

Scientologist taught crime OK

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One of Scientology's former top spymasters testified she'd been trained to believe criminal actions which protected the church weren't violations of Scientology's moral code.

Marion Evoy, a former Canadian head of Scientology's Guardian Office, made the comment yesterday at the end of four days of testimony in the trial of the Church of Scientology of Toronto Inc. and five members on charges of criminal breach of trust.

The charges arise out of a Scientology spy network that in the mid-1970s infil-

trated the RCMP, the OPP, Metro Police and Ontario's Attorney General's office.

Evoy, 43, who left the church a decade ago, has been testifying about her involvement in allegedly criminal Scientology intelligence-gathering activities as part of an immunity agreement.

Yesterday Crown Attorney James Stewart asked Evoy how she reconciled her criminal activities with some of Scientology's statements of principles regarding honesty and freedom.

"It was the way I was trained," Evoy explained, adding she and her co-workers

believed they should do "whatever was necessary to protect" Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard and Scientology itself.

Criminal acts of that kind were "not considered against any code or moral in Scientology because you were protecting Scientology," Evoy testified.

Fugitive bounced to U.S.

A man wanted in the murder of an elderly St. Louis woman has been ordered returned to Missouri.

Kenneth Ray Howard, 25, of Fenton, Mo., faces charges of killing Violet Feldman, 69, last August, and has 15 days to apply for a writ of habeas corpus or he'll be sent back to the United States.

In an Ontario Court of Justice

decision released yesterday, Mr. Justice Keith Hollett ruled lawyers for the U.S. had met the burden of proof needed for Howard's extradition.

Howard has been wanted since August in the shooting death of Feldman, who was found dead on her bedroom floor.

He was arrested near Sarnia in October for impaired driving following a police chase. At that time, he gave a false name and said he was a resident in the area.

He was later re-arrested after police discovered the car he was driving was stolen and a fingerprint check revealed the U.S. charges.