Truck driver charged in cyclist's death

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A 59-year-old Beaverton man has been charged with careless driving in connection with the death of Stouffville cyclist Lindsey Sanders.

The charge was laid Sept. 29, Durham Regional Police said Thursday.

Ms Sanders, 21, died Aug. 18 after being struck by a Chevrolet pickup truck in rural Uxbridge.

Ms Sanders' bicycle and the truck were both northbound on Brock Road, just south

of Albright Road, about 20 kilometres east of Stouffville. The truck drifted outside its marked lane when Ms Sanders was hit, sustaining lifethreatening injuries, witnesses-said.

The Stouffville District Secondary School graduate was cycling to her grandparents house. Ms Sanders was transported to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries.

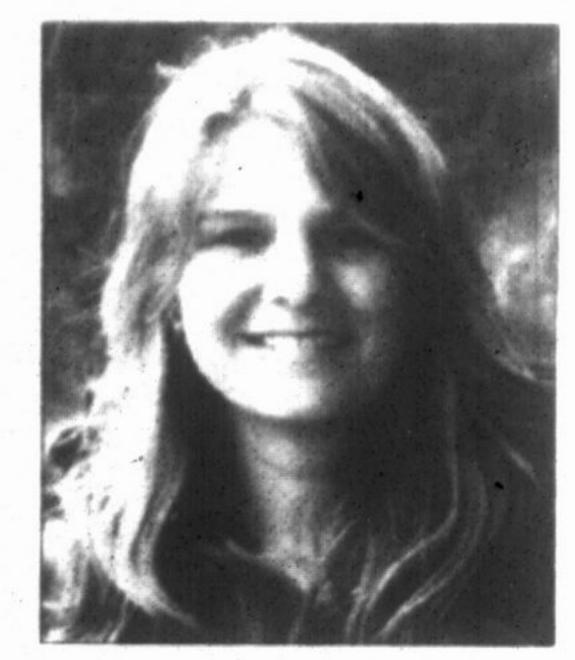
Road and weather conditions were favourable at the time of the collision and alcohol was not a factor, according to Durham police.

The charge of careless driving falls under section 130 of the Ontario Provincial Highway

Act, which states: "(upon) conviction is liable to a fine of not less than \$400 and not more than \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or to both and in addition his or her licence or permit may be suspended for a period of not more than two years."

Ms Sanders was a University of Guelph wildlife biology student. She returned to Stouffville from Honduras Aug. 15. This was her second time doing field research in the Central American country,

The Beaverton man is scheduled to appear in Durham provincial court Oct. 25.



SANDERS: Stouffville resident returned from Honduran research trip just before her death.



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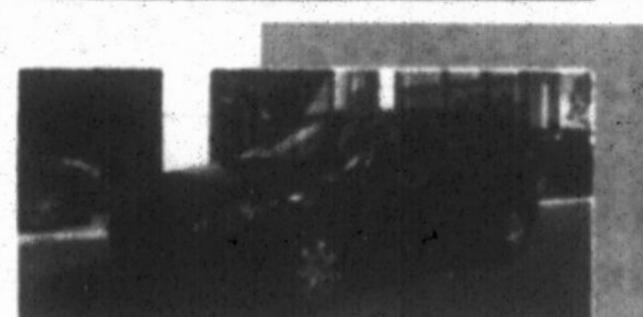
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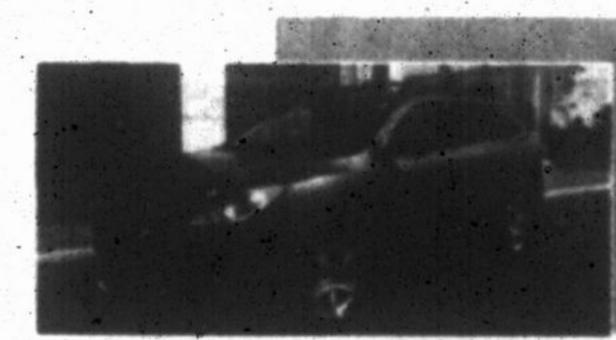
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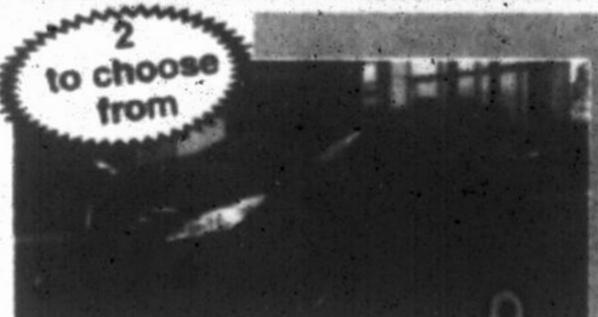
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