

Developed at Sheridan

# Computer program helps fight crime

Because it is a prime societal concern of the '90s, people today are anxious to demonstrate their commitment to stopping violence against women. But it's the prowess of professionals like Sheridan College's Malcolm Trussler that is actually making a difference.

The Brampton Campus Computer Studies professor has achieved international recognition for developing computer software that can be directly attributed to several charges against the alleged Humber College rapist.

Trussler has put regional police forces in Peel and Metro Toronto at the forefront of crime investigation software advancement with the development of the Dr. Watson - Law Enforcement Software package.

It all started in 1989 when Peel Regional Police approached Trussler to tap his vast knowledge in software development to create two packages: one for case management of large investigations and the second to identify patterns or trends in crimes, and then link them to known suspects.

Trussler said the crime and pattern analysis software is also used to identify serial crimes attributed to one suspect, as in the case of the Humber College rapist.

"Instead of this particular individual being arrested and charged for one sexual assault, he has since been linked to and charged with three additional assault-related crimes," Trussler explained.

Peel Regional Police (22 Division) Divisional Analyst Neil Martin said he uses the software every day to manage data related to major crimes such as break and entry, robbery, auto theft, and sexu-

al assault, as well as to link known suspects to incidents that, without the software, would seem to be completely unrelated.

"The software certainly doesn't solve crimes by itself, but it makes it easier to link known suspects to more crimes," Martin said.

The software has had global impact after being considered for adoption by police forces across Canada, the U.S., Bermuda and Finland as well as being presented at the request of External Affairs Canada, at the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention.

It has also been adopted by the State of Nevada's Missing Children's Task Force.

### LATE DEATH NOTICE

MYERS, Edward Thomas - On Friday, March 27, 1992 at his home in Georgetown. Edward Myers, beloved husband of the late Margaret O'Brien. Loving father of Margaret and her husband Kevin Galway, Louise and her husband Kevin McLean, Cathy and her husband Terry McGrath, Brian and his wife Lorraine and Gerri and her husband Les Smith all of Georgetown, Edward Jr. and his wife Charlene of Orangeville, Jean and her husband Les King of Brampton and Cecelia and her husband Wayne O'Leary of Edmonton, Alberta. Loved grandfather of 16 grandchildren. Loved brother of Vince, Gerald, Joe all of Newfoundland and Gertrude Moriarity of Milton. Friends will be received at the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, 11582 Trafalgar Rd. North of Maple Ave., Georgetown (877-3631) on Saturday from 7 to 9 pm and Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. Until 10 o'clock Monday morning thence to Holy Cross Church (225 Maple Ave., Georgetown) where a Christian Burial Mass will be held on Monday, March 30, 1992 at 10:30 am. Interment Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. In memory contributions to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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