

## Driver charged in Edmonton woman's death had four previous convictions

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**Elizabeth Ann Sovis, 63, was killed by a drunk driver while riding her bike on a highway in Prince Edward Island Saturday.**

CHARLOTTETOWN - A Prince Edward Island man charged with drunk driving in the death of an Edmonton woman had four previous convictions, including one in 2008 for which he was sentenced to 70 days in jail and given a two-year driving ban.

Clarence Arnold Moase, 49, appeared in a Charlottetown courtroom on Monday.

His defence lawyer asked for an adjournment to allow more time to review details of the case.

Elizabeth Ann Sovis, 63, of Edmonton, died after being struck by a car while cycling near the Hunter River on July 13.

Sovis was on a cycling vacation with her husband when she was killed.

A strong advocate of cycling safety, she had planned to spend her retirement building safer cycling trails in Alberta, her husband, Edmund Aunger, recently told the Journal.

Before Sovis was hit, the couple had left a trail and were riding on the highway to a nearby town to spend the night. It was the first time they had left the trail system.

Moase faces several charges, including impaired driving causing death.

Crown attorney John McMillan told court he intends to seek a substantial sentence.

The maximum penalty for impaired driving causing death is life in prison.

Moase has been in custody since his arrest and on Monday consented to remain in jail until his next court appearance on Aug. 6.

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