

Injured girl's family retains lawyer

Lawyer to investigate civil suit over accident

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The family of a 14-year-old Windsor girl critically injured after being hit by a vehicle while walking across Tecumseh Road West Nov. 30 has retained a lawyer to investigate a civil suit. "We're in the midst of interviewing all the witnesses," Greg Monforton told The Star Sunday. He said his office is "very carefully and aggressively" looking into the circumstances surrounding the incident. As of Sunday, Angeline Burleigh, a Grade 9 Century high school student, remained in a coma at Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital with her family providing round-the-clock vigil at her side. A witness said Burleigh tried to walk across Tecumseh Road West at California Avenue at around 11:15 a.m. to join some friends. She left the northeast corner against the lights, then changed her mind and was heading back to the corner when she was struck by a westbound Dodge Ram van. Monforton said his office has yet to contact all the available witnesses but that its preliminary investigation indicates that version of the story may not be completely correct. "Angeline did not suddenly or abruptly run into traffic," he said. Windsor police have said no charges would be laid in the accident. When he last met with the family on Friday, Monforton said Burleigh remained "non-responsive" and that, after a period of being able to breathe on her own, she had been put back on a respirator.

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