

Lawsuit cites timing of stoplights

Mother of three struck by transport as she crossed Huron Church Road

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The family of a pedestrian killed by a transport truck on Huron Church Road last month is planning to sue the trucker, his employer and the City of Windsor for negligence.

Jacqueline Bouchard, 50, died after being struck by a transport truck Oct. 16 while crossing Huron Church Road at Girardot Street.

Windsor lawyer Greg Monforton said Thursday a statement of claim will be filed in Superior Court in Windsor within two weeks. He is also calling for a coroner's inquest into the accident.

The truck driver, Karnjit Singh Gill of Hamilton, said Thursday he has not been charged by police in connection with the death, and referred calls to his employer, MTS of Michigan. A company representative said the office is closed until Monday because of

the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday. MTS, however, was not named by Monforton, who referred instead to 1536781 Ontario Inc., a company owned by Gill.

Mayor-elect Eddie Francis said he could not comment pending the claim being filed.

Bouchard was carrying groceries across Huron Church when she was struck by the truck.

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Police have not laid charges, noting that Bouchard was crossing against the light.

But Monforton said the timing of the lights at that intersection do not allow "safe passage across nine lanes of traffic," making the city negligent as is the driver and trucking firm.

The lawyer said that stretch of Huron Church sees up to 19,000 vehicles a day, a quarter of them trucks, and there have been 51 accidents at the intersection in the last four years.

The intersection is used by area residents as well as Assumption High School students.

The lawsuit is being brought by Bouchard's adult son Nicholas Tosti, who lives in Illinois, her 16-year-old twin daughters Danielle and Michel, who are Assumption students, her brother Andre Bouchard and her mother Rolande Masse.

Monforton declined to say what damages will be sought.

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