

# FRIDAY FOCUS

## 'I wish I could have told her one more time how much she meant to us and how much we love her'

A year after her disappearance, Lise Fredette's children still miss her voice

BY TODD VANDONK

Nathalie Leclerc finds herself picking up the phone to call her mother but soon remembers there isn't going to be a voice on the other end.

The daily conversation with her mother no longer exists since Lise Fredette was allegedly murdered at the hands of her ex-boyfriend Andrew Watson on this day one year ago.

Ms Leclerc didn't speak to her mother that Nov. 12, 2014 night and regrets it every day.

"Maybe it would have done no good but maybe I could have done something," says Ms Leclerc, breaking down in tears. "But you never think someone is going to do that."

Ms Fredette's son, Stéphane Leclerc and the rest of the family, celebrated his mother's 74th birthday a month before Mr. Watson allegedly took her from her Bensfort Road home driveway.

"I still remember how little and delicate she appeared while she was waving at me from the window and I could never imagine this would be the

last time I'd see her," says Mr. Leclerc.

"I wish I could have told her one more time how much she meant to us and how much we love her."

Ms Leclerc's eyes well up with tears as she flips through family photos and comes across a photo of her mother proudly holding her birthday cake on the day Mr. Leclerc last saw his mom.

"Family and holidays were always important," says Ms Leclerc.

"One time for my birthday, I was at home and there was a knock on my door, and my mom and brother were standing there with a birthday cake and candles," she adds with a laugh.

Right after Ms Fredette disappeared, a candlelight vigil pulled together her friends and co-workers.

For weeks, people searched for her remains in an area identified by police investigators.

Ms. Fredette was born in Bromptonville, Quebec, married young and was a stay-at-home mom.

After a divorce, she became the main parent figure and worked 40 hours a week while taking the kids to their extracurricular activities.

"She always gave herself completely in everything she did; she was a perfectionist, completely dedicated and always selfless," says Mr. Leclerc.

"She always put us, her children, first and we've been lucky to have her and call her Mom."

"If you needed advice or help with money, Mom was always there," adds Ms Leclerc.

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One month before she vanished, Lise Fredette celebrated her birthday with this cake. It was the last time her son Stephane saw her.

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# 'It's already been a year since we've lost our mom and it feels like an eternity'

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Ms Fredette moved to Peterborough in 1985 after meeting a man from the area that was working in Quebec. She worked at Woolco in its jewelry department and then eventually in Walmart's jewelry department for 25 years.

"She always worked in jewelry," Ms Leclerc says with a smile.

"She knew what she was talking about and everyone said she was so good."

Ms Leclerc says her mom was a homebody but liked to go to Mapleridge Recreation Centre to dance. That is where she would meet Mr. Watson.

After dating for awhile, the two broke it off and police allege he harassed Ms Fredette for months before her disappearance.

"She felt sorry for him and thought he was just lonely," says Ms Leclerc.

"It is not always good to have a heart for somebody."

Ms Fredette's remains have yet to be located.

"We recognize that the past year has been incredibly difficult for the Fredette family," says

City police Inspector Lynne Buehler.

"Throughout the past year, we have come to know the family and have heard the pain they continue to endure without being able to lay her to rest."

Police say finding Ms Fredette remains a priority and are asking the public to search properties, and be on the lookout for a three-quarter-length black down-filled winter jacket,

dark pants and black shoes. She had a dark coloured purse and a blue soft-shelled thermal lunch bag.

"It's already been a year since we've lost our mom and it feels like an eternity," adds Mr. Leclerc, noting he remembers her voice, her funny stories, her unique way of saying things and her great advice.

"In everything our mother did and in every word, she showed us how much she really cared and just how much she loved us," he says.

Anyone with any information related to this case is still asked to call the Peterborough Police Service at 705-876-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or [www.stopcrimehere.ca](http://www.stopcrimehere.ca)

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**"In everything our mother did and in every word, she showed us how much she really cared and just how much she loved us"**

Stéphane Leclerc



Lise Fredette (right) was well known as a popular Walmart employee at the north-end store. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE LECLERC FAMILY



Family celebrations were very important to Lise Fredette, seen here with her daughter Nathalie (right), son Stéphane and his partner and daughter at the time. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE LECLERC FAMILY

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## Vigilante group posts video of convicted pedophile

### Creep Hunters targets online sex predators across Canada

BY TODD VANDONK

A vigilante group targeting online sex predators have proof that convicted Peterborough pedophile Ioannis Paligiannis is at it again.

