

Killer driving suspect caught

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Just mere footsteps from boarding a plane that would take him overseas, a Calgary suspect was nabbed for the hit-and-run death of a young woman.

Sgt. Russ Van Aalst said the 48-year-old suspect was checking in at Toronto's Pearson International Airport when cops swooped in.

"Members of Peel Regional Police Service took him into custody just before midnight Monday," he said.

"He had a ticket to the United Kingdom."

A Canada-wide warrant was issued for the alleged culprit — who



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police would not name yesterday — on a single charge of criminal hit-and-run for the Thursday crash that killed 20-year-old Lindsay Giacomelli.

He is expected back in Calgary today.

The U of C student was walking in a crosswalk on Bonaventure Dr., near Fairmount Dr. S.E., after 8 p.m.

She was on her way to a nearby strip mall to meet her boyfriend when he got off work, her parents said.

Lindsay, a talented dancer with dreams of working for the Disney corporation, was struck by an SUV that left her unconscious on the side of the road with critical head injuries.

The driver fled and Lindsay later died in Foothills hospital.

While the young woman's devastated family was left to plan her funeral, the hit-and-run unit worked tirelessly to find the person responsible.

Using paint chips at the scene and witness accounts, police narrowed the search until they found the suspect SUV — a red, late-model Dodge Durango — in Cochrane.

When they tried to locate the registered owner of the vehicle, cops learned he had left Alberta, telling friends he was taking a vacation.

Lindsay's funeral service is scheduled for today at 1 p.m. at Southwood United Church, 10690 Elbow Dr. S.W.

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