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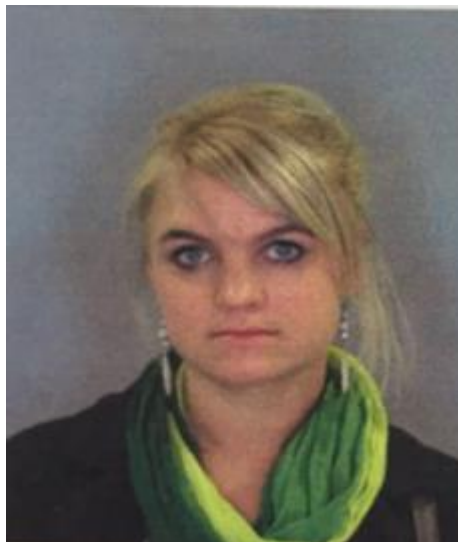
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Guilty Verdict After a Jury Trial for Bethlehem Drunk Driver



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that LINA MICHAELS, 32, of Delmar, NY, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated

Per Se, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Driving While Ability Impaired, a Misdemeanor, before the Honorable Debra J. Young in Albany County Court late yesterday afternoon.

A jury found that on October 8, 2015, at 8:29 P.M., on Delaware Avenue in the Town of Bethlehem, MICHAELS was involved in a motor vehicle crash while in an intoxicated state. The driver of the other vehicle fled the scene. Members of the Bethlehem Police Department arrived to investigate the crash, and observed that MICHAELS was showing physical signs of intoxication. A blood test was later performed and indicated that MICHAELS had a blood alcohol content level of .08 two hours after the crash.

MICHAELS faces up to 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison when sentenced on April 25, 2017.

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

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