

# Man charged in bar-fight death granted bail

► Jason William Whitehead back in court on Jan. 18 to enter a plea



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A man charged with the death of a 23-year-old man killed outside a downtown Halifax bar last weekend has been granted bail.

Jason William Whitehead, 30, was charged Tuesday with manslaughter in the death of James Philip Mattatall.

In a court appearance on Wednesday morning at Halifax provincial court, Whitehead was released from custody after posting \$5,000 in bail under several conditions.

The tall Duncans Cove man held his black hoodie over his head as he walked in and out of the courtroom before a throng of media. He was also wearing sweatpants and glasses.

Inside the courtroom, Whitehead had no visible marks on his face. Mattatall was struck and hit the ground outside the Toothy Moose Cabaret on Argyle Street shortly before 3 a.m. on Saturday. He died later that day in the hospital.

## Funeral



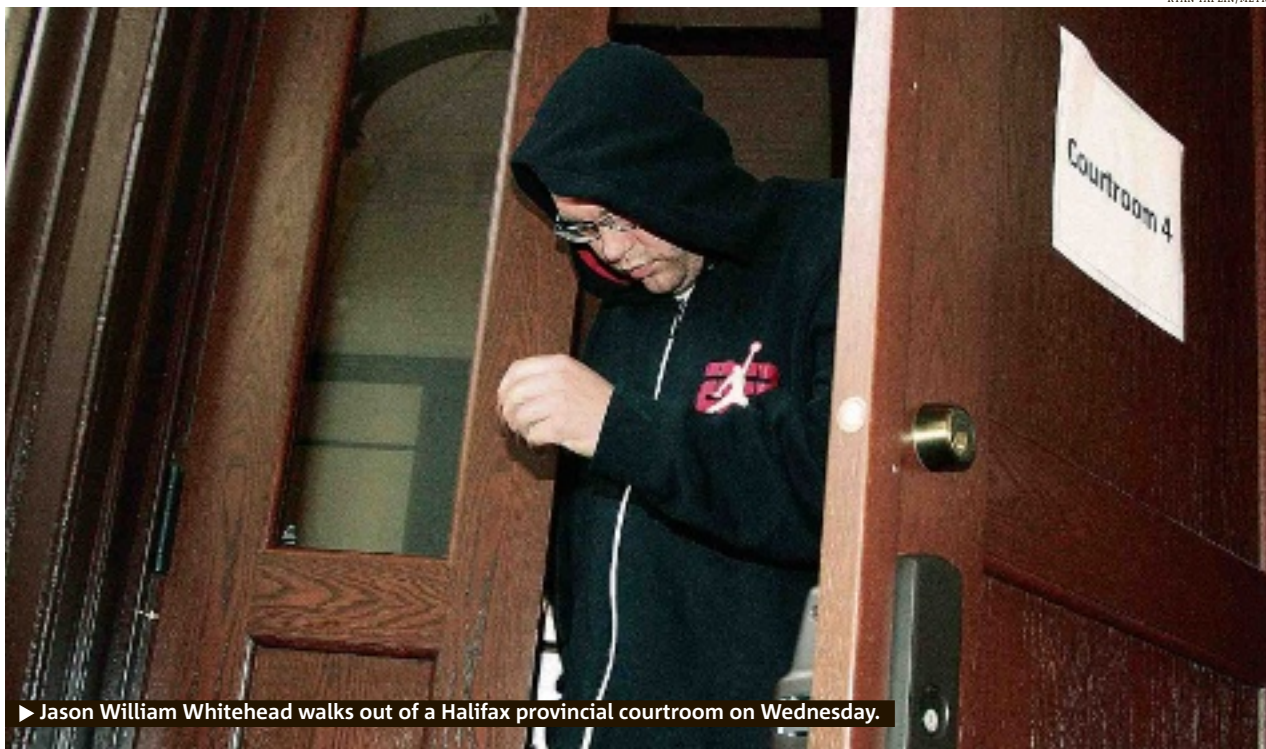
James Mattatall's funeral is scheduled for Thursday at 1 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Dartmouth.