Creep Hunters is national online vigilante team of individuals who use the Internet to pose as children to weed out pedophiles then expose them publicly on Facebook.

The group started out in British Columbia and chapters are popping up daily throughout Canada. A Kamloops deputy sheriff has been charged with four child-sex-related counts stemming from a Creep Hunters' investigation.

Creep Hunters' Kawartha chapter president Danielle Roberts says a 26-year-old man calling himself John recently contacted multiple Creep Hunter decoys on various chat and dating web sites, including Plenty of Fish. The decoys identified themselves as minors and virgins but it didn't stop 'John' from pursuing what he thought was a 15-year-old boy named Kyle.

Within minutes of the conversation, Kyle tells John he is 16 years old and lied about his age to get on the dating website.

"At least ur legal and very hot," John responds through an online chatting thread.

John is then informed that Kyle is actually 15 and not turning 16 until March 2017. John keeps pursuing the boy while sending Kyle multiple photos of his penis.

"The pictures he sent this boy made me cry," says Roberts.

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On the left is a picture of Paligiannis taken by a This Week reporter after he pleaded guilty to multiple sex offences against boys under the age of 16. On the right side is a screen shot of Ioannis Paligiannis in a video taken by sex predator vigilante group Creep Hunters. The group met him on Sept. 22 after pretending to be a teenaged boy named Kyle.

FILE PHOTO ON LEFT BY TODD VANDONK | METROLAND

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# 'It's like the blue pill in the Matrix, once you see it, you can't look away'

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"And the things he discussed are sexual acts that I have never heard of."

On Wednesday (Sept. 28), Creep Hunters released a video on Facebook of John meeting a person whom he thought was Kyle at the Greyhound bus station on Simcoe Street on Sept. 22 around 11:30 p.m. John looked like a deer in the headlights when he learned that he had been caught by Creep Hunters.

"He said that he was getting help," says Roberts.

Creep Hunters later learned that John is convicted child lurer Paligiannis. Video images captured of Paligiannis' alias John are clearly the same person photographed by a Peterborough This Week reporter in August, 2014 during Paligiannis court proceedings on charges of sexual assault, invitation to sexual touching under 16 years of age, luring a person under 16, making sexually explicit material available to a person under 16. The then 24-year-old pleaded guilty to those counts and was sentenced to two years less a day in jail.

In 2014, Mr. Paligiannis admitted he sought out young boys. He took them to movies, bought them alcohol and gave them money in return for nude photos and oral sex. Roberts says Paligiannis used the same modus operandi in his chats with Creep Hunter decoys.

"He was very interested in offering gifts," she says.

This Week tried to contact Paligiannis on several occasions but he hasn't returned phone calls or a text.

Creep Hunters says it is working with police to build a case against Paligiannis. Criminal Investigations Unit Staff Sergeant Neil Collins confirms they have been in contact with the vigilante group.

"We are certainly interested in people reporting these incidents to us but when they try to take matters into their own hands there are a number of issues that can arise," he says.

He adds from what he can see there is no thought from the group to bring these people to justice through the criminal justice system.

"Their agenda seems to be the court of public opinion," he says.

"It splashed on social media and basically guilt before anything is determined in court."

Staff Sgt. Collins says the exploitation of children is an obvious concern and the Peterborough force has an investigator working with the provincial Internet Child Exploitation Unit.

"We are bound by a lot of laws and regulations in investigating these things to have successful outcome in court," he explains

He isn't sure if Creep Hunter's evidence will

hold clout in court.

"If they become our witness in court, what questions are the courts going to have about their tactics?" he asks.

Roberts says a couple of weeks ago being a hunter was just something she was thinking about doing but now she can't turn away because of the number of child lures she encounters online.

"It is like taking the blue pill from the Matrix. Once you see it, you can't look away," she says.

She says Creep Hunters isn't just about shaming online predators.

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## Video shows how quickly officer shot Cody Cole

### Family irate that officer cleared in shooting death

BY TODD VANDONK

Cody Cole's last seconds alive were caught on a home video surveillance system.

