

Winter driving campaign highlighted at conference

A detailed examination of the York Regional Police Operation Winter Blitz program will be presented to a conference on traffic safety this summer.

MarshallCom Group Inc., a Toronto communications, media and entertainment company, will send a scientific paper on the safe driving program to the Canadian Association of Road Safety

Professionals conference at the University of New Brunswick June 5 to 8.

The campaign targeted winter driving with a couple of 30-second radio ads: one explaining why speed limits around schools are set at 40 km/h and another describing the most chilling sounds at car accidents.

Each message invited the listener to visit the yorkre-

gionsavealife.com website for more information on safer winter driving.

"I congratulate the staff of York Region's traffic department and the York Regional Police traffic unit," Marshallcom's Bruce Marshall said.

"Law enforcement, engineering and maintenance coming together on this project gave it an incredibly broad base in expertise and experience. All these people created a strategic, synergistic approach to the problem of safer winter driving with the thought of actually saving lives."

During Operation Winter Blitz this year, only one traffic fatality was recorded where

failing to take winter driving conditions into account was a factor.

During the same period last year, seven people were killed in weather-related collisions.

Only good things can come from sharing the program with others interested in traffic safety at the conference, Mr. Marshall said.

"Any time ideas can be shared and evaluated with the ultimate goal of improving traffic safety that is a positive thing," he said.

Two arrests in jewelry store robbery

Two Toronto men have been arrested in connection

with a Markham jewelry store robbery in March.

Four masked men, one with a gun, entered Luk Fook Jewelry in a plaza on Hwy. 7 smashing display cases and taking jewelry before taking off in a stolen car.

The car was found abandoned behind the plaza.

A 17-year-old and a 19-year-old from Toronto have been charged.

Two more men are still at large and a third, wanted in connection with a robbery at the Pacific Mall Luk Fook Jewelry location in January, is still being sought by police.

Anyone with information about either crime is asked to contact police at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7873, Crime

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Bail revoked for murder suspect

The decision to grant bail to a man awaiting trial in the horrific murder of his wife outside a Brampton high school has been reversed.

Bramalea Secondary School teacher Aysegul Candir, 47, of Vaughan was shot in the head Dec. 10 in the school parking lot.

Her husband, Erhun Candir, 62, was arrested later that day on first-degree murder charges.

