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Prosecutor and police angry killer driver free

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The Crown attorney and cops who put a notorious killer driver behind bars are incensed he's been released just months after being slapped with a 30-month jail term.

Colin Jones was convicted in May of the March 17, 2005 hit-and run death of Lindsay Giacomelli, 20, who was left alone and dying in a darkened southeast crosswalk.

As exclusively reported in yesterday's Sun, a National Parole Board panel granted him day parole.

Jones must live in a halfway house until full parole kicks in on March 15, 2008.

Crown attorney David Torske said he was happy with the initial sentence and disturbed to learn Jones was released so quickly.

"I can see why it's frustrating for the family," he said yesterday.

"It's kind of surprising and a little disappointing to say the least."

Justice Allen Sulatycky sentenced Jones to the lengthy 30-month term, the harshest punishment ever given to a motorist for leaving a crash scene.

He also handed the killer driver a five-year driving ban.

"It just seems like yesterday I finished the case," Torske said.

"I don't know if the public would equate seven months to lengthy."

Court heard Jones chose to drive home, order a pizza and watch a movie while Lindsay was taken to hospital, where she later died.

He was later arrested on a London-bound plane.

The reality Jones is out so soon is gutwrenching to Lindsay's family and surprising to police, such as Const. Dave Alexander with the traffic reconstruction unit, who put thousands of hours into preparing the case for court.

"I'm extremely disappointed," Alexander said.

"It doesn't seem like 30 months has passed."

Lindsay's ex-hausted father, Gerald, said the family feels entirely "let down" by what it called the so-called justice system.

"It's just one more nail in the coffin -- I'm just kind of numb," he said. "It's just the hypocrisy," he said of the system.

"Are the penalties there? Don't give me double-talk, don't tell me you value human life and then do nothing to protect it."