

3 charged in fatal Highway 400 crash

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Three young men face charges following Monday's fatal crash on Highway 400 north of Toronto that killed a tractor-trailer driver and closed the busy road for more than 12 hours.

Eleven charges have been laid against the three, including dangerous driving causing death and dangerous driving while racing, said Ontario Provincial Police Const. Dave Woodford.

He said the suspects could face up to 14 years in prison if convicted.

Witnesses reported several cars speeding and weaving through traffic, causing the tractor-trailer to lose control. The tractor-trailer slammed into a guardrail, then swerved across the northbound lanes and ended up in the ditch.

David Virgoe, 48, of Simcoe was pronounced dead at the scene of the collision.

The truck driver was hailed by some as a hero for veering away from traffic and saving lives in the process.

The incident happened around 11:30 a.m. near Bradford and closed the highway until midnight.

Premier Dalton McGuinty, commenting on the latest major accident on the north-south highway, compared a car to a "loaded gun" that must be treated with caution.

The crash occurred just kilometres away from the site of a weekend accident police also blamed on street racing. It left 11 people in hospital.