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Thanksgiving dinner when a car went out of control and jumped the centre median.

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Georgetown man one of four dead in Brampton crash

By Louie Rosella Metroland Media Group

A fairytale couple who would one day be planning their wedding day.

A teenager making her way through high school.

A Brampton man whose family has already made arrangements for his funeral.

These were the casualties of a fiery crash in Brampton Monday night (Oct. 10) that occurred at the intersection of Bovaird and Gillingham Drs. when a Kia Soul carrying Brian McGinnis, 24, of Georgetown, his girlfriend, Lauren Bouchard, 22, of Brampton, and her 16-year-old sister Michelle Bouchard, also of Brampton, was hit by a Pontiac Trans Am that veered out of control. The driver of the sports car was Calisto Mendonca, 49 of Brampton.

Peel Regional Police are still trying to determine whether any number of factors, including speed, distracted driving, a vehicle malfunction or a medical condition, factored into the crash, Const. Mark Fischer said.

In the meantime, family members and friends gathered near the crash site Tuesday to mourn the dead, while others took to social media to express their condolences.

They were always together, like always, said friend John Caltillo. They were like a fairytale couple, dressing up, going out, always happy. They would ve gotten married one day for sure.

Michelle Hillyard, Brian's aunt, described her nephew as a joker with an infectious smile.

Brian McGinnis was driving his girlfriend and her 16-year-old sister home after Thanksgiving dinner when the Trans Am went out of control and jumped the centre median around 8:45 p.m.

Their Kia was hit by the Trans Am, driven by Mendonca, who worked for a catering company. Both vehicles burst into flames.

Family members say that McGinnis and his girlfriend had done some apple picking earlier in the day.

A funeral for Mendonca has been scheduled for Friday (Oct. 14) at the Ward Funeral Home, Brampton Chapel, at 52 Main St. S., with a funeral to follow Saturday at Our Lady Of Fatima Church at 101 Malta Ave. in Brampton.

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