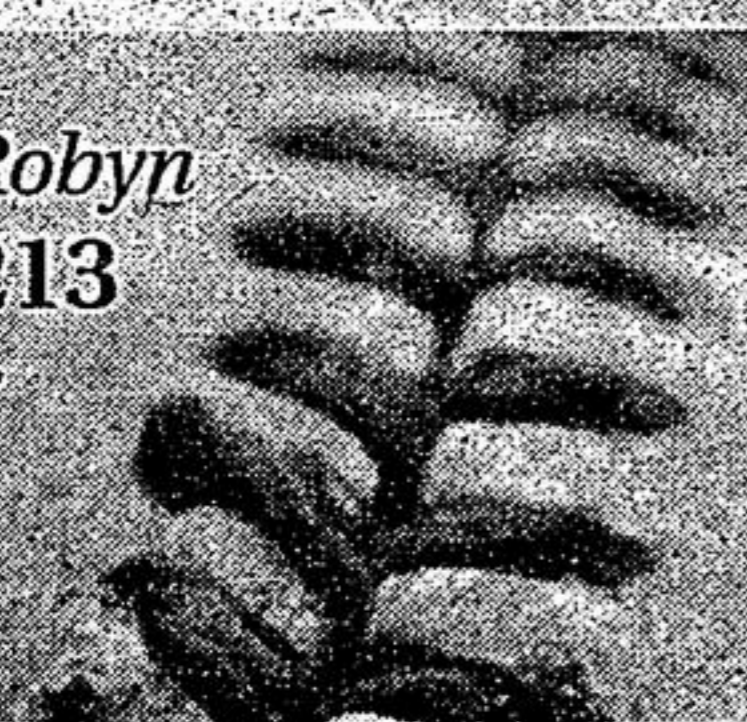
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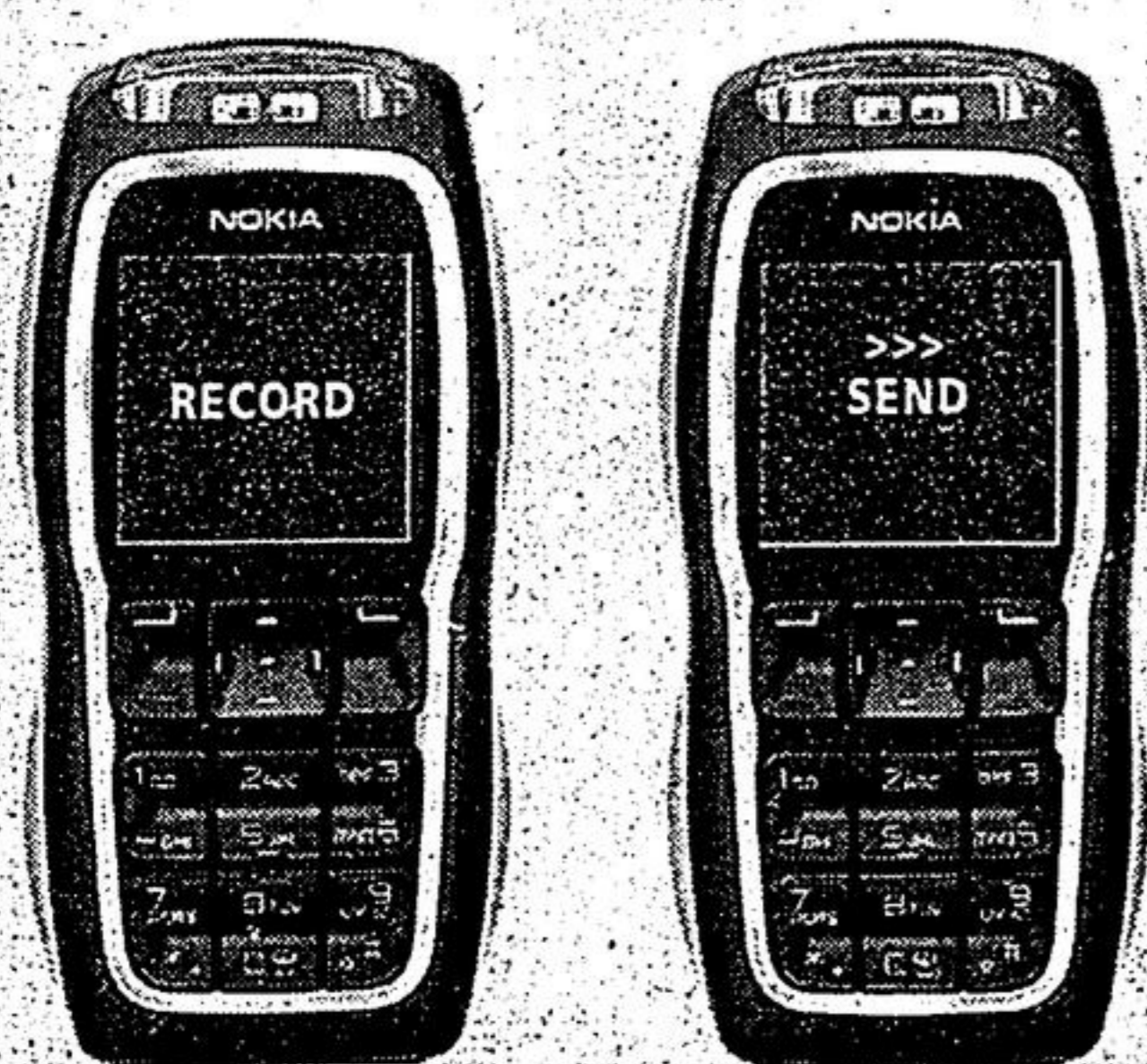
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