industrial area in south Burnaby, just north of Marine Drive.

The unidentified man took off in a van, Gresiuk said. Police were searching for an older Econoline van with muted red primer paint and a temporary ICBC permit in the rear window.

She said the incident began at the business and Morgadinho was found in the street not far from where the altercation began.

Several people witnessed the incident, Gresiuk said.

Homicide investigators were at the scene.

Twaites said Morgadinho and his son Roy owned the business, which does contract work for Telus. Workers were called at their sites and returned to the business after the incident.

"I'm really, really sad," Morgadinho's neighbour Robert Manzi said. "I talk to him every day."

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## Vehicle modified to add compartments that allegedly held weapons

Wober, 22 and without a criminal record, was charged after police uncovered two secret compartments in his vehicle May 7, allegedly containing a loaded Jennings handgun and a loaded Glock 9 mm, as well as a Glock magazine.

Wober was stopped early that afternoon in the Lexus by members of the Integrated Gang Task Force. Police say that he signed a consent note agreeing to a vehicle search.

"Upon inspection of the interior of the vehicle the officers became suspicious that this motor vehicle may have been modified, noting unusual screws fastened to the driver's side vent," Field said.

IGTF members checked their data base and found that Wober had been stopped in February with a passenger wearing body armour and that he was "associated with drug trafficking and gang violence."

"Armed with this information Mr. Wober was asked what illegal things were in the vehicle. He was advised that they were going to bring a dog in to search this vehicle. He then responded, 'There's nothing in this vehicle. You guys search my car all the time. Go ahead, man, bring whoever you want.'" Field noted.

The judge said police interpreted Wober's comments as permission to continue search-

ing and they brought in a specialist from the Canada Border Services Agency, who later found "a flake of marijuana." They arrested Wober.

"Mr. Stern submits that the search was disingenuous with respect to the nature of the arrest in the circumstances," Field said.

Ninety minutes after Wober's arrest, he asked for a lawyer, but "the search continued incidental to this arrest and no opportunity was given to the accused to exercise his right to counsel at that time," Field said.

Wober helped in the search when he "provided them with a complex set of instructions to access one of the concealed compartments in the rear seat containing a collapsible baton."

He was arrested for the concealed weapon just before 4 p.m. Minutes later, the second compartment containing the guns was found.

"Chartered and warned, and in the course of receiving this information Mr. Wober responded the guns were for his own protection, not for hurting people, he was not a bad dude," Field said.

"The Crown submits these guns were smuggled into Canada from New York and Washington state, and it is upon these facts that the Crown shows cause for the detention of the accused, both on the secondary

and tertiary grounds," Field said.

The Crown filed a "Surrey Community Impact Statement" signed by Mayor Dianne Watts and RCMP Chief Supt. Fraser MacRae about "the public's safety concern regarding the risks associated with firearms."

But Stern argued his client's Charter rights were violated throughout the search, weakening the Crown's case and making bail reasonable.

"Notwithstanding the apparent strength of the Crown's case, there are significant constitutional challenges to the search based on consent, the manner of the search, the detention of the accused, and the information provided to Mr. Wober in regard to his right to counsel and opportunity to exercise that right," Field said.

"Balancing all the factors, including his background, the aggravating circumstances surrounding the alleged commission of these offences, I am satisfied that surety bail with restrictive conditions will protect the public and maintain confidence in the administration of justice."

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CHARITY

## B.C.-Yukon UNICEF director retires after 19 years of humanitarian work

Shirley Kepper raised millions of dollars for the cause

BY GERRY BELLETT  
VANCOUVER SUN

There are many privileges and titles that society confers on the chosen — there are lordships to be granted and Nobels to be won — but is there any rank higher than humanitarian?

North Vancouver's Shirley Kepper is a humanitarian.

Nineteen years heading UNICEF's British Columbia and Yukon operations and raising millions of dollars to help children and women in the world's most impoverished areas have earned her the distinction. Before that, she worked for the Red Cross, setting up family support networks for children dying of cancer.

