

Friends' plan to raise child in shared house ends up in court

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A co-owner of a Squamish house bought with a platonic friend so they could raise a planned baby together has asked the B.C. Supreme Court to order the sale of the house after the pregnancy — and the would-be father's desire to co-parent and cohabit ended.

Co-owning a home, an attractive idea in B.C.'s pricey real estate market, has a potential for unforeseen pitfalls, as the co-owners discovered.

The would-be father, known as AB, a lawyer who lived in another part of Canada, and the hopeful mom, CD, briefly met in university in 2022. They reconnected through a friend who knew both were single and interested in becoming parents, according to a case filed by AB.

(The Vancouver Sun has opted not to use the full names of AB and CD.)

They agreed to raise a child together and also agreed that would best be done if they lived in the same house, according to AB's petition. "The relationship was never romantic and their mutual intention was to be platonic co-parents to a child," AB said.

In July, CD got pregnant. During this time, CD was in a romantic relationship with a third person, the document said.

Two months later, AB and CD bought the Squamish house for \$1.3 million. A month after that, CD terminated the pregnancy because of genetic problems.

Nonetheless, the house deal closed in January, with each of them putting up about \$300,000 and the rest being financed through a mortgage held by AB's father's investment company, the petition said.

AB and CD moved in around Jan. 17, at which time AB told CD he didn't want to try for another child.

On Feb. 19, AB moved out, citing "an untenable living situation," according to the petition. They agreed CD could continue living there as long as CD paid the mortgage, utilities and insurance, and CD was free to bring in tenants, it said.

But, in March, AB told CD he wanted to sell his half. CD agreed to buy it, but not until January 2025, and CD also said that AB "would not receive any increased equity" for his share, AB said in the petition.

In mid-March, AB's father said he wasn't prepared to renew the mortgage because of the buyout offer and called in the loan in April.

AB said he relies on the Partition of Property Act that states a half-owner of a property is entitled to a court order that the property be sold and the proceeds distributed between the owners, according to the petition.

CD has not filed a response to the claim. None of the allegations in the claim has been proven in court.



A rental truck damaged a power pole at Island Highway and Burnett Road in View Royal on Tuesday. WEST SHORE RCMP

Thousands without power after crash

Times Colonist

The driver of a U-Haul rental truck crashed into a utility pole in View Royal on Tuesday afternoon, leaving more than 2,900 B.C. Hydro customers without power.

West Shore RCMP and View Royal Fire Department were on the scene of the crash on the

Island Highway and Burnett Road, near the Port Victoria RV Park, as crews worked to restore power.

Police said traffic was delayed due to the damaged pole and low-hanging wires.

B.C. Hydro reported 2,905 customers lost power at 1:20 p.m. in View Royal, Colwood and Langford.

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Search-and-rescue teams carry an injured hiker from China Beach on Saturday. The hiker blew a whistle, which alerted others, who called 911 and directed first responders to the hiker's location. JUAN DE FUCA SEARCH AND RESCUE

Mountain biker, 70, airlifted by rescuers after fall near Parksville

Times Colonist

Search-and-rescue teams helped injured hikers and cyclists at several locations on the Island during a busy B.C. Day long weekend.

A 70-year-old mountain biker was airlifted out of Englishman River Falls Park near Parksville on Friday when he fell off a steep embankment on one of the park's challenging mountain-biking trails.

The cyclist sustained significant injuries that required Arrowsmith Search and Rescue crews to call in a helicopter to retrieve him from

difficult terrain. Traffic had to be stopped in the park to accommodate the air operation.

On Saturday, another injured mountain biker was airlifted for medical attention in the Burnt Bridge area near Shawnigan Lake.

Cowichan Search and Rescue and the Shawnigan Fire Department stabilized the seriously injured mountain biker. Since an air ambulance could not be landed near the site, a long line team, including Arrowsmith and Alberni search-and-rescue members and Airspan Helicopters, lifted the man out to a waiting ambulance.

