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LuAnn Burgess Sentenced For Role In Deadly Crash



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that LUANN BURGESS, 55, of Voorheesville, was sentenced to Time-Served, 5 years of Probation as well as 600 hours of Community Service before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On November 9, 2012, BURGESS pleaded guilty to (3) Counts of Criminally Negligent Homicide, all Class E Felonies. As a condition of the plea, BURGESS will never operate a motor vehicle for the rest of her life.

On August 10, 2011, BURGESS was driving on Mountainview Street in the City of Voorheesville when she lost control of her car and drove into a church parking lot, striking and killing Rosemarie Hume, 79, Carol Lansing, 66, and Frances Pallozzi, 81. BURGESS previously admitted that she had six different medications in her system at the time of the crash.

“I would like to sincerely applaud the families of Rosemarie Hume, Carol Lansing and Frances Pallozzi, for their strength and courage during this extremely challenging process. When tragedies like this occur, no one ever wants to accept any part of the responsibility; however, I want to remind everyone that we all have a collective responsibility to prevent anything like this from happening again. The doctors prescribing medications, the patients taking medications, and the friends and family of those taking these medications must all realize the risks that can occur when taking prescription medication. I hope everyone will stop and think about their safety and the safety of others as they take their medications tomorrow morning. You can prevent these tragedies in the future,” commented DA Soares.

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

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