

# Hearing begins for York officer

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A neglect of duty hearing for the York Regional Police officer who led the investigation into the 2000 drowning of Markham's Anja Broadfoot got under way Friday.

"She's been gone five years now and we're happy we might finally start to get some answers," the victim's daughter, Taina Andrews, said.

"This is the first time we're not hitting a brick wall."

Mrs. Broadfoot's body was found face down in a pool of mud and water a few metres from a shallow stream in Markham's Milne Park just hours after she had been reported missing March 1, 2000.

Her husband told York Regional Police she was mentally ill and suicidal, but her daughters insist she was murdered.

Unable to determine why or how she drowned, investigators closed the case.

However, Mrs. Broadfoot's daughters complained police botched the investigation by treating her death as a suicide, even though she was found near the bank of a stream and not in it.

York Regional Police policy is to treat all suspicious deaths as homicides first.

Although internal and independent police investigations into Det. Jim Killby's work in the case determined no wrongdoing, the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Service ordered a neglect of duty hearing.

Det. Killby is charged with failing to adhere to police procedure because he was not alert to the possibility he was entering a crime scene, failed to protect evidence from contamination and neglected to complete a background check on everyone involved in the case.

Det. Killby asked for more time to prepare before entering a plea.

Prosecutor Kimberly Greenwood, an inspector with the Toronto Police professional standards bureau, handed over 16 documents in a disclosure package to Det. Killby and Mrs. Broadfoot's family, many of which the family has never seen.

"We're very anxious to review them,"

Ms Andrews said. "This is a good start."

The family wants police to admit they made mistakes through this hearing and determine the truth about their mother's death.

The hearing was adjourned until May 9.

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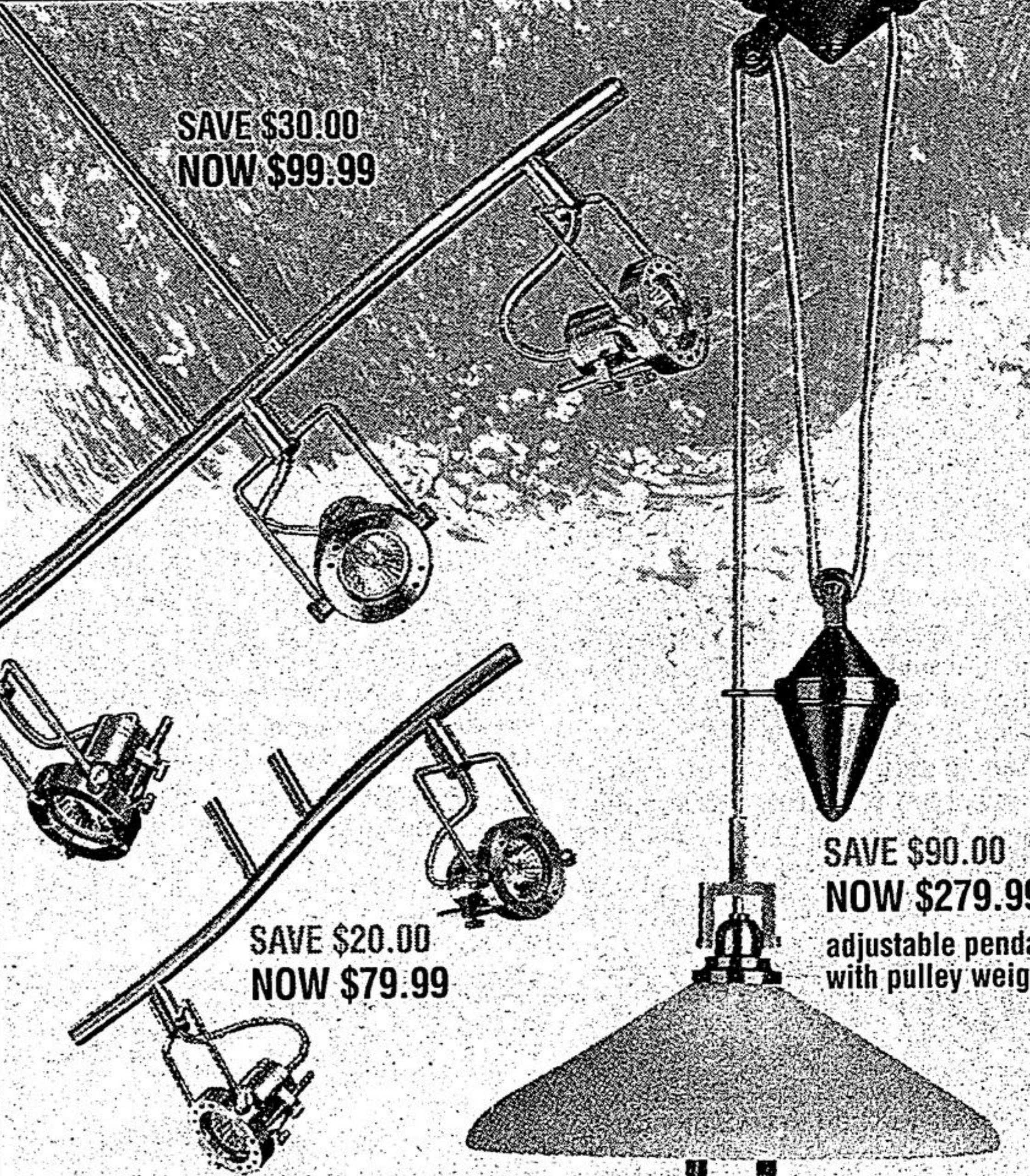
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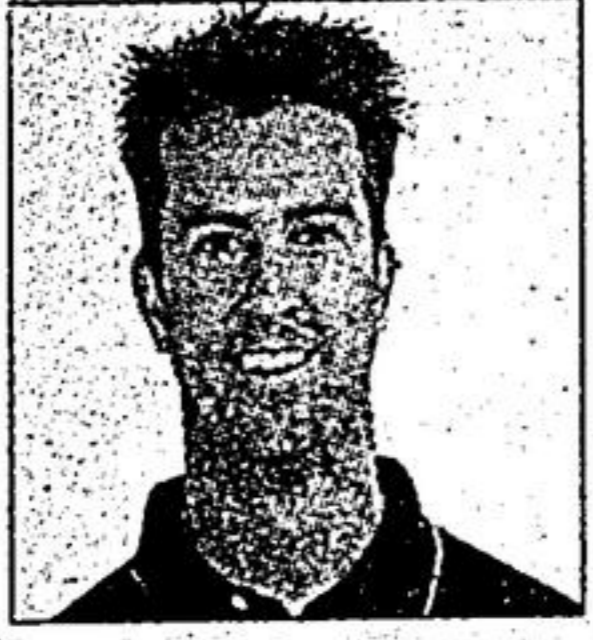


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A Port Perry man was seriously injured in a crash in Markham Wednesday.

Just before 4 p.m., a 2004 GMC pickup truck was stopped facing east on Elgin Mills Road at Kennedy Road.

The truck suddenly entered the intersection into the path of a northbound Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

The 59-year-old rider from Port Perry hit the right side of the truck and was ejected.

He was taken by air ambulance to Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre and was listed in critical condition.

The driver of the pickup was not hurt.

There's no word on charges as the investigation continues.

York Regional Police are looking for witnesses.

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