

Crash suspect returns to city

Cops holding man in fatal hit-and-run

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The suspect in the hit-and-run traffic death of a 20-year-old city woman returned to Calgary yesterday.

Just as Lindsay Giacomelli was being laid to rest, Colin Jones, 48, was whisked through Calgary International Airport following a flight from Toronto.

The curly-haired, bespectacled suspect appeared surprised by the media present to greet him and refused to answer a reporter's question as he was escorted by a single Calgary police traffic officer.

He was apprehended Monday at Toronto's Pearson International Airport just before boarding a flight to Great Britain and likely wouldn't be freed for now, said Insp. Bill Sherlock of the police traffic unit.

"He'll probably be held in remand," said Sherlock.

Giacomelli was struck by a vehicle last Thursday night in a crosswalk on Bonaventure Dr. near Fairmount Dr. S.E.

The driver fled the scene and Giacomelli, a

University of Calgary student, died later in Foothills hospital of head injuries.

Her boyfriend was to meet her at a nearby strip mall at the time of the tragedy.

Giacomelli's funeral was held yesterday at the Southwood United Church, 10690 Elbow Dr. S.W.

Jones has been charged with failure to remain at the scene of an accident in connection with the crash.

"We want to get his version of events ... he's only a suspect at this time," said Sherlock.

The discovery of a red, late-model Dodge Durango in Cochrane led police to the arrest but much work needs to be done, said Sherlock.

Eyewitness accounts and paint chips found at the scene led police to the vehicle.

"We still haven't done an investigation of the vehicle and we'll have to send parts of it to the lab," he said.

"It's not a rapid process."

Giacomelli had dreams of putting her dancing talents to work with the Disney corporation.

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VICTIM MOURNED ... Family and friends of Lindsay Giacomelli, inset, tried to comfort one another after her funeral outside Southwood United Church yesterday.