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## COLD CASE: MAIN STREET'S 38-YEAR MYSTERY



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Lynn Sprague (right) recounts the February 1973 hit-and-run killing of her friend Sheryl Blundell to family members of Ms Blundell at the scene, on Main Street near the northwest corner of William Street in Stouffville, last Thursday. York Regional Police have re-opened their investigation into the case. Sunday is the anniversary of her death.

# Who killed Sheryl Blundell in hit-and-run?

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Sunday marks the 38th anniversary of Sheryl Blundell's death.

Struck by a car on Main Street, the driver and that vehicle have never been found.

But with advancements in technology, York Regional Police officers are hoping to finally close this case.

Lynn Sprague was visiting Sheryl that Tuesday night after school and the pair con-

vinced their babysitter to let the 10-year-old best friends walk a few blocks along Main Street to the 1,001 Variety Store, in what's now the Giant Tiger plaza, for some candy.

It was shortly after 7 p.m.

While on the way to the store, a female driver with a box of kittens on her passenger seat stopped the girls at Main and Charles streets to ask for directions to the area veterinarian.

At first, according to Ms Sprague, the girls

were speaking with the driver through the passenger's side window. But for reasons she still does not know, the driver asked the girls to come around to her side of the vehicle, which was on the street.

Within a couple of minutes, lives were changed forever.

Despite standing right next to the parked car, another westbound vehicle hit the two girls.

"I just remember waking up. I was con-

fused. My shoes weren't on. I hunted down my shoes. (Sheryl) was bleeding from her mouth and her nose and then I just ran home," Ms Sprague recalled while choking back tears. "I just ran home (which was on Victoria Street) and got my mom. I was just 10 years old, so the first thing I thought of was to get my mom."

Sheryl died before arriving at Scarborough

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