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## Murder suspect 'suicidal'

*Victim's ex-boyfriend  
admitted to hospital days  
before she was shot*

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The ex-boyfriend of a murdered Thornhill woman was released from York Central Hospital's mental health ward shortly before he tried to kill himself with the same gun that ended Melissa Pajkowski's life.

York Regional Police said yesterday officers had arrested 26-year-old Peter Morrissey of Richmond Hill under the Mental Health Act when he was found on Pajkowski's front lawn in a suicidal state.

Three days later, Pajkowski, 21, was abducted from her family's home and driven to Newmarket where her body was discovered in a crashed Jeep that had run a Bathurst Street radar trap.

Morrissey was found in the driver's seat with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the forehead.

The radar officer saw Morrissey raise the gun in the air, then pointed it at himself as he sped by. But it's not known whether Pajkowski was shot at the time or earlier.

Det. Sgt. Denis Mulholland said Morrissey had been admitted to York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill three days earlier after he had tried to overdose on headache and cold medication.

Mulholland said Pajkowski was at home when police arrived on the scene, but she never asked for charges to be laid.

"She never indicated any threats against her or prior physical harm," Mulholland said.

While police know Morrissey was admitted to the Richmond Hill hospital, they could not say when he was released.

Hospital spokesperson Nancy Webb would not confirm whether Morrissey had been admitted, explaining she is constrained by privacy laws.

Mulholland said police are attempting to obtain Morrissey's medical records through a court order.

Meanwhile, Morrissey was moved to the intensive care unit after his condition was upgraded from critical to serious.

Two homicide detectives were at the hospital yesterday to determine how well he is progressing.

Morrissey is expected to be charged with first-degree murder when he is well enough to understand the allegations against him.

In a prepared statement released this week, Pajkowski's parents questioned how the tragedy could have occurred.

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