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Man gets 9½ years for deadly beating

Victim attacked in search for drugs, body brought to northern Ontario

PASCAL HOGUE

A Windsor man who took part in a deadly “two-on-one attack” on an unarmed victim in 2025 was sentenced to 9 ½ years in prison for manslaughter

on Tuesday. Colin Lusk, then 27, participated in the “unprovoked” attack against 37-year-old David Pavao at a residence in Windsor on Aug. 14, 2025, and later took part in transporting the victim’s body to northern Ontario to

dispose of it, Ontario Court Justice Mikolaj Bazylko said during sentencing.

Lusk had been recruited by another man, Shane Ladouceur, to “rough up the victim in exchange for drugs,” Justice Bazylko said.

The men struck Pavao “numerous times for a prolonged period of time” with weapons that included a ball-peen hammer and a steel baseball bat,

according to an agreed statement of facts shared with the Star.

Pavao’s remains were found by OPP officers two months later near Timmins, following extensive but unsuccessful searches in Windsor and Essex County.

“Mr. Pavao senselessly lost his life,” the judge said on Tuesday. “The victim was defenceless against this attack.” SEE MANSLAUGHTER ON **A4**



TAYLOR CAMPBELL

CREAM FOR THE CAUSE

Kenlyn Ramsey, greenhouse technician with St. Clair College, braces for a pie in the face during a ‘Pie Your Prof’ fundraiser for the United Way at the college’s main campus in Windsor. **A2**

City to welcome close to 30K marathon runners

MILLAR HOLMES-HILL

Nearly 30,000 runners will descend on Windsor this month, setting a record for the largest race in Detroit Free Press Marathon history.

The sold-out marathon and half-marathon races take place Oct. 18, with runners crossing the Ambassador Bridge into Windsor before looping through the city and returning to Detroit through the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel.

More than 3,000 Canadians are expected to take part, according to race officials.

“This is the biggest year in the history of the Detroit Free Press Marathon,” said race director Aaron Velthoven.

“We’re expecting close to 30,000 runners, more than ever before.”

The race is one of only a handful in

the world to take runners through two international crossings during a single event.

After crossing the bridge into Windsor, the marathoners head north on Huron Church Road and then east along Riverside Drive to Ouellette Avenue. From there, they cut east on University Avenue to McDougall Street before heading to the tunnel.

The 2026 route includes an additional half-kilometre run through downtown Windsor, taking runners past new City Hall Square and Windsor City Hall in addition to running along the waterfront on Riverside Drive West.

“This region is truly unique, and our Windsor neighbours are a huge part of what makes this race special,” Velthoven said.

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Canadian car buyers turning away from U.S.-built vehicles, study finds

JONATHAN JUHA

The number of vehicles made in the United States but sold in Canada could decline in 2026 because of the fallout from the Canada-U.S. trade war and shifting buyer preferences, says a new report.

Sales of North American cars could drop this year by as much as 7.6 per cent, according to AutoForecast Solutions LLC, a U.S. auto sector analyst, with part of the decline coming from fewer U.S.-made cars being sold north of the border.

The number of overseas vehicles imported into Canada is up 10 per cent this year, while sales of North American-built cars and trucks have fallen for the past 11 months.

While North American vehicles are the majority of auto sales in Canada, AutoForecast Solutions said sales could drop 1.8 per cent from last year.

One of the biggest reasons for the decline is the decision by companies such as Hyundai, Nissan and Subaru to bring some vehicles into Canada from parts of the world other than the U.S. to avoid tariffs that can increase vehicle prices, said Sam Fiorani, an auto industry analyst at AutoForecast Solutions.

“The most obvious change that we can see is that vehicles that are dual-sourced, meaning they are built in the U.S. and somewhere else, are being shifted to the alternative factory,” he said. “For example, Subarus built in the U.S. are not being sold in Canada; they’re being imported from Japan.”

The move stems from the federal government’s decision to impose 25 per cent counter-tariffs on vehicles not compliant with the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Agreement that are imported from the U.S. in response to U.S. tariffs on Canadian-made vehicles.

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