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Mary Singhavong Pleads Guilty to Aggravated Vehicular Homicide

Rochester, NY- August 6, 2019, 32-year-old Mary Singhavong pled guilty to the top count of the indictment, Aggravated Vehicular Homicide after causing the death of Eric Jones.

At approximately 4:33PM on February 3, 2019, after having voluntarily consumed alcohol and becoming intoxicated, Mary Singhavong drove and operated a motor vehicle in a manner which unreasonably endangered users on the road. She operated a motor vehicle at excessive speeds westbound on Norton Street, failed to yield the right of way to southbound traffic on Hudson Avenue, passed a red light without stopping and entered the intersection, crashing into a southbound car on Hudson Avenue. As a result of her intoxication she operated the motor vehicle in a manner that caused the death of Eric Jones and the serious physical injury to two other victims.

Mary Singhavong will be sentenced to 6-18 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Raymond Benitez, Chief of the DWI Bureau.

“Our office extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Eric Jones and the other victims who suffered trauma from Mary Singhavong’s acts,” said Assistant District Attorney Benitez. “We are pleased that Ms. Singhavong took responsibility for her actions and will serve an appropriate prison sentence with ample time to reflect on her poor decisions and to work on rehabilitating herself before being re-introduced to society.”

“Mary Singhavong made several terrible decisions that led to the tragic death of Eric Jones,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “On February 3rd, the defendant chose to drive under the influence of alcohol, causing a violent vehicular crash and took the life of Eric Jones, while causing traumatic injury to others as well. My Law Enforcement Partners and I say it all the time and I will say it again, I urge every single person to make smart decisions when getting behind the wheel of a car, driving under the influence can and will lead to tragedy.”

Mary Singhavong is scheduled to be sentenced by State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair on October 19, 2019.

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