the T—s' phone line that he's smarter than they are and can't be caught.

"We're disappointed, but it just proves we've eliminated the house ... we just have to look in another direction," Debbie T— said in a telephone interview.

She said Sommy may have accessed Bell Canada computers and equipment to tap into their home phone lines. Sommy last menaced them March 31, she said.

"I don't know if he's gone or if he's just lying low. He's got the world looking for him [and] he thrives on the attention," she said.

**Police Visit**

There have been at least two cases of less sophisticated Sommys doing major messing with phone lines.

A troublemaker in Ottawa ten years ago disconnected thousands of phone calls, including the prime minister's, in one swoop by messing with Bell's switching equipment.

The T—s' electronic intruder—police think there could be more than one—has tapped the family's phone lines, interrupting conversations with burps and babble.

Debbie T— said Sommy even uncovered the personal identification number for her bank card.

He has boasted that the police came to his house and talked to him without realizing who he was.

"I believe that," T— said. "He told me police asked him to ring his doorbell. How would he know that if they weren't there? [Police] said they asked everybody to ring their doorbell."

Sommy has overheard conversations in the house and seems to have access to its electrical power. Some reports have said he could turn off individual appliances at will, but that isn't true.

The security team figures Sommy has bugged out, if he was there at all.

"Our position on this matter is that no further action by [our team] is warranted at this time," said Trevor Stewart, lead member of the Nepean Systems Inc. crew.

The company was brought in by the Canadian Discovery Channel, which planned to air its show on Sommy Monday, and Dateline NBC, which was to air its feature last night.

Stewart, 41, a former RCMP officer and Canadian Security Intelligence Service spy, said the team is composed of intelligence and security experts from "a wide variety of backgrounds," but their work is so secret that no further information is given out.

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He would not reveal what equipment was used for the sweep.

Norman Inkster, a former RCMP commissioner now at KPMG, an accounting and consulting firm, said he'd never seen anything like this in his thirty-six years with the Mounties.

Foiling highly skilled specialists and police for three months must be giving Sommy "some kind of thrill," he said.

Inkster said it shows "there is a great deal of sophistication in the hands of the wrong people. We'll probably see more of this."

The case has drawn the attention of tabloid TV shows like Hard Copy, Inside Edition and