

Hurting dad anxious for hit-and-run trial

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While dealing with the pain of losing his own daughter, Gerald Giacomelli continues to feel for other families who have also lost loved ones at the hands of hit-and-run drivers.

The trial of Colin Jones, the man accused in the hit-and-run which killed Giacomelli's 20-year-old daughter Lindsay, begins today.

Jones, 48, hit Giacomelli in a crosswalk at Bonaventure Dr. S.E. on St. Patrick's Day last year.

The proceedings come on the heels of several other hit-and-run cases, including the one of Samrat Dhuna, convicted of manslaughter Friday for killing Raminder Dhadda last New Year's Eve.

And cops are still looking for a driver who fled the scene last month after striking Allen Soto.

Last month, the driver of a stolen car which hit another killing Paul Pawlicki, pleaded guilty to criminal negligence causing death.

Giacomelli said he has followed those cases and knows the pain families are left to suffer. The trial for the driver accused of hitting Lindsay has been delayed since last December.

"You can feel the stress building," her father said.

"You watch what happened in the last four weeks (in other cases) and we know what we're in for.

"We are just going to watch and represent Lindsay -- to show that someone cared about her."