

# 'Playing over in my head': Ont. woman speaks about husband's drowning death in Mexico

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An Ontario woman is speaking out about her struggle to bring her husband's body back to Canada after he drowned while they were on vacation in Mexico.

In an interview with CTV Kitchener, Cindy McPherson recounted the horrific details of her husband Zoltan Zadori's death on May 11. The couple was swimming in rough waters off the coast of Cancun when they had to be rescued by lifeguards.

McPherson was OK, but her husband was brought back to shore in medical distress. "I heard people yelling, 'Where's the ambulance? Did anybody call an ambulance?'"

## PHOTOS



Zoltan Zadori (right) drowned in Cancun, Mexico on Wednesday while swimming with his wife, Cindy McPherson (left). (Source: Facebook)

McPherson said that, by the time the ambulance got there, it was too late.

I heard somebody yell, 'You can't lay him down like that, he's going to choke,'" McPherson said. "And then that was it, he was no longer breathing again."

After Zadori died, McPherson said Mexican police told her, "Your husband's body is not coming back home until you give us the money."

She was told she owed police and a funeral home \$3,500. McPherson said she was also devastated to learn that someone had taken her husband's wedding band.

After several days and multiple conversations with the Canadian embassy, McPherson says her husband's body finally made it home, but not the way she ever imagined.

"It keeps playing over and over in my head, as to how things could have been different," she said.

With her husband gone, McPherson said now she's "trying to live with what happened."

She said Zadori, who she married in 2014, was her "soulmate."

"We were made to be together. I just thought we had a lot more time together."

Zadori, who was a truck driver, had out-of-country medical coverage. McPherson said she is still waiting to learn if that will help her pay for some of the funeral costs.

*With a report by CTV Kitchener's Leena Latafat*

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