

Prized horse returned

A 15-year-old horse owner has been reunited with his horse.

Six-year-old dark bay Jungle Hijinx went missing last Tuesday from the Vivian Hall Equestrian Centre at Vivian Road and Warden Avenue in Whitchurch-Stouffville, but was returned Friday.

While the incident is still under police investigation, co-owner Diane Harding was mum on how the horse was returned, but said it was a young lady who returned it unharmed.

"She's fine. She got off the trailer and marched into her stall almost with a look of 'it's about time you came and got me,'" Ms Harding said.

Relieved the horse has been returned, Ms Harding has already put in extra security on the property, including an alarm system.

"We've taken steps to prevent a repeat performance," Ms Harding explained.

"Everyone is extremely relieved and happy. We just wanted to get the horse back."

— Caroline Grech

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Contact writer Simone Joseph at sjoseph@ymg.com. Please include a telephone number at which you may be reached or phone 905-294-2200, ext. 257.

Cyclist killed, husband hurt on Warden

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A Markham woman is dead and her husband was taken to hospital after a bike ride on Warden Avenue turned into a horrific scene Monday afternoon.

The 46-year-old woman, Dianna Conyen, and her 57-year-old husband were hit from

behind by a northbound Chevrolet Cavalier driven by a 76-year-old Whitchurch-Stouffville man.

The driver and his female passenger weren't hurt. Ms Conyen was pronounced dead at the scene.

The male cyclist, who suffered broken bones and severe scrapes and bruises, was well enough to visit the scene of the accident

yesterday afternoon with some family friends.

The incident happened around 4:05 p.m. on the Civic Holiday Monday, Aug. 7. The bike riders were north of 19th Avenue.

It appears the couple was riding single file, York Regional Police say.

The York Region Collision Reconstruction Unit is continu-

ing the investigation.

Bicycle fatalities are rare in York Region. The only other one this year was on Jan. 16 in the Yonge Street and Mulock Avenue area.

The traffic bureau is looking for any witnesses to Monday's incident. Anyone with information can call 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7703 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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