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Drunk Driving Fatality Guilty Plea



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that TERRANCE KELLY, 23, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, (1) Count of Vehicular Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony and (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Misdemeanor, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On January 14, 2017, at approximately 2:30 A.M., members of the Albany Police Department initiated a traffic stop on a car that was being driven by KELLY between Western Avenue and Partridge Street in the City of Albany. KELLY sped away at speeds in excess of 90 miles per hour from police driving westbound and crashed into a tree, causing the death of one passenger and another passenger suffered injury. Officers caught up with the vehicle, finding that KELLY was displaying physical signs of intoxication. KELLY failed several field sobriety tests, and was taken into custody, later admitting to police that he had been drinking the night of the crash. A blood test showed that KELLY was driving with a .16 Blood Alcohol Level at the time of the crash.

KELLY faces 6 to 12 years in State Prison when sentenced on September 7, 2017. KELLY will also be ordered upon release to a 1 year License Revocation subject to DMV determinations, and will have to install and maintain an Ignition Interlock Device for 3 years.

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

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