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Driver gets five years for killing teen

An impaired driver convicted of running over and killing a Markham teen was sentenced to five years in prison yesterday.

Clive Williams, 27, of Whitby was found guilty last week of impaired driving causing death, impaired driving causing bodily harm, and refusing to give a breath sample, after a trial at the University Avenue courthouse in Toronto.

Williams was driving drunk when he ran into Christabel Lee, 19, and her friend Duc Tran as they crossed the Kennedy Road and Lawrence Avenue intersection in Scarborough on Aug. 11, 1996.

Lee died that day, while Tran's injuries were not life-threatening.

Lee had spent the evening out with friends at

the Casablanca Disco, after a day of fundraising, and was crossing the road at about 2:45 a.m. when she and Tran were struck.

Allison DeSouza, a close friend of Lees, attended the trial last week when the verdict was handed down and also accompanied Christabel's mother Doris to yesterday's sentencing.

"You can't say we're happy with the fact he got five years. We would have liked it if it had never happened in the first place," she said.

The sentence saw Williams receive five years for the charge of causing death; two years to be served concurrently for the charge of bodily harm and 14 days concurrently for the refusal to give a breath sample.

OBITUARY: Developer 'ahead of his time'

Jack Israeli shared his wealth

The man who built Markville Shopping Centre has died.

Jack Israeli died at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre Friday morning after a long illness. He was 68.

A survivor of the Holocaust, Israeli came to Canada in 1958 where he quickly rose to success in the business world. His company, JDS Investments, built a number of big shopping malls in the 1980s including Markville, Pickering Town Centre, and Mississauga's Sheridan Mall. JDS owned Canada's Wonderland from the late 1980s to 1991. Israeli also built the homes behind Markville mall, as well as the Westney Heights subdivision in Ajax and the Pickering Trade Centre.

As a developer, Israeli saw the potential growth of the regions surrounding Toronto long before many merchants did, said his sister-in-law Eugenia Cork.

"I remember when he first came to build Markville, and the tenants would come in and say 'What wilderness are we moving into?' He rented a plane and took aerial photos to show the pockets of housing and where the subdivisions would be built," said Cork, who served as Markville's manager. "He knew Markham would grow and he was ahead of his time."

Markville Shopping Centre opened in 1982, followed by an addition which opened in 1991.

Ill health slowed Israeli down, and during the last four years he was under constant care from nurses and family at his home in Toronto, said Cork. He had a heart attack and a number of strokes, and also suffered from kidney failure and resulting infections.

Born Jacob Rosenstein in 1931 in the Polish town of Dombrowitz, he had a harrowing youth as he was forced to flee the Nazis and the persecution of Jews during the Second World War.

At the start of the war he lived in a Jewish ghetto in the Polish town of Rokitno, where he grew up with his parents and two younger sisters. On Aug. 26, 1942 he and his father escaped a massacre of Rokitno's Jews during a mass panic which broke out when shooting started in the town square.

He described the event in his book *The Last Time I Saw Father*, which was released by Ginzberg Press in 1991.

As his business interests became successful, Israeli shared his wealth with numerous charities in Canada and Israel.

Married to Emily for 20 years, Israeli leaves three children from a previous marriage, Leora, Rachel and Henry, and five grandchildren.

The funeral will take place Sunday at the Benjamin Park Memorial Chapel, 2401 Steeles Ave. W., though the exact time has not yet been confirmed. Please call the chapel at 416-663-9060 for information.

Decision requires review, Fantino says

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everything we do," Fantino said.

"There's decisions to be made every step along the way. You're damned if you do and you're damned if you don't. It's a dilemma. Our predominant concern is the protection of law-abiding (citizens)."

Fantino's comments echo those of Acting York Chief Peter Scott, who said at Wednesday's police board meeting he supports releasing information to protect the public, even if it hampers investiga-

tions. He was commenting on a board directive to draw up a policy on releasing information in the wake of recent Police Services Act changes, which echo the Jane Doe civil decision.

Fantino noted decisions, such as the one in the Jane Doe case, are made in a sober, collected review atmosphere, while front line police officers often must make decisions on the spur of the moment. "This requires a much more comprehensive review," he said, adding the potential liability if the ruling isn't appealed is overwhelming.

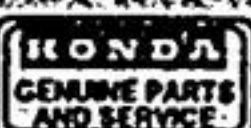
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