Body found in apartment
Police canvas neighbourhood after classifying death as suspicious

THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2007

No identities in New Year's crash
PORT COLBORNE – Police have not yet released the names of three people killed in a single-vehicle crash in Port Colborne on New Year’s Eve, but confirmed they were not Hamilton-area residents.

One of the deceased was a Port Colborne woman who had been travelling in a van with her family, said Ontario Provincial Police Constable Garth Williams.

Her husband and two children were taken to a hospital where they remain with serious injuries.

Williams added that the other two victims were the occupants of a pickup truck that hit Van into flames.

A van was being searched for clues Wednesday morning.

The Stayner, Ont., apartment where the man lived was taped off by police yesterday afternoon.

The cause of the collision is under investigation and police said the occupants have not yet ruled out speed or alcohol.

The Hamilton Spectator

GO Transit warns commuters
GO Transit is warning commuters to double check their train and bus schedules this morning.

The coming snow could lower admission limits but trains and buses running late or not at all is possible.

GO Transit has been running on a partial schedule since a small snowstorm on Tuesday caused delays.

The Sunday service will take place today but the commuter service will run on a partial schedule.

GO's website at gotransit.com for delays.

The Hamilton Spectator

Local

City suspends 10-year employee
The city has indefinitely suspended an employee facing drug and gun charges.

Ronne Boudreau, 34, a claims adjuster in the city’s risk-management department, was charged along with his boyfriend that home was raided by police in November.

Police say they found marijuana, more than 100 grams of powder cocaine, more than a kilo of a white crystal-like powder, more than 70 grams of powdered marijuana, ecstasy and pill bottles, and tools and a hammer.

Boudreau, who was released on bail, worked for the city for about a decade. He was suspended without pay Jan. 1 until the charges are resolved.

An employee, the city’s human resources manager, said he couldn’t discuss the case.

The case involves employee suspensions are made on a case-by-case basis, he said, adding that Boudreau had been searched for comment.

Legal expert John Craig said it is a common response to suspend an employee if he has been charged with a serious offence. “Employees have obligations to protect other employees and members of the public,” Craig noted.

Employees work, Craig said, until their positions are reassigned or they retire.

The Hamilton Spectator

No identities in New Year’s crash
PORT COLBORNE – Police have not yet released the names of three people killed in a single-vehicle crash in Port Colborne on New Year’s Eve, but confirmed they were not Hamilton-area residents.

One of the deceased was a Port Colborne woman who had been travelling in a van with her family, said Ontario Provincial Police Constable Garth Williams.

Her husband and two children were taken to a hospital where they remain with serious injuries.

Williams added that the other two victims were the occupants of a pickup truck that hit Van into flames.

A van was being searched for clues Wednesday morning.

The Stayner, Ont., apartment where the man lived was taped off by police yesterday afternoon.

The cause of the collision is under investigation and police said the occupants have not yet ruled out speed or alcohol.

The Hamilton Spectator

GO Transit warns commuters
GO Transit is warning commuters to double check their train and bus schedules this morning.

The coming snow could lower admission limits but trains and buses running late or not at all is possible.

GO Transit has been running on a partial schedule since a small snowstorm on Tuesday caused delays.

The Sunday service will take place today but the commuter service will run on a partial schedule.

GO’s website at gotransit.com for delays.

The Hamilton Spectator