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THE parents of a 16-year-old Dublin girl who died after she was struck by a car in Stillorgan, Co Dublin, intend to take a civil case against the car's driver, The Irish Times has learned.

Ms [REDACTED] died on March 17th, 1992, four days after the incident on the Lower Kilmacud Road.

The car's driver, Mr Brian Kennedy, told last week's inquest into Ms [REDACTED] death he left the scene because he panicked. He then went home and drank vodka, before being driven to the Garda station by a friend.

Mr Kennedy was **convicted** of dangerous driving arising out of the incident and **jailed** for three months. He was also **fined** £300 for driving without insurance and £200 for the **unlawful** use of the car, which belonged to his mother.

He was released having served two weeks of his sentence.

Mr Leo [REDACTED] told The Irish Times that he was pleased with the inquest **verdict** as he believed it left the way open for a civil case against Mr Kennedy.

"As far as we're aware, it's a landmark **verdict**. The coroner gave them three options but the jury added a rider which to us was a very important one."

The jury found that Ms [REDACTED] died from severe cerebral injuries secondary to trauma, and that this was due to the impact of a motor vehicle.

Mr [REDACTED] says he is determined to see the case through, despite both the financial and psychological costs of such a course.

"It would probably be better for me to get Brian Kennedy out of my head. But at the same time, being in the MAAD organisation (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) I know that to get anything changed we have to take this case. My antagonism is not towards Brian Kennedy, it's towards the system. It's not a vengeance thing for us. Obviously it's going to be very expensive, we'd have to fund it ourselves and there's no guarantee we'd win."

Mr [REDACTED] believes the State should introduce charges such as negligence of the highest order or in severe cases vehicular manslaughter.

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