

**News Release from
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William Shanahan Convicted of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 45-year-old William Shanahan was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, Aggravated Vehicular Assault, Vehicular Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, Vehicular Assault in the 1st Degree, Vehicular Assault in the 2nd Degree, Criminally Negligent Homicide, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger, Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child for causing the death of 33-year-old Dustin Jones.

On August 3, 2021, around 6:45 AM, William Shanahan was heading eastbound on I90 in the Town of Henrietta when he began driving erratically, serving from the right lane to the left lane and flipping his vehicle multiple times. All passengers were ejected from the vehicle, including a 2-year-old child, a 7-year-old child, an adult male, and an adult female. Dustin Jones was immediately transported to the hospital, where he died from his injuries. Another passenger in the same vehicle was taken to the hospital with serious physical injuries and both children were taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. After a thorough investigation by the New York State Police, it was determined that William Shanahan was under the influence of methamphetamine at the time of the crash.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Janna Koch, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Ryan Mulcahy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

"I want to thank the New York State Police for their detailed investigation that helped lead to today's verdict," said Assistant District Attorney Janna Koch. "William Shanahan acted in an incredibly destructive, reckless manner when he made the choice to drive under the influence of drugs, taking the life of his passenger and endangering the lives of all other passengers in the vehicle. It is our hope that the family of Dustin Jones can find peace in today's verdict."

"Dustin Jones was a young man who had his entire life ahead of him," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "William Shanahan caused the death of Dustin, caused injuries to another passenger, and risked the lives of two children. Homicides caused by DWI are especially frustrating to our community because they