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**Debby Virgoe, the victim's wife told CTV News her husband drove the same stretch of highway five days a week and often complained about dangerous drivers.**

### Trucker's family calls for crackdown on speeding

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The family of a truck driver killed in a crash on Highway 400 is calling for a crackdown on speeding and aggressive driving.

David Virgoe, 48, was killed Monday after the tractor-trailer he was driving was allegedly cut off by speeding cars on the major highway.

Debby Virgoe, the victim's wife, told

CTV News her husband drove the same stretch of highway five days a week and often complained about dangerous drivers.

"I'm really angry right now because part of me says these kids are going to get off with this and I don't want to see that, it needs to stop," Virgoe said.

Virgoe, of Stroud, Ont., was a veteran behind the wheel of his tractor-trailer. He boasted a perfect safety record after 26 years of driving and won numerous awards for his safety awareness.

Three men face 11 charges relating to the crash that shut down the major north-south highway for more than 12 hours on Monday.

The provincial government says new anti-racing laws will be used against anyone threatening safety on the province's highways and police will seize and destroy any vehicles being modified for street racing.

"We'll seize them, we'll crush them, we'll get rid of them and we'll stop them from ever hitting the streets," Attorney General Michael Bryant said on Wednesday.

"We don't need to wait until that car hits the road fully loaded. We can seize that car if we have information from police and just on the balance of probabilities, if we can establish that the car is being used for the unlawful proposes of street racing, we will seize it and you will never see it again.

"We will crush your car, we will crush the parts



**David Virgoe, of Stroud, Ont. is seen in this undated handout photo.**

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**One of the two suspects arrives covering his face at an OPP detachment.**



**Ontario Attorney General Michael Bryant speaks with reporters from**



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and you will never see it again," Bryant said.

Street racing is now a separate and specific criminal offence. Two of the men charged in connection with Virgoe's death face street-racing charges.

"This was a senseless act that cost a man his life and has left his family without a father, brother and grandfather," Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner Julian Fantino said in a release.

"There is no excuse for street racing and aggressive driving, such as the high speeds and unsafe lane changes we have seen recently."

Witnesses said two or three cars were speeding and weaving in an out of traffic when one allegedly cut off the tractor-trailer.

Virgoe lost control of the truck and managed to swerve out of the way of a packed minivan before ripping out a guardrail and turning over into the ditch.

Drivers on Highway 400 and investigators said the big-rig driver was a hero for managing to avoid other vehicles on the road.

Prabhjit Multani, 20, and Nauman Nusrat, 19, appeared in a Barrie courthouse Tuesday to face charges including dangerous driving causing death and dangerous driving while racing.

They were remanded in custody pending a bail hearing set for Friday.

The third suspect, Ravi Badhwar, 20, was released under the condition he returns to court at a later date.

He has been charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

*With a report from CTV's Chris Eby and John Musselman*

**Queen's Park on  
Wednesday, June 20,  
2007.**



**The fatal morning crash involving a tractor-trailer and a car closed the Highway 400 and two people have been arrested in connection with the incident.**

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