On Thursday, Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue responded to a hiker who suffered a lower-body injury in East Sooke Park. A combined team of Metchoin Search and Rescue and Peninsula Emergency Measures Organization search and rescue carried the hiker out.

On Saturday morning, a Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue crew and Shirley Fire assisted a hiker with significant injuries at China Beach.

The injured hiker blew a whistle, which alerted other hikers, who called 911 and directed first responders to the hiker's location. The hiker was carried out.

Man charged with assault and forcible confinement

Times Colonist

A 24-year-old man has been charged with assault, aggravated assault and forcible confinement after a woman was attacked in her Campbell River home.

RCMP responded to a 911 call on Aug. 1 from a woman who said she was being assaulted.

The 44-year-old woman was rushed to hospital with life-threatening injuries, said police.

RCMP arrested the man in connection with the attack and he was held in custody for an

initial court appearance the next day. Police said the victim and the suspect were known to each other.

Maitland Campbell is being held in custody and is scheduled to appear in court again on Friday.

Campbell River RCMP said no further details will be released while the matter is before the court, but the investigation by its major crime unit is continuing.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact police at 250-286-6221.

High bacteria levels spark more swimming warnings

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Three more beaches have been deemed unsafe for swimming in the capital region because of high levels of bacteria.

Advisories were issued for Mount Douglas Park beach, the south end of Willows Beach and Esquimalt Gorge Park's Kinsmen Beach.

The beaches are deemed unsafe for swimming and "other water contact activities."

A water sample from Mount Douglas Park beach on Friday recorded an enterococci bacteria count of 500. Island Health recommends beach advisories when enterococci levels exceed

70 per 100 ml.

Recent testing at Willows Beach found a count of 180, while testing at Kinsmen Beach broken by the impact and its fuel tanks damaged.

Other capital region beaches that remain under advisories issued earlier this summer include Glen Lake Park's Glen View, Prior Lake, Patricia Bay Beach North, and Ross Bay Beach.

A beach-sampling program takes place annually from mid-May to September, with environmental-health officers from Island Health working with local governments to monitor water quality during the swimming season.

Modifications to plane were not properly recorded before crash

A plane that crashed in Campbell River last year was modified improperly after getting flight permits, the Transportation Safety Board said.

The board's report on the September 2023 crash said the plane took off from Campbell River Airport with two pilots aboard who were involved in the development of a prototype aircraft with Sealand Aviation Ltd.

It was a training flight for one of the pilots to get familiar with the plane before beginning test flights for the company's prototype.

The plane went down after a "power-off stall exercise," forcing a hard landing in a forested area about 18 kilometres from the Campbell River Airport, causing minor injuries to both pilots, who were taken to hospital by a search and rescue helicopter, the report said.

The plane was heavily damaged, its wings and landing gear broken by the impact and its fuel tanks damaged.

The report said the flight had two permits from Transport Canada, an experimental permit and a specific purpose permit, and investigators found "the modifications did not comply with the intended conditions and limitations specified by the permits."

Plane owners and pilots should properly record maintenance "to serve as a reliable method of determining airworthiness and aircraft status," the board said. — The Canadian Press

Stolen bikes spotted in hands of repeat offenders

Nanaimo RCMP returned three stolen bikes worth a total of \$10,000 to their owners after officers on patrol spotted repeat property offenders with expensive bikes.

Officers were conducting patrols in high-crime areas of Nanaimo when they saw the bikes, which ranged from mountain bikes to an e-bike, police said.

Three adults, ranging in age from 35 to 49, were arrested for possession of stolen property.

In each case, the bike owners had reported the thefts and provided photos of the bikes, including serial numbers, police said.

"We would be remiss in not reminding cyclists to always take pictures of their bikes and to lock their bikes when they are left in public areas. Also, if the bike is stolen to report the theft to the police with pictures, as soon as possible," said Reserve Const. Gary O'Brien.

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