

Accused claims no memory

Man charged in fatal hit-and-run lists sexual dysfunction and depression

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The man accused in the fatal hit-and-run of Lindsay Giacomelli tearfully told court he was overwhelmed at work and battling depression when he hit the woman in a crosswalk.

While Colin Jones was able to offer Court of Queen's Bench details on his dissolving marriage, sexual dysfunction and depression, he testified he had no memory of hitting the 20-year-old on March 17, 2005.

He told court he only had spotty recollections of taking a rental car to Regina and then a flight to Toronto where he was arrested on a one-way ticket on a U.K.-bound plane.

Outside court, traffic Const. Ross Jackson -- who had been watching the proceedings with Const. Dave Alexander -- questioned Jones on his memory asking 'Do you remember me?' as the 49-year-old walked past.

That prompted defence lawyer Balfour Der to lash out at the cop, telling him to be professional.

"And my client advises me he and Const. Alexander were staring at him, trying to intimidate him and obviously laughing," Der told the judge in court.

"This is absolutely unacceptable."

Crown prosecutor David Torske defended the officers, saying their presence at court showed their interest in the case, adding he'd seen no sign of unprofessionalism.

But Justice Allen Sulatycky disagreed, sending the officers to the back of the room and told them to have no further contact with the accused. Jones later told court his medication for depression was a "two-edged sword," which alleviated his symptoms but left him unable to perform in the bedroom.

He said his construction company lost several multimillion dollar contacts and his stress level was high.

"I was entirely a mess," he testified. "I was barely functioning at work."

Defence lawyer Lisa Burgis asked Jones if he deliberately left the scene of a hit-and-run.

"No," he replied.

"I couldn't do that."

Court also heard Jones left a note for a friend with directions to sell his house and

deal with his obligations.

The trial resumes today.