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Guilty Plea for Revoked Felony Driver



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ANTONIA BARRONE, 48, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Operating a Motor Vehicle While Ability Impaired by the Combined Influence of Drugs or of Alcohol and Any Drug or Drugs. Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Andrew G. Ceresia in Albany County Court this morning.

On March 2, 2016, just before 10:00 P.M., on the I-787 in the City of Albany, members of the New York State Police attempted to stop a vehicle being driven by BARRONE after observing BARRONE driving over 100 mph. BARRONE refused to pull over and instead led police on a high speed pursuit; at speeds in excess of 100 mph and at times with her lights off causing other vehicles to take evasive action. BARRONE then drove through a red light at the intersection of Van Rensselaer and Northern Boulevards, in the City of Albany, struck another vehicle at over 90 mph, and then a utility pole, causing the vehicle to flip on its side. BARRONE'S passenger was able to exit the vehicle and was transported by Mohawk Ambulance to Albany Memorial Hospital. BARRONE remained in the vehicle unconscious and had to be extricated by Albany Fire Department and transported to Albany Medical Center. Blood tests confirmed that BARRONE had a blood alcohol level of .07 as well as active marijuana and amphetamines in her system at the time BARRONE was driving.

BARRONE faces 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison, when sentenced on October 24, 2017. Upon release, BARRONE will be subjected to license revocation for a minimum of 1 year subject to DMV determinations.

Vehicular Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter prosecuted this case.

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