

Cops closing in on killer driver

Hit-and-run suspect thought to be in T.O.

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Cops are closing in on a suspected hit-and-run driver who fled the province after allegedly running down a young Calgary woman and leaving her for dead.

Sgt. Russ Van Aalst of the traffic section's hit-and-run/collision reconstruction unit said he's "optimistic" an arrest is imminent.

"We're looking for the suspect in his last known location, Toronto," said Van Aalst. "We're working with Peel Regional police and are optimistic we will make an arrest."

A Canada-wide warrant was issued for the arrest of the 47-year-old suspect late yesterday in the Thursday hit-and-run crash that claimed the life of Lindsay Giacomelli.

The single charge is criminal hit-and-run.

The 20-year-old woman was walking along a marked crosswalk on Bonaventure Dr. near Fairmount Dr. S.E. on her way to meet her boyfriend after he got off work.

She was struck by an SUV that left her with

life-threatening head injuries, which she later succumbed to while in hospital.

The driver fled the scene and witnesses offered the barest of clues to investigators.

Cops also had little to go on, but did manage to recover some paint chips from the suspect vehicle. The RCMP crime lab in Edmonton later linked the paint chips to a red, late model Dodge Durango.

Police had the suspect vehicle in their possession yesterday and were conducting forensic tests on it.

Van Aalst said the traffic unit received help from other officers, including the RCMP, the traffic response unit and the Check Stop unit, to try to find the person responsible for the road death.

Lindsay was a University of Calgary student and an accomplished dancer. She was set to audition as a dancer for Disney next month.

A funeral service for Lindsay is planned for 1 p.m. tomorrow at Southwood United Church, 10690 Elbow Dr. S.W.



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