

Hit-and-run suspect out

Man nabbed in Toronto airport after fatal Calgary crash released on bail

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The Calgary hit-and-run suspect arrested in Toronto, about to board a plane for overseas, has been released on bail.

But Judge Sandra Hamilton yesterday ordered Colin Jones to surrender his passport to police as a condition of his freedom.

Hamilton granted a request by defence lawyer Balfour Der to release his client pending trial on a charge he fled the scene of a fatal St. Patrick's Day crash.

Jones, 48, was arrested Monday at Toron-

to's Pearson International Airport before boarding a flight to the United Kingdom.

Hamilton said Jones could either post \$5,000 cash, or a \$10,000 surety as a condition of his release and must abide by a weekday curfew and weekend house arrest.

A publication ban on submissions by Der and Crown prosecutor Robert Bassett, as well as Hamilton's reasons for releasing Jones was imposed by the provincial court judge.

Outside court, Der said based on his client's ties to Calgary, Jones is not a risk to flee.

"He's a man who has a very responsible job here in the city, he's lived in Calgary for a

number of years," the defence lawyer said.

"His wife and family are here," said Der. "He's not a flight risk in terms of his background."

The lawyer said the fact Jones was boarding a plane for the U.K. didn't indicate he was fleeing.

"It's right that my client was arrested in Toronto, but there could be a number of legitimate reasons why he was there, such as visiting family in the U.K.," he said.



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"The man's not going to some far off place where he could never be tracked down."

Jones is charged in connection with the crash which took the life of pedestrian Lindsay Giacomelli, who was stuck while crossing Bonaventure Dr. S.E.

Jones returns to court April 14.

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