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State Prison Sentence in Rensselaerville Drunk Driving Manslaughter Case



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HARLEY KELLY, 19, of Middleburgh, was sentenced to 3 to 9 years in State Prison before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

On September 23, 2019, KELLY pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, and (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Misdemeanor.

On June 9, 2019, at approximately 2:40 A.M., KELLY was driving while intoxicated in the area

of Pond Hill Road and County Route 10 in the Town of Rensselaerville. KELLY failed to stop at a stop sign and drove off of the road at a high rate of speed. The vehicle became airborne before crashing in to a large pile of rocks on the side of the roadway. As a result of the crash, 19 year old passenger Emily Fydenkevez was killed upon impact.

Blood test results revealed that KELLY was operating the vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .16 percent and had active cannabis in her system. KELLY also admitted to drinking at a party prior to driving.

Vehicular Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter and Assistant District Attorney Michael Wetmore prosecuted this case.

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