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Ontario doctor charged in nurse's death

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A doctor in the southwestern Ontario city of Windsor has been charged after a nurse was stabbed to death in a hospital recovery room, police said Monday.

Dr. Marc Daniel, 50, has been charged with first-degree murder following the weekend slaying of Lori Arlene Dupont at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital early Saturday, Windsor police said.

The doctor, who worked at the same hospital and was reported to have once had a relationship with the woman, remains in critical condition in a different facility after apparently trying to overdose on medications.

Hospital considering firing doctor

Officials from Hôtel-Dieu said they earlier considered firing Daniel after Dupont, 37, complained that she feared for her safety and was being harassed by him when they ended a relationship.

The hospital concluded there wasn't sufficient evidence to take action.

"Did we do what we could do knowing what we did beforehand?" said hospital president and CEO Neil McEvoy. "I believe the answer is yes.

"Do we wish there might have been one more thing that could have happened that might have prevented it? The answer, too, is yes."

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Dupont, who was from nearby Amherstburg, applied for a restraining order against Daniel in April. But the doctor contested the order and a court date to hear the case was set for December.

McEvoy said supervisors did what they could to help Dupont, including by providing parking lot escorts and making sure that she and the doctor worked on separate shifts as much as possible.



Lori Dupont is shown in this recent handout photo. (CP photo)

The hospital also helped the nurse prepare the legal documents for the restraining order.

The police may have recovered the weapon used to kill Dupont.

"We do have a weapon that we believe may be involved," said Insp. Jerome Brannagan of the Windsor Police Service.

At the hospital Monday, staff gathered for a prayer service.

Elective surgeries have been cancelled until Tuesday.

Dupont leaves a young daughter. Her family told CBC News they were too distraught to speak to the media.

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