

Flying truck tires on QEW kills Oakville woman

A 41-year-old Oakville woman is dead after her car was struck by flying tractor-trailer tires on the QEW Thursday night.

According to Burlington OPP, however, the incident could have been even worse if not for the driving skills of a second truck operator, whose rig was also damaged by the tires.

Investigators explained that it was around 9:10 p.m. when a tractor-trailer traveling east-bound on the QEW lost a set of rear dual tires. The tires bounced over the center median into the westbound lanes just east of the Third Line and struck a 2003 Mercedes head-on, after which the car ended up in the right ditch, said OPP Const. Dave Woodford.

The tires subsequently collided with the cab of another tractor-trailer owned by Canada Cartage and broke a strap holding its load of plywood in place, some of which was dumped on the roadway.

Shaken up but unhurt, said Woodford, this

driver used good driving skills to prevent further mayhem – such as a jack-knifed truck – and stop his vehicle safely.

"He's lucky," said Woodford. "And it could have been worse. It could have been rush hour."

The driver of the Mercedes was pronounced dead at the scene. At press time her name had not been released as family was still being notified.

The OPP stopped the tractor-trailer that lost its tires a distance down the road in Port Credit and it is being held by police for inspection. To do that, Woodford explained, a warrant must first be obtained so the inspection won't take place until at least Monday.

Police closed the westbound lanes of the QEW at the Third Line for three hours as they investigated the crash. Charges are pending.

The OPP is asking any witnesses to contact Const. Rossit at the Burlington Detachment, 905-681-2511.

Oakville motorist killed in crash

An Oakville man is dead and his passenger remains in hospital following Sunday's single-car crash in Selkirk, Ontario.

According to Haldimand OPP, the driver — 24-year-old Jesse Robinson — was pronounced dead at the scene. David Pozo, 23, of Mississauga remains in hospital after being airlifted to Hamilton General Hospital with seri-

ous injuries.

Investigators say the car was travelling east on the Blue Water Parkway in Selkirk when the driver missed the curve, the car skidded and struck the end of a cement bridge railing.

According to Haldimand OPP, weather was clear and roads were dry at the time of the crash. No charges will be laid.

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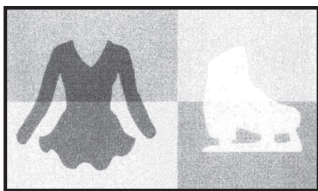
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