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Kim Hancock, mom of DJ Hancock, who was killed by a drunk driver in August 2014, watches on in tears as a tribute video plays during the launch of MADD Canada's Red Ribbon campaign. She is comforted by MADD Canada national president Patricia Hynes-Coates.

### Grieving family:

## 'We've been to hell and back': Kim Hancock

### DJ's story at forefront of MADD Canada awareness campaign

**ARRON PICKARD**  
News editor

The Hancock family has been forced into a club it never wanted to be a part of. What parent would want to

be part of a club whose child was killed by a drunk driver? No one would ever want that, said Kim Hancock, but "we are in that club now."

"In the last three years, we've been to hell and back," she said.

On Nov. 1, MADD Canada launched Project Red Ribbon in Sudbury. The campaign runs from Nov. 1 to Jan. 2 to raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving, especially during the busy Christmas and New Year holiday

### Helping others

This emotional roller coaster of a life we have been put into is terrible. We know we need to do this. Kim Hancock, mom of DJ Hancock

season. Red ribbons are distributed to Canadians to tie on their vehicles, keychains, purses, brief-

cases or backpacks as a symbol of their commitment to always drive sober.

In August 2014, DJ Hancock was killed by a drunk driver. He was on his way home from a hockey try-out when the vehicle he was driving was hit. He died at the scene. It's a story that is well-known in Sudbury, and across all of Canada, said Patricia Hynes-Coates, MADD Canada national president, whose

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### Elections Act

## Lougheed faces new bribery charges

### He and Pat Sorbara slated to appear in court Nov. 21

**DARREN MACDONALD**  
City hall reporter

The Election Act charges laid against funeral director and fundraiser Gerry Lougheed Jr. and former Liberal campaign director Patricia Sorbara will be heard in Sudbury, the OPP has confirmed.

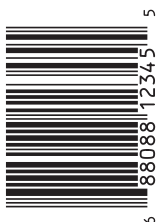
In a news release on Nov. 1, the OPP said the charges related to the February 2015 byelection in Sudbury.

"Following receipt of two complaints in December 2014, the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario — an Independent Officer of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario — commenced a regulatory investigation and reported apparent contraventions of Ontario's Election Act to the Ministry of the Attorney-General in accordance with the Act," the release said.

The Attorney-General asked the OPP to investigate, the release said. The OPP Anti-Rackets Branch began its investigation in December of 2015.

"In consultation with the Public Prosecutions Service of Canada and with the required consent of the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario,

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### Vandalized



Sudbury senior is the victim of a malicious act / Page 3

### For shame

A reader said she was surprised when a local business wouldn't allow the Legion to sell poppies at its store / Page 8

### Talking diversity



Canada's poet laureate coming to Sudbury to participate in Wordstock / Page 12

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