Now she's retiring from UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) to spend more time with her family.

"It's time for a new direction in my life. After 19 years I'm ready for some R&R. I'll be kayaking, playing golf, gardening and playing with my grandkids," she said in a recent interview.

There was a pause: "And probably by the fall I'll be looking for something else to do."

Such as? "I've got a few ideas. It'll involve children who need extra support in their lives. I might do a stint in Africa or Southeast Asia as a volunteer."

Once with UNICEF always with UNICEF? "Yes, that's the way it is," she acknowledged.

When she took over the B.C.-Yukon operation in 1990, the UNICEF world seemed a simpler place.

"It was a lot less complicated then. We didn't know the effect the explosion of HIV-AIDS would have on children. UNICEF had made great



Shirley Kepper is retiring as regional director of UNICEF.

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inroads saving children's lives, but then we noticed a slide. Children were being born with HIV and 50 per cent were dying within a year," she said.

This has led to UNICEF's campaign to supply pregnant women with anti-viral drugs before childbirth with such drugs then given to their children after birth.

"That way we find there's a 60- to 70-per-cent chance of preventing the disease from being passed to the baby. We also continue giving the moms the drugs so they can stay healthy and care for their children," she said.

Money raised in the B.C.-Yukon region has gone to support such programs in Mozambique and other parts of Africa.

Paula Gallagher, UNICEF volunteer chair for the region, has accompanied Kepper to Africa to review the programs.

In Mozambique she found it "heart-wrenching" to see some of the UNICEF projects that were helping children to raise their siblings because AIDS had killed both parents.

"People here live paycheque to paycheque, there they live meal to meal. Shirley was a rock on that trip. It would have been easy to break down when we went to hospitals where children were suffering from HIV-AIDS, but she coached us through it and made us realize the children didn't want to see that," Gallagher recalled.

They went to a village where Canadian contributions had paid for a water pump so children didn't have to trudge to a danger-filled river three kilometres away to fetch water.

"Apart from getting clean water that didn't make them sick, one woman came up and thanked us. She said she was grateful because when the children now went for water they knew they would be coming home."

"Every year that village lost three children who went for water, but didn't come home because they were killed by hippos."

Gallagher said that since Kepper took over, the B.C. region has been the strongest province in the country in amount of money raised per capita.

This year the local organization, which has five paid staff and 265 volunteers, has raised about \$4 million from corporate and individual donations, community fundraising events and special projects.

Asked what has made her most proud, Kepper doesn't hesitate.

"The people we've got, from the volunteers to the small number of staff. The difference they have made. We've not just helped children and women survive but thrive. We've given kids options they wouldn't have had."

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VANCOUVER

## Sun readers offer clues about woman who may be beneficiary of estate

Many who knew woman say they haven't seen her for some time



Lucia Leiser-Maika spoke about poverty to The Sun in 2007.

STUART DAVIS/VANCOUVER SUN

The hunt continued Thursday for a Downtown Eastside woman, Lucia Leiser, who may be the beneficiary of a six-figure German estate — if officials can find her to prove her lineage.

Toronto-based lawyer Robert Price has been hired by a German bank to track the woman down, and believes she may be the same person as the Lucia Leiser-Maika who was interviewed by *The Vancouver Sun* in 2007 about living in poverty in the Downtown Eastside.

Vancouver lawyer Patrick Lewis is helping Price with the search, but has no leads so far. "I have looked into it, but I haven't had much luck so far. But it's

early days in terms of my efforts," Lewis said.

A number of *Sun* readers responded to the paper's story on Thursday, with several saying they believe Leiser is the person sought by the German bank. Several said they were aware Leiser had a German father. One, Lenora Hayman, recalled seeing her at a play in 2006, and another said she saw Leiser frequently at the Aboriginal Friendship Centre in east Vancouver. However, many of the people *The Sun* spoke to couldn't recall seeing her for weeks, months or even years.

Lori Culbert, Vancouver Sun

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