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## Truck driver seriously hurt, students OK

Students are escorted from a bus after it collided with a pickup truck on the Ninth Line just north of Nineteenth Avenue yesterday morning. The pickup truck driver was airlifted to Sunnybrook hospital with serious injuries. The uninjured students, from Markham Gateway Public School, were on their way to a track meet at Stouffville District Secondary School. See story on page 21.

## Mother aches to know why son murdered

BY MARTIN DERBYSHIRE  
 Staff Writer

Dealing with the fact her son, Luke "Shiesty" Marson, was found shot to death on a dead-end street just north of Musselman's Lake three years ago has been hard on Cathy Stephen.

But what has been even harder is living the past three years without knowing why.

"It's a deeply sad feeling because the case hasn't been solved. The people that did this haven't been put away," she said.

"I know there are people out there that know what happened. I just want to look them in the eyes and ask why. I know it's not going to bring Luke back, but it could bring some clo-

sure. I just need to know how and why."

A struggling rap artist, Luke had recorded a few demos. Mrs. Stephen still listens to them regularly, just to hear his voice.

"Writing rhymes was his life. He was doing it since he was 13 or 14 years old," she said. "When he was younger, he had some trouble expressing his feelings and I told him to write down what he felt. That's where he came up with the rhyme 'I write what I feel, so y'all can feel what I write.' That's my favourite."

His death devastated her.

"I remember that day the detectives told me and I remember being at the funeral. I kept looking at his coffin and thinking he wasn't in there," she said. "No way, not my son."

Every time she hears a police siren or a helicopter above her Newmarket home, she thinks officers have found the answers she so desperately seeks.

But every time, she has been disappointed. "You're just holding your breath waiting for that phone call," she said. "I don't know what I'm supposed to do."

With Luke's murder still unsolved, Mrs. Stephen is a part of an ever-growing list of families looking for answers.

The manual on how to cope with the murder of a loved one hasn't been written yet.

Once a month, she calls the lead investigator in the case, York Regional Police Det.

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CLAIM DISCRIMINATION  
 OVER CARD POLICY

## Disabled residents challenge library

BY HANNELORE VOLPE  
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A manager of a Stouffville group home for the intellectually challenged is demanding the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library board put an end to what she called discrimination against two of its residents.

In December 2004, a group home resident was denied a library card because he was intellectually disabled and living in a group home, Silvia De Abreau told the board last week.

A second resident from the same home had his card taken away until he could bring back a user agreement signed by the group home's executive director, Ms. De Abreau added. This resident had spent several months working at the library on a volunteer basis.

'DEFINITELY DISCRIMINATION'

Whitchurch-Stouffville accessibility advisory committee member Wilf Morley, who attended the meeting to support the residents, told The Sun-Tribune the incidents were "definitely discrimination on the basis of mental disability."

"How can you not allow these people (to have a library card) and allow someone else?"

But the library's new CEO, Carolyn Nordheimer James, said the incidents were more a case of miscommunication rather than discrimination.

"There was an unawareness, on both sides of what the issues were," she said.

The misunderstanding came

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