

Road rage accused testifies he was merely 'miffed'

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Angry about being cut off by another driver, an Aurora man dangerously pursued her until it collided head-on with an oncoming car, killing two women, according to a Crown attorney grilling him on the stand Wednesday.

But while Josef Mansour said he was "a little miffed" by the driver who pulled in front of him on Dufferin Street at Teston Road Jan. 19, 1998, he insisted he was never irate.

He has accused Suzanne McGregor, 37, of Richmond Hill of "playing games" for several kilometres before the fatal crash, just south of Rutherford Road.

McGregor's Ford Lincoln slammed into a northbound car

driven by Woodbridge resident Lina Marra, 33. Both women were pronounced dead at the scene.

Mansour, 36, said McGregor pulled in front of him at Teston, forcing him to hit his brakes.

He tried to pass her when she drove at half the speed limit. However, she sped up as he tried to overtake her, almost causing him to hit an oncoming car.

Mansour said he lost sight of McGregor after she sped off at Major Mackenzie Drive.

But they met up again at Rutherford. He drove his Toyota 4-Runner up behind McGregor, who hit her brakes. Mansour applied his brakes and slid on to the shoulder.

Although he was losing control of his vehicle, Mansour

sped up in an effort to regain control and pull in front of McGregor.

The vehicles clipped each other, sending McGregor into Marra's Buick.

But Crown attorney LeeAnne McCallum argued McGregor never drove dangerously.

In fact, McCallum said it was Mansour who passed McGregor, despite a double yellow road line that prohibits passing.

According to McCallum, Mansour tried to make eye contact with McGregor at Major Mackenzie because he was angry and felt invincible in his sports utility vehicle.

The trial continues.

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Junior Competitive Team
 May 13 - Mount Joy Arena - 5:40 PM - 7:00 PM
 May 24 - Mount Joy Arena - 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM
 May 29 - Ed Sackfield Arena - 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Novice Competitive Team
 May 13 - Mount Joy Arena - 4:10 PM - 5:30 PM
 May 18 - Scarborough Ice Sports - 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM
 May 30 - Ed Sackfield Arena - 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Juvenile Competitive Team
 May 13 - Mount Joy Arena - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 May 30 - Ed Sackfield Arena - 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Junior Festival Team
 May 17 - Scarborough Ice Sports - 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM
 May 31 - Ed Sackfield Arena - 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM


Novice Festival Team
 May 15 - Scarborough Ice Sports - 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM
 June 1 - Ed Sackfield Arena - 5:30 PM - 6:40 PM

Juvenile Festival Team
 May 16 - Scarborough Ice Sports - 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM
 June 1 - Ed Sackfield Arena - 6:50 PM - 8:00 PM


Pre-Juvenile Festival Team
 May 15 - Scarborough Ice Sports - 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 June 2 - Ed Sackfield Arena - 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tryout fees: \$35.00 flat fee entitles skaters to unlimited tryouts.
 \$15.00 tryout fee for skaters trying out for pre-juvenile team only

Information Meeting Wednesday, May 10 Markham Village Arena, 8 PM-9 PM
For further information contact
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NOVICE BORN 1991	9:00 - 10:00 AM	6:00 - 7:00 PM		PHILIP CONSTANTINIDIS 905 472 3022
MINOR ATOM BORN 1990	10:00 - 11:00 AM		6:00 - 7:00 PM	PAUL CRIBARI 416 221 9251
ATOM BORN 1989	11:00 AM - 12 NOON	7:00 - 8:00 PM		TONY SANGIULIANO 905 832 9339
MINOR PEEWEE BORN 1988	12 NOON - 1:00 PM		7:00 - 8:00 PM	UGO FUSCO 905 731 8365
PEEWEE BORN 1987	1:00 - 2:00 PM	8:00 - 9:00 PM		ELWOOD PAUL 905 823 5081
MINOR BANTAM BORN 1986	2:00 - 3:00 PM		8:00 - 9:00 PM	JOHN CARANCI 416 241 6549
BANTAM BORN 1985	3:00 - 4:30 PM	9:00 - 10:00 PM		BRIAN ROWLES 416 737 2274
MIDGET BORN 1983/84	4:30 - 6:00 PM		9:00 - 10:00 PM	CHRIS HARDY 1-905-895-9805

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NOVICE AA BORN 1991	SUN. MAY 7, 2:30 PM	WED. MAY 10, 6:00PM		KEN MACDONALD 416-447-0223
NOVICE A BORN 1992	SUN. MAY 7, 7:00 PM	SAT. MAY 13, 9:00 AM		JACK HEWITT 905-479-3709
MINOR ATOM AA BORN 1990	SUN. MAY 7, 3:30 PM	THUR. MAY 11, 6:00 PM		DAVID DIMONTE 905-881-3389
MINOR ATOM A BORN 1990	FRI. MAY 12, 6:00 PM	SAT. MAY 13, 1:00 PM	SUN. MAY 14, 12 NOON	DANIEL STAVNICKY 905 764 1163
ATOM AA BORN 1989	SUN. MAY 7, 4:30 PM	WED. MAY 10, 7:00 PM		GORD CULLEN 416 464 6047
ATOM A BORN 1989	SUN. MAY 7, 8:00 AM	SAT. MAY 13, 10:00 AM	SUN. MAY 14, 9:00 AM	KEN MILES 416 480 1531
MINOR PEEWEE AA BORN 1988	SUN. MAY 7, 5:30 PM	THUR. MAY 11, 7:00 PM		MAURICE FLEMING 905 940 1589
MINOR PEEWEE A BORN 1988	FRI. MAY 12, 7:00 PM	SAT. MAY 13, 2:00 PM		HAL BROPHY 905 472 3974
PEEWEE AA BORN 1987	SUN. MAY 7, 6:30 PM	WED. MAY 10, 8:00 PM		CHARLES FLETCHER 905 475 7013
PEEWEE A BORN 1987	SAT. MAY 13, 11:00 AM	SUN. MAY 14, 10:00 AM		DAVE RICHARDSON 416 256 4715
MINOR BANTAM AA BORN 1986	SUN. MAY 7, 8:00 PM	THURS. MAY 11, 8:00 PM		DOMENIC NESCI 905 294 3795
MINOR BANTAM A BORN 1986	FRI. MAY 12, 8:00 PM	SAT. MAY 13, 3:00 PM		FRANK GERBER 905 477 7954
BANTAM AA BORN 1985	SUN. MAY 7, 9:00 PM	WED. MAY 10, 9:00 PM	SUN. MAY 14, 1:00 PM	DOUG SPEED 905 882 5342
BANTAM A BORN 1985	FRI. MAY 12, 9:00 PM	SAT. MAY 13, 4:00 PM		MARIO ROMANO 905 294 7540
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