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Drunk Motorcyclist Pleads Guilty to Vehicular Manslaughter



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ALEX HAMILTON, 23, of Hannacroix, NY, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Vehicular Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

On September 2, 2018, at approximately 11:51 P.M., on County Route 403 in the Town of Westerlo, HAMILTON operated his motorcycle while intoxicated and crashed into a utility pole, which caused the death of 23-year-old passenger Leanna Rose Prudhomme, of Berne. An investigation discovered HAMILTON had consumed several alcoholic beverages throughout the

day prior to the crash. A blood analysis test result revealed HAMILTON's blood alcohol content to be .08 when taken two hours after the crash.

HAMILTON remains out on bail and faces 1 to 3 years in State Prison when sentenced on February 4, 2019. Additionally, HAMILTON will be subject to a minimum 6 month license revocation subject to the determinations of the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device for 3 years upon release.

Vehicular Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter and Assistant District Attorney David Szalda are handling the prosecution of this case.

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