

# Killer led 'comfortable' life

community from prosecution in exchange for her co-operation.

She told the DEA and the RCMP that she had worked with the Hells Angels from 1997 to 2000, importing thousands of kilograms of cocaine from Colombia, before relations soured and the bikers tried to kill her.

Yesterday, defence lawyer Guy Quirion suggested she also had problems with her Colombian connections, given the enormous losses of money and drugs between destinations.

At one point, police in Miami seized \$2.5 million U.S., and the Colombians, as per their contract, had to assume 50 per cent

of the loss. Then 480 kilos – worth more than \$8 million – were lost when police seized a truck on the way from Gaspé to Montreal.

“Did you notice that your Colombian partner was unhappy with you?” Quirion asked.

“The Colombian man I worked with was not a beginner,” Antelo said. “They work on a larger scale and they know losses like this can happen.”

After attacking Antelo’s skills as a drug trafficker, defence lawyers also attacked her credibility as a witness and as a mother, allowing the jury to hear her life story, a tale worthy of the So-

pranos.

The one time Antelo was arrested was when her first husband, whom she was divorcing, went to the police in California. She was sentenced to 20 months in jail, but escaped to Bolivia.

Using a fake passport, she then came to Canada, where she lived – and dealt drugs – with her second husband, Raymond Craig, in Hampstead.

“I lived a comfortable life,” Antelo said modestly; near the end of her career, she enjoyed six-figure commissions.

She lived a double life, defence lawyer Pierre Panaccio said, accusing her of setting up fronts,

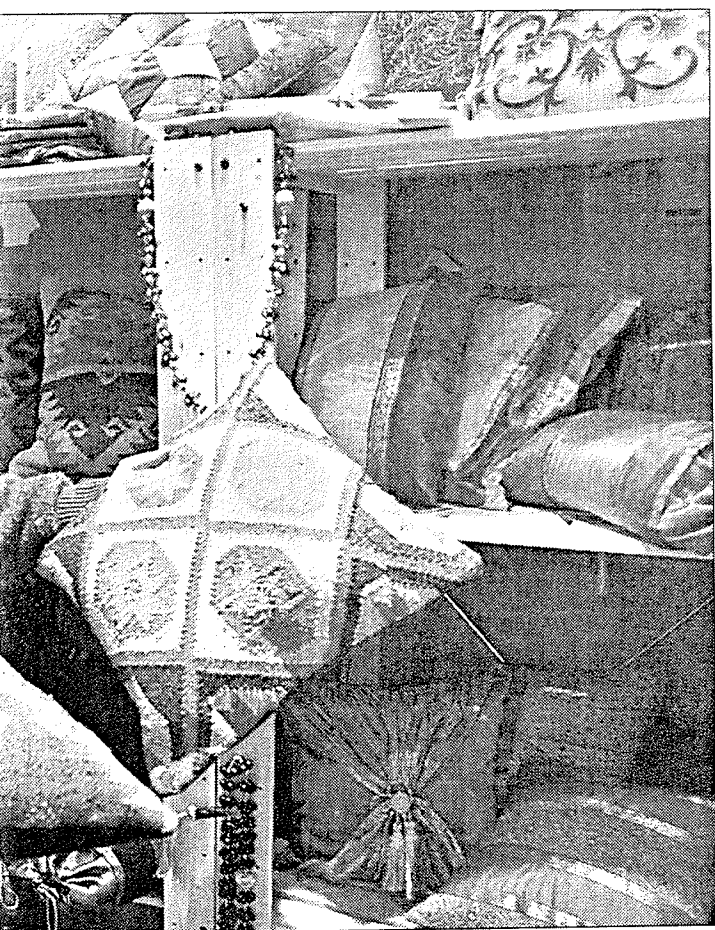
like furniture and clothing import businesses, and lying to her children about where the money came from.

“Everything that paid for your children’s nice clothing and education came from drugs, and you never told them?” he asked.

“The señor wants to call it deceitful. It’s just like the relationships of criminal lawyers,” Antelo responded calmly.

“I want to ask him whether he tells his children that he defends assassins and criminals. That’s his life.”

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and home decorations like the cushions sold by Suhayl Mukaddam

## amadan fast ends

Fasting in the Muslim lunar month of Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam. Muslims abstain from drink, food and other sensual pleasures from dawn to dusk during the month, and re-

by buying sweets, new clothes and home decorations.

Sheikh Said Fawaz, imam of al-Oumma al-Islamaya mosque on St. Dominique St., said community groups will hold activities this weekend to mark the feast. The events include children’s parties and communal dinners.

“It is sad that some people could not celebrate the Eid on time because they could not take the day off from work. But we will try to make it up for them over the weekend.”

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gard Ramadan as a time for worship and good deeds.  
Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr

## Killer’s lawyer blasts Ottawa

### Government not doing enough to prevent execution of man deported to U.S., he says

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Five years after Ottawa deported a man to Pennsylvania, with the full knowledge he was headed for death row, the federal government is now asking that the death penalty not be carried out against convicted killer Roger Judge.

The request comes after the government was criticized this year by the United Nations Human Rights Committee for deporting Judge, and his lawyer contends Ottawa is putting little effort into preventing his execution.

In August, the UN committee ruled that countries like Canada that have abolished the death penalty are obliged to protect life in all circumstances.

“Thus, they may not remove, either by deportation or extradition, individuals from their jurisdiction if it may be reasonably anticipated they will be sentenced to death, without ensuring the death sentence will not be carried out.”

Ottawa recently filed a two-page response to the ruling, noting that on Oct. 24, the Canadian consul in Buffalo, N.Y., contacted the governor of Pennsylvania “and raised the Judge case with him.” The response also states that on Nov. 7, the Canadian government sent a diplomatic note requesting “that the United States not carry out the death penalty against Mr. Judge.”

Judge’s Canadian lawyer, Eric Sutton, said he is “highly skeptical” that Ottawa’s efforts de-

tailed in the response will prevent Judge’s execution.

Sutton said: “They can do more and should do more. ... I’m convinced that in matters of this type, that are delicate, personal human contact is necessary. A note is simply going to be read and filed away and probably forgotten. I really feel you have to meet with people, you have to impress upon them how important this is.

“And it is very important for someone whose life hangs in the balance and for the government of Canada, which has been censured for breaching his constitutional rights.”

Judge was sentenced to die in the electric chair for the murders of two Philadelphia teenagers in 1984.

He escaped custody in 1987 and fled to Canada, only to be arrested a year later in Vancouver for two armed robberies. He was convicted and served a 10-year sentence that he completed in Quebec.

In 1998, Judge argued before Quebec Superior Court that he suffered cruel and unusual punishment because he spent 10 years in prison knowing he would eventually be put to death.

His argument was rejected and Judge was deported.

Patrick Charette, a spokesperson for Canada’s Justice Department, said Ottawa is still involved in Judge’s case.

“Even if they are not binding, we always take such opinions seriously,” Charette said in reference to the UN panel’s ruling.

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