Child abuse priest is safe from extradition

By George Clogg in Toronto

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A ROYAL CANADIAN Mounted Police officer and a woman at the scene of the accident.

The officer said the man involved in the accident was taken to hospital with a number of injuries.

The woman, who was not named, said she was taken to hospital with minor injuries.

The accident occurred in a residential neighborhood on the city's west side.

The officer said the accident was caused by a car veering off the road and hitting a tree.

"The car hit a tree and there was a loud noise," he said.

The woman said she was not sure what had happened.

"I don't know what happened," she said. "I was just sitting in my car when I heard a loud noise."

The officer said the accident was being investigated by police from the city's traffic unit.

"We are trying to find out what happened," he said.

The woman said she did not want to be named.

"I don't know if I want to be named," she said. "I just want to get my car fixed."

The officer said the car had been towed to a nearby lot.

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