

Driver Convicted in Death of 18-Year-Old Flag Person



A driver who struck and killed a flag person was convicted of dangerous driving causing death. But the court refused to convict him of the more serious charge of criminal negligence causing the death, finding that the Crown hadn't proven that he showed 'wanton and reckless disregard' for the lives of others. On Aug. 24, 2012, the 18-year-old had been working as a flag person on her first day and was just a couple of hours into her shift, when she was struck and killed. She was engaged to be married and pregnant at the time. The defendant, a professional truck driver from the UK, told police he was looking at his recent immigration papers when the crash happened. He didn't slow down as he went by eight construction signs and passed two semi-trucks. Sentencing arguments are scheduled for Oct. 30, 2015 [Keith Dunford, CBC News, Oct. 13, 2015].