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America's Most Wanted comes to Windsor to join Imeson hunt

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A crew from the U.S. television show America's Most Wanted came to Windsor Monday to join in the hunt for fugitive murder suspect Jesse Imeson.

"This a pretty major manhunt," said producer Paula Simpson, who flew in from Washington, D.C. "This is a big deal for everybody in Canada and we understand that. It's certainly a big deal in Huron County. I've had several people tell me that it's innocence lost. We're doing everything we can to get that innocence back and get some justice for these three victims."

Imeson, 22, is wanted for the strangling of Windsor bartender Carlos Rivera and the shooting deaths Bill and Helen Regier, who were discovered last week in their farm house near Exeter.

America's Most Wanted gave Imeson a short mention on last Saturday's program, and plans to run a longer feature this weekend.

The American television crew spent the morning with Windsor police Staff Sgt. William Donnelly, who took them to police headquarters and Imeson's rooming house, where Rivera's body was discovered July 19.

"They are so instrumental in the manhunt, the least we can do is spend a few hours with them," Donnelly said.

As the manhunt goes on longer and longer, Donnelly said AMW's resources and large audience of millions of people is becoming increasingly vital to capture the fugitive.

"The search area is so wide, that every day we literally add hundreds if not thousands of miles," said Donnelly.

Simpson said AMW has received several calls a day since Imeson was briefly mentioned on the show over the weekend.

She said it's company policy not to reveal the actual number of tips or their content.



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A television crew from America's Most Wanted spent Monday in Windsor doing a segment on accused murderer Jesse Imeson. Videographer Bob Bishop of the Future Media Corp. in Michigan tapes Imeson's upstairs apartment on Erie Street where the body of Carlos Rivera was discovered.

"We don't have any interest in tipping off fugitives as to what is known and not known about them," said Simpson. "I will say we've got several tips that the cops have been following up on."

Simpson said she first read about the case in an online newspaper story.

"I reached out to the Ontario Provincial Police and Windsor Police Service, and they were both very excited to have our assistance," said Simpson.

After filming in Windsor on Monday, the crew will head to Exeter on Tuesday to gather information about the Regier murders.

"We have two stories to tell," said Simpson. "There are two really terrible homicides that we have to cover."

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