

Jones guilty in hit-and-run death

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Colin Jones was found guilty today of the hit-and-run death of 20-year-old Lindsay Giacomelli.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice Allen Sulatycky handed down the decision. Giacomelli was struck and killed while walking in a marked southeast Calgary crosswalk just over two years ago.

Crown prosecutor David Torske had argued that eyewitness accounts, scene evidence and post-offence conduct all pointed to Jones' guilt. Witnesses in the trial testified that Jones hit the brakes before his vehicle collided with Giacomelli, then he drove around her and left.

Court heard that days later he was involved in a second "staged collision" with a parked truck, then took a series of one-way flights, headed to England.

But Jones testified he had no memory of the collision and little recollection of the following days.

Defence lawyer Balfour Der pointed out that Jones was affected by clinical depression and high stress following the break-up of his marriage at the time, factors that contributed to amnesia.

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