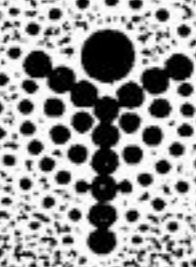


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I apologize that I could not be present at this event due to a prior engagement as a guest lecturer and course director at the 3rd Practical Otology/Neurotology Conference and the Temporal Bone Dissection Course held in Niagara Falls. I would like to acknowledge the dedication of those involved in the show and the generosity of the sponsors.

Proceeds from the fashion show are earmarked towards the purchase of a Zeiss (ceiling-mounted) microscope for ENT surgery, which will help my colleagues and I to enhance the quality of life of the people of Markham, Stouffville and neighbouring communities.

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Daughters think mother was murdered

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tigation had been done.

But Eeva Passailaigue, another of Mrs. Broadfoot's daughters, argued York investigators erred in concluding the 65-year-old woman's death was a suicide and ignored the family's suspicions she was murdered.

"Five of us made that comment," Ms. Passailaigue said. "They should have called in homicide right away."

"They took it for granted she was suicidal."

Police launched their search for Mrs. Broadfoot after being informed she had gone missing and was suicidal, Ms. Nutson said. The woman's body was found in Milne Park just a few hours into the search March 1, 2000.

She was found face down in a pool of mud and water, a couple of metres from a shallow stream. A coroner ruled the woman drowned, but did not determine the means.

Mrs. Broadfoot's daughters have contended circumstances should have thrown doubt on a suicide or accidental death.

The women told police they felt she was murdered, Ms. Nutson said. They supplied the name of a suspect.

"Then (police) tell us they concluded the cause of death was accidental and somehow her body flopped back out of the water," Ms. Nutson said.

POLICE WORK FOUND ACCURATE

The family lodged a complaint first investigated by Terence Kelly, a York deputy chief at the time. He concluded in the fall of 2001 the original investigation was sound and the conclusion accurate.

The family appealed to the Ontario

Civilian Commission on Police Services, which assigned a further probe of the York investigation to Hamilton police. That exercise also resulted in a conclusion the proper investigative steps had been followed.

But last Friday, OCCPS directed York police to charge Det. Const. Killby with neglect of duty under the Police Services Act.

OCCPS has refused to comment on the reasons for its decision.

INVESTIGATION CRITICIZED

Chief La Barge said Thursday the OCCPS directive targets the way the investigation was carried out, but does not contradict the ultimate conclusion it reached.

"It (the OCCPS decision) clearly does indicate neglect," the chief said. "It alludes to the manner in which the investigation was undertaken."

The chief is awaiting advice on the police force's chances of successfully fighting the OCCPS directive in court. The move is not unusual, he said.

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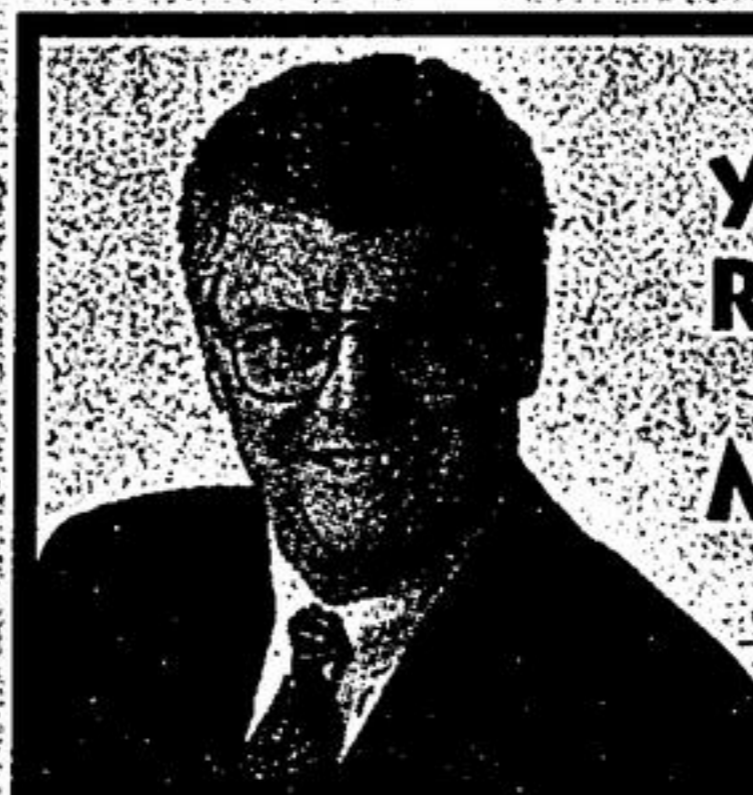
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"This is not a unique situation," Chief La Barge said.

But it is an opportunity for York police to admit a mistake, Ms. Nutson said.

"As far as I'm concerned, they did not do my mother justice," she said. "They did not listen to us."

York police have 90 days to challenge the OCCPS directive. Det. Const. Killby remains on duty with the force's sexual assault unit.



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