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Head-On Crash leads to State Prison Plea



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that KATHRYN ELLISON, 29, of Watervliet, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Vehicular Assault, a Class C Felony, and (1) Count of Driving While Impaired by the Combined Influence of Drugs, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Andrew G. Ceresia in Albany County Court this morning.

On May 18, 2016, at approximately 1:12 P.M., on Delatour Road in the town of Colonie, ELLISON crossed over the double yellow lines and into the on-coming lane of traffic, striking another vehicle almost head-on. ELLISON caused significant physical injury to the victim in the other vehicle, as well as to the passenger in her own car. Upon further examination it was found that ELLISON was driving under the influence of multiple drugs including alprazolam (Xanax), clonazepam, and methadone. The victims were treated for their respective injuries and released after treatment.

ELLISON faces 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison when sentenced on April 6, 2017. ELLISON will also be ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, in addition to a minimum 1 year license revocation subject to the Department of Motor Vehicle determinations.

Vehicular Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter prosecuted this case.

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