

Woman likely killed by laptop

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VANCOUVER — B.C. RCMP said a laptop may be to blame for killing a woman during a car crash last month.

Heather Storey, 25, was on a business trip on March 16 with her luggage in the back seat when her car collided with a tow truck.

Surrey RCMP Sgt. Roger Morrow said Storey should have survived.

"The engineer looked at the car and thought this was a wholly survivable collision," he said.

However, she suffered blunt force trauma to the back of her head, from what the coroner later surmised was due to her laptop, which was damaged in the collision.

"How many people carry a laptop or other products in their car with them?" Morrow said.

"In this day and age, this is a pretty common thing."

The officer advised drivers to think twice about what they put in their car — in the event of an accident, it could become a weapon.

"We're hoping people will put things in their trunk," he said, "or at least in a bag secured by a seatbelt or in their glove compartment."

Mr. Safety asks, "How much stuff do you have on the back seat of your crew cab? Could a paver stone sample be waiting to kill you? Maybe a hedge clipper? Stow that stuff where it cannot fly off and get you!"