



## Alleged Junction bully denied bail

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Felice Scala, 62, who will be tried in June on four charges related to his son's convictions, arrives at court March 27, 2009 for his son Ralph's sentencing.

### **Man accused of terrorizing neighbours for years threatened teen with rape, prosecutor tells court**

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An apparently "incorrigible" 62-year-old man accused of joining his son in terrorizing an entire Toronto neighbourhood has been denied release after a second set of alleged bail breaches.

"He poses a substantial risk to the safety of the public," said Justice of the Peace Karin Dresher yesterday at a bail hearing for Felice Scala. "He appears to be incorrigible."

New details emerged about the numerous allegations made against Scala in his Junction neighbourhood over the past eight years.

In 2002, he was accused of threatening to rape Alissa Bolotta, the 19-year-old granddaughter of his elderly neighbour, prosecutor Jennifer Armstrong told the bail hearing at Old City Hall.

At the time Bolotta was scolding Scala for allegedly harassing and threatening her grandmother, Carmela Canino.

(He has been accused of such infractions as throwing dog feces and dead animals onto Canino's property and flooding her basement, court heard.)

"I'm going to rape you," Armstrong quoted Scala as saying.

In 2006, Scala raised his hand as if to strike Bolotta, saying, "I'm going to get you. You're finished," Armstrong said.

In 2001, Scala allegedly told a man who had apparently offended him by sending his wife a birthday card: "I'm going to kill you."

Many allegations had been quelled by peace bonds until Scala and his son were arrested last summer.

His son, Ralph, 36, pleaded guilty in March to 49 charges, among them mischief and criminal harassment, in a three-year campaign of tire slashing, window-breaking and threats against residents and businesses near Dundas St. W. and Keele St.

Felice Scala faces four related charges and goes to trial June 1.

In March, he was accused of flouting bail terms by following a victim whom he is forbidden to contact onto a bus travelling into an area near the Junction, which he is barred from entering.

He was granted bail on those charges but was arrested on April 30 for allegedly contacting his son, contrary to his bail conditions.

Gordon Goldman, Felice Scala's lawyer, poured scorn on the most recent alleged breaches.

Scala is accused of placing an object in his condo mailbox that Ralph later retrieved.

And Ralph is alleged to have later placed in the mailbox a sandwich that his father supposedly retrieved.

Scala has no criminal convictions and is in ill health, Goldman said.

"He is not a dangerous person."