Soon after, police released the image of a man taken from the bar's surveillance cameras.

On Monday at 2:12 p.m., Whitehead walked into police headquarters and was later charged with manslaughter.

Police won't say if Whitehead was the man in the surveillance image, only that he was identified. In 2005, Whitehead was sentenced to a conditional discharge and probation for theft and resisting arrest.

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► Jason William Whitehead walks out of a Halifax provincial courtroom on Wednesday.

## Joining forces to prevent bar fights

Get into a fight at one of 10 participating liquor establishments in the Truro area and you'll find your-

self barred from them all.

Ten establishments in Truro and Bible Hill are implementing a suspension program to promote a safer environment for their patrons and staff.

Anyone who commits a serious offence at any of the participating establishments could find

themselves barred indefinitely.

The establishments have been working for the past three months to implement a program that works for their needs, and it comes in the wake of a 23-year-old man's death after a fight the Toothy Moose Cabaret last Saturday.

The Truro and Bible Hill Safe Bar Association has the support of both the Truro Police Service and the Colchester RCMP in the program.

Those who find themselves suspended from the establishments are not permitted to be in or upon the premises or loitering by them. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

# Publication ban lifted on alleged abuse victim

A man who accused a Cape Breton businessman of sexually abusing him when he was a young boy has had a publication ban on his name lifted.

A spokeswoman for the Public Prosecution Service said Weldon MacIntosh-Reynolds applied for the motion in Nova Scotia Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Chris Hansen said the Crown did not oppose the

application and the judge granted it.

The 56-year-old man was one of three complainants who accused Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh of abusing them in the 1970s.

Earlier this month the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal overturned all the convictions against MacIntosh, ruling he was not brought to trial in a reasonable time.

MacIntosh was found guilty in July 2010 on 13 of 26 charges of indecent assault and gross indecency almost 15 years after the allegations surfaced.

He was sentenced to four years in prison in his first trial and later sentenced to 18 months in jail on separate sex-related charges involving other boys in the 1970s.

Blair Mitchell, MacIntosh-Reynolds's lawyer, said



► Ernest MacIntosh

his client applied to have the ban lifted so he could speak openly about his case.

"He feels there's a sharp need for more public education in the field," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said MacIntosh-Reynolds plans to do public speaking engagements.

MacIntosh was extradited from India in 2007 to face the charges that surfaced in 1995 and dated

## Ban on other IDs

► The publication ban remains in place on the identities of other complainants in the case.

back decades.

The appeals court judges found that MacIntosh's "right to be tried within a reasonable time was infringed."

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## Petty concert a 'once-in-a-lifetime-thing': Fan

Al Isnor may be watching Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers from the upper bowl of the Halifax

Metro Centre in late May, but that doesn't faze the longtime fan.

The Clayton Park resident arrived at work late Wednesday morning to ensure his spot at the rocker's show. After hitting the refresh button on the Ticket Atlantic website several times, Isnor was finally able to purchase the bank-

breaking tickets at about 9:02 a.m.

"It's pricey, but a once-in-a-lifetime thing. To see him in our own backyard, it's going to be amazing," Isnor told Metro in a phone interview. Tickets, which range from \$103 to \$206.50, went on sale Wednesday at 9 a.m., and only three minutes later,

## Rockin' Halifax

► Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers will rock the Metro Centre stage on May 31.

the best available seats were in the upper bowl. Concert promoter David Carver said although the show isn't sold out, he ex-

pects the remaining 500 tickets will go fast.

"I'm surprised there's even any left right now ... but I'm sure they'll be gone, if not today, by tomorrow," he said Wednesday evening.

Tickets started appearing on Kijiji as early as Tuesday morning, with some sellers asking \$1,000



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