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Driver Pleads Guilty to FELONY DWI; CHILD IN VEHICLE



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JULIE WEI, 39, of Mechanicville, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Judge Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court yesterday morning.

On August 1, 2015, at approximately 6:15 a.m., New York State Police received a call for an erratic operator who was seen hitting a guide rail in the Town of Halfmoon before getting on I87. Police found the vehicle mentioned traveling 85 mph in a 55mph zone on I87 in the Town of Colonie. At the time she was pulled over, WEI had physical signs of intoxication, failed the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and had a Blood Alcohol Content of .10 over an hour later.

This is a Leandra's Law case as WEI was driving with a 4-year-old child in the vehicle.

WEI faces 5 years of Felony Probation, a \$1,000 fine, 1 year minimum license revocation which is subject to the Department of Motor Vehicles, 5 years of mandatory Ignition Interlock Device, and attendance at a Victim Impact Panel when sentenced on October 21, 2015.

Assistant District Attorney Mary Tanner-Richter of the Vehicular Crimes Unit is prosecuting this case.

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