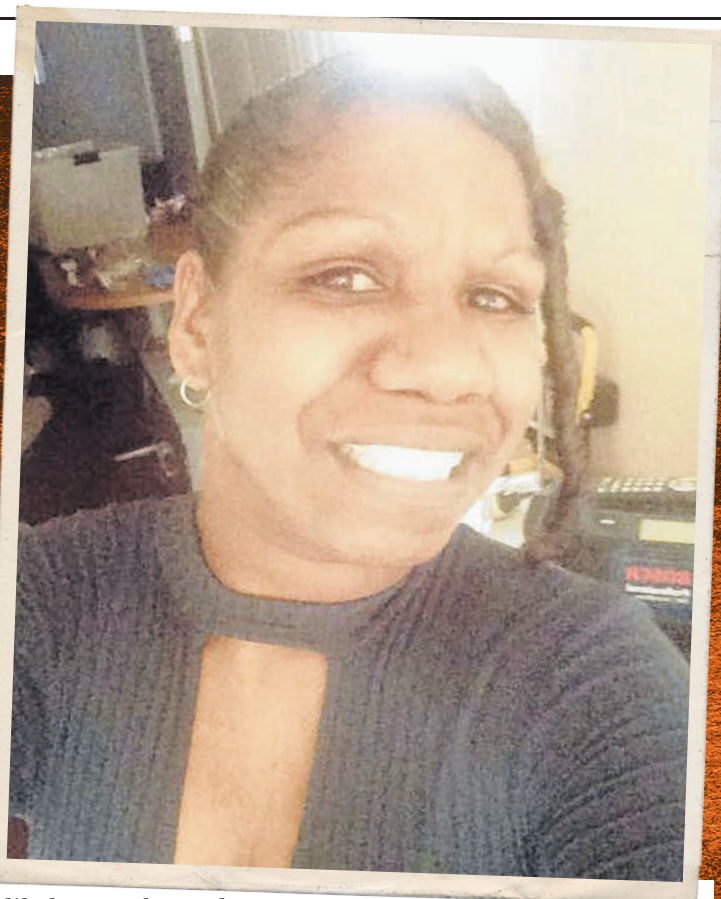


# Four-week trial next year for killer cop



**TIM CLARKE**

The police officer who fatally shot an Aboriginal woman in Geraldton last year is set to stand trial for murder in October next year.

The officer, whose identity is suppressed, was charged in February with murdering the Yamatji woman, who was shot dead outside her Karloo home on September 17 last year.

She is referred to as JC by request of her family.

The unnamed constable became the first WA police

officer to be charged with murder while in the line of duty in almost a century.

At a hearing in WA's Supreme Court yesterday, held under tight security, Justice Michael Corboy indicated the trial would take at least four weeks. It will be held in Perth, despite protests from the officer's lawyers, who argued it should have been heard in Geraldton.

Prosecutors say they are intending to call more than 70 witnesses. Defence lawyer Linda Black said their case

was likely to take at least a week. There is also the prospect that the court and jury will visit the scene of the fatal shooting as part of the trial.

On the night of JC's death, relatives had called triple-0 concerned for her welfare.

Witnesses told police JC, pictured, had been holding a knife when she was shot.

After the officer was charged, Police Commissioner Chris Dawson described the day as one of the "saddest" of his career. "The circumstances of what occurred in Gerald-

ton are tragic and will have a long-term impact on the lives of many people," he said.

"They include JC's family, the Geraldton and wider community and police officers right across our vast State."

JC's family said the charge had lifted a weight off them but nothing could ease their suffering.

"It helps me but the thing is ... it's not going to erase the pain, no matter what we do," JC's adoptive mother Anne Jones told 7NEWS.

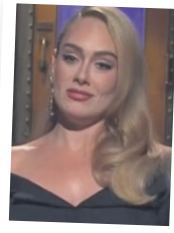
## Adele rolls in the treats

Adele treated the Saturday Night Live crew to a meal at her favourite Caribbean restaurant in New York.

Despite her diet and amazing weight loss, the singer — pictured — endeared herself to the show's crew by treating them to a slap-up meal after hosting the program last weekend.

"Adele went all-out," an insider said. "Everyone was on such a high. The atmosphere was buzzing and a free dinner for the crew was a real treat. She called in loads of food from her favourite Caribbean restaurant, Negril Village."

"Adele had some jerk chicken and a salad with mango."



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## Tick for \$11m

Providence Christian College in Southern River has been given approval for its mooted \$11 million transformation of its primary teaching facilities.

Chief among the redevelopments at the school, formerly known as Thornlie Christian College, will be the construction of four two-storey primary teaching blocks.

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