

Killer crash coverup alleged in court

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Police immediately suspected a collision damaging the same vehicle involved a day earlier in a fatal hit-and-run was staged to cover up the deadly incident, court heard yesterday.

Provincial Sheriff's Sgt. Russ Van Aalst told Court of Queen's Bench his examination of Colin Jones' Dodge Durango -- which had crashed into the rear of a parked flatbed truck in Carstairs a day after it had struck Lindsay Giacomelli, 20, on Bonaventure Dr. on March 17, 2005 -- raised red flags.

"It struck me as unusual this vehicle would drive straight into the back of this truck for no reason," said Van Aalst, who was serving as a city police collision expert at the time. "It was determined this vehicle was involved in a secondary collision whose sole purpose was to mask a previous collision."

Defence lawyer Balfour Der contends Jones was deeply affected by his depression, wasn't aware of the hit-and-run and thus lacked the intent necessary to be convicted.

The trial resumes today.