

'They've shattered my family'

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Suleman was dead, she said she collapsed.

"I said, as a mother I did what I had to do, why didn't you do your f---ing job? I was so mad I could tell by his face he had no freaking answer for me. Why did they have to kill him? Why? I'm the one that gave my son to them and this is what they do? Bring me back a dead body?" Kamadia shouted hysterically through her tears.

"They have no idea what a split-second decision does to people's lives. Those bastards. They've ruined my family, they've shattered my family, not just me but my other son is damaged forever. He's damaged for life."

Kamadia said she felt completely betrayed by police, whom she hoped would peacefully arrest her son after a family friend tipped them off to his location.

In the days leading up to his death, Kamadia had become increasingly concerned because Suleman, who was wanted by police for two armed cajackings, had not come home. That night she learned he was driving a stolen Jeep and felt the situation was becoming desperate. She wanted him in custody before something serious happened, she said.

"I wish I had half the brains of my son, who hated the cops. I wish I also didn't trust those guys. He would still be

alive today, if I hadn't intervened. They never would have known he was driving a stolen Jeep."

Even after the inquest broke for lunch and people were filing out, Kamadia, still at the microphone, continued speaking. "He's my son. He's gone and they're all alive. I'm the victim here. Faraz will never smile like Wiche's kids can smile."

It was Det. Bob Wiche who fired the fatal shot at 3 a.m. June 19, 1996 after a short police chase. Once the SIU became involved, York Region officers were told not to contact the family, despite Pedersen's repeated requests to have someone inform Kamadia.

Under cross examination from Wiche's lawyer, Adrian Hill, Kamadia refused to acknowledge Wiche's contention that Suleman had tried to run him down with the Jeep.

"No. That shot was fired very much when he was definitely out of danger," she replied. "In my heart of hearts, I think your client has murdered my son. I can assure you with my beliefs and moral values and the fact I am a religious person, what goes around comes around. Someday he'll pay a very big price for what happened. And it won't be from me, it will be from above."

Pathologist Dr. John Deck also testified yesterday.

He said Suleman died from a single gunshot wound to the neck, which came through the driver's side window at a roughly 90-degree angle.

The bullet entered Suleman's spine just under his ear, on his left side. It severed his spinal cord, Deck said.

"It's highly probable he was immedi-

ately unconscious," he said.

He recovered the deformed black-talon bullet on the right side of Suleman's neck.

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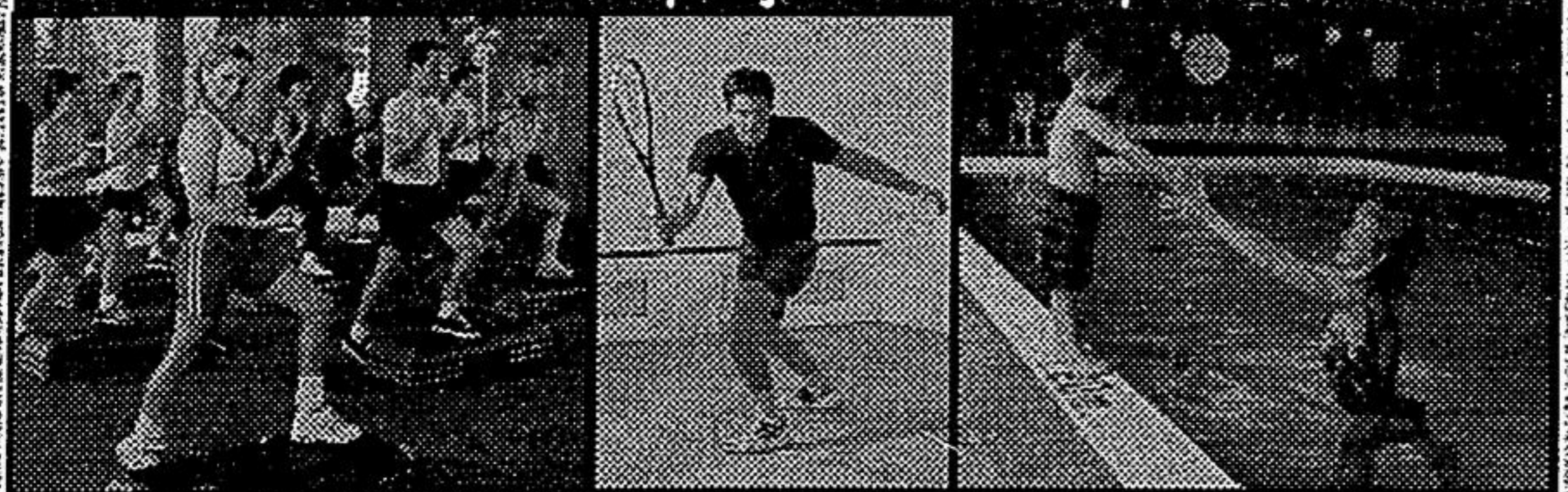
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