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## **Drunk Driver Pleads Guilty to Reckless Endangerment After Crashing in to Several Cars and Injuring Pedestrian**



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MARVIN BROWN, 49, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Misdemeanor, before the Honorable Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On July 28, 2016, at 10:44 P.M. on Third Street in the City of Albany, BROWN was witnessed by civilians driving erratically and then crash into the open driver's door of a taxi cab. The crash caused the open door to bend backwards onto the front quarter panel of the car. The taxi cab operator was seated in the driver's seat at the time of the crash. BROWN continued to drive down Third Street, crashing into a minivan that rolled and pinned a man's foot under it. The man sustained physical injury as a result of the incident. The man had just finished putting his son into his child seat, who was unharmed. BROWN still continued to drive, crashing into a row of parked cars which ultimately trapped his vehicle. Witnesses called 911, and Albany Police responded to the scene. Officers detected the smell of alcohol on BROWN's breath, as well as observing his bloodshot glassy eyes. BROWN failed all field sobriety tests, and registered a BAC of .18 following arrest.

BROWN faces 2 to 4 years in State Prison, and must pay a \$500 fine, in addition to having a mandatory Ignition Interlock Device for 1 year, license revocation for 6 months subject to DMV determination, and required completion of the Victim Impact Panel and Defensive Driving Program, when sentenced on October 26, 2016.

Assistant District Attorney David J. Szalda of the Vehicular Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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**Photo of Minivan**



**Photo of Taxi with Smashed Door**

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