"Why did he have to put a bullet in his head?" says a weeping Linda Hurl while watching the video on a laptop just metres away from where her nephew was shot and killed by a City police officer minutes before midnight on April 4.

The video shows Mr. Cole and the unnamed officer walking nearly side by side on Wolfe Street around 11:50 p.m. The two engaged in a struggle when Mr. Cole takes a couple of steps backwards before falling to the ground.

(This Week staff has seen the video but chose not to publish it online out of respect for the family's wishes.)

"I am just numb and I don't know what to think," adds Ms Hurl, wiping away tears.

"Ten seconds is all it took for him to decide that my nephew didn't

deserve to live." The officer that shot and killed Mr. Cole with a single bullet has been cleared by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU).

"I am satisfied that the subject officer was justified in using lethal force," said SIU director Tony Loparco in a press release issued Tuesday.

He noted the officer had only moments to react, given that when he was stabbed he immediately felt blood pooling in his boot and believed he would lose consciousness soon. At that point, he feared the man could continue his assault or move on to attack others in the neighbourhood.

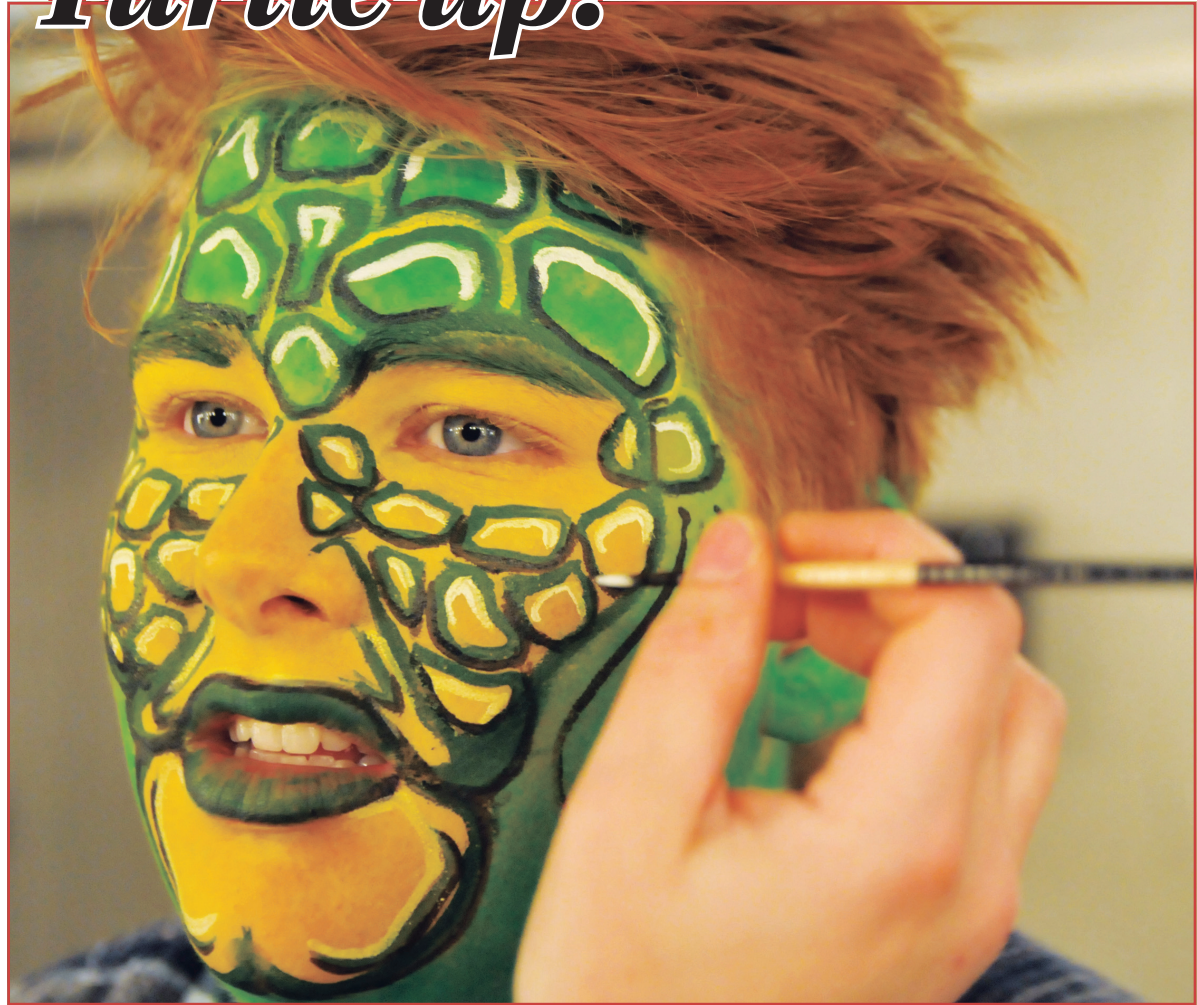
"In these circumstances, having been injured and left with no other viable option, I am satisfied that the shooting in question was reasonably necessary and therefore legally justified."

Ms Hurl says the family met with SIU investigators and left with questions they feel will never be answered. Watching the video for a second time, Ms Hurl doesn't understand why the officer needed to shoot Mr. Cole in the head.

"I am just so angry," she says.

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## Turtle up!



Makeup artist Jennifer Sek transforms actor Tom Keat into his Theo the Turtle character before heading out onto the Showplace Peterborough stage for the production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. The show runs Thursday and Friday evenings. For more details, see page 17.

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# 'He chose to play God less than 10 seconds of getting out his car'

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According to Ms Hurl, the SIU told the family that City police radios were down that night and the officer had no communication with dispatch so no backup was called before the officer tried to apprehend Mr. Cole.

"We think if he would have had backup, the situation would have come out differently," she says.

"Cody would be here today and in front of judge deciding what his punishment should be for having a knife, but he didn't give Cody that chance."

Ms Hurl's understanding from the SIU is that the officer was aware that her nephew had a knife and put himself in danger by engaging in the altercation.

"He chose to play God, judge and jury in less than 10 seconds of getting out his car," she says.

"If the police are teaching their

officers to come up and grab someone from behind, they are getting their officers hurt and people killed by doing that."

She says the family is grateful for the community's support after Mr. Cole's death.

According to the SIU, Mr. Cole was at Tim Hortons on George Street when he became involved in a confrontation with several young women whom, along with two men in a vehicle, followed him in an attempt to engage him. At one point, the man turned towards the women and brandished two large knives.

One of the women called 911.

As Mr. Cole approached Park Place North, one of the young women attempted to disarm him. He threw her off and continued walking west. Not long after, Mr. Cole tried to enter a Sherbrooke Street home where he rented a room but he did not have a

key.

He then walked south through the backyards, ended up on Wolfe Street, and headed east. The two men in the car continued to follow the him along Wolfe Street.

An officer who was parked at the east end of Wolfe Street (at Park Place) saw the two men in the car flashing their headlights then recognized the man from a description given by the dispatcher. He saw a knife in one of his hands.

The officer got out of his cruiser, drew his firearm, and shouted at the Mr. Cole to drop the knife. As he passed the officer, the officer tried to pull him to the ground. Mr. Cole spun around and stabbed the officer in the thigh and the officer fired a single shot.

Ms Hurl wonders why the young women and men have not been charged with harassment.



This still image from the video shot the night of the shooting shows the officer and Cody Cole struggling before the shooting.

"They pretty much, in my opinion, escalated the whole thing to that point (when he was killed)," she says.

She says her nephew had his problems and suffered from depression and psychosis but wasn't out that night to hurt anyone. She adds he didn't deserve to die or

be thought of as the monster that stabbed a police officer.

"Cody isn't here to fight for himself so we have to get answers and justice for him," she says.

"We have lost all respect for the police."



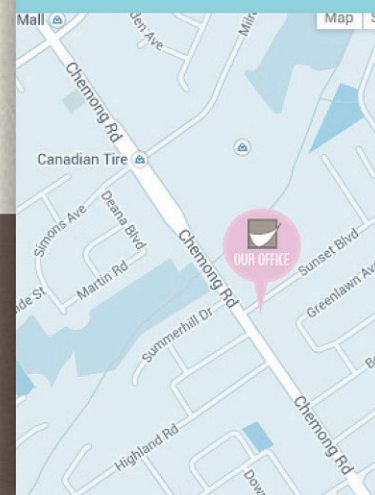
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