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Alfred Zwack Sentenced for Hit and Run Fatality



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that ALFRED H. ZWACK JR., 20, was sentenced to 3 1/3 to 10 years in State Prison before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Court this morning. ZWACK previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, and (1) Count of Leaving the Scene of an Incident Without Reporting, a Class D Felony, on September 30, 2012 to causing the death of Etemowei James Oki.

At approximately 1:42am on November 26, 2011, ZWACK recklessly caused the death of Mr. Oki when ZWACK drove at an excessive speed and over the double yellow lines on Quail Street in the City of Albany, striking Mr. Oki. After striking Mr. Oki, ZWACK fled the scene and failed to report the incident to authorities.

“In taking the life of Mr. Oki, Mr. Zwack took from our community the promise of a young man who had so much more to give. What he took from the Oki Family is unspeakable and I personally thank them for their strength and courage throughout this difficult time. This case should serve as a reminder to all those in our community, particularly the young adults of our community, operating a motor vehicle is a privilege, not a right. If you choose to recklessly abuse this privilege, you can expect to face similar consequences as Mr. Zwack,” commented DA Soares.

Vehicular Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter handled the prosecution of this case.

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