

Cop says driver knew he hit woman

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Based on details of the scene, the man behind the wheel who killed Calgarian Lindsay Giacomelli was aware of what had happened when he ran her over, a city police collision expert testified in court yesterday.

Const. Ken Reed told Court of Queen's Bench the skid marks left by Colin Jones and other evidence at the scene of the March 17, 2005 hit-and-run incident on Bonaventure Dr. S.E. shows the accused was cognizant of the crash.

"There's no question the driver Colin Jones was aware at the time of his collision, he was aware there was a reason for braking," said the crash reconstructionist.

Reed concluded there was a 12-metre skid mark at the scene left by Jones' Dodge Durango, while at least one eyewitness testified earlier he'd seen the vehicle hesitate after the crash and manoeuvre around Giacomelli, 20, lying on the road.

The constable said he calculated the Dodge was travelling a minimum of 47 to 49 km/h at the time of the impact, which threw the victim 22.3 metres.

Defence lawyer Balfour Der is arguing Jones' depression and medication for it left him unaware of the nature of the crash, which would discount any intent to flee.

And, Der noted the difference between the Durango's tire base and the measurements taken at the scene were 5 cm.

"You can't be sure the marks on the photograph are from that vehicle," said Der.

Reed said: "Not 100 percent."

Der also suggested there's no evidence Giacomelli's body would have struck the Durango's hood where it would be most visible.

Jones is expected to take the stand today.