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Jail Time for Mother Who Crashed Vehicle With 2 Year Old in Car



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced that ALYSSA RICH, 24, of Troy, was sentenced to 180 days in Albany County Correctional Facility before Albany County Court Judge Joseph Teresi on Tuesday morning in Albany County Court. RICH is also sentenced to 5 years of Felony Probation.

RICH previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravating Driving While Intoxicated, Child in Vehicle, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Mischief, a Class A Misdemeanor. In addition to incarceration, RICH was ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine, license revocation for 1 year and the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device in any vehicle he may have access to for 3 years following her release.

On May 3, 2012, RICH was observed by off-duty trooper traveling at a high rate of speed past the end of Delaware Avenue in the City of Cohoes. RICH did drive off the roadway into a dirt mound on the side of the road. When the trooper approached defendant, she had physical signs of intoxication, had an open container of alcohol in the vehicle, and her 2 year old son was a passenger in the car. RICH was combative with the trooper at the scene. Cohoes Police responded and during the arrest RICH became combative with the officers as well, causing \$380.00 in damage to a police vehicle and injuring an officer at the station.

“Ms. Rich has never had a run in with the law and now will be going to jail for 90 weekends and will be monitored for an additional five years,” commented DA Soares. “While it is our hope that Ms. Rich learns from her actions, let this be a warning that even if you have never been caught driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs, that rest assured you can face incarceration if you drive under the influence with your child in the vehicle.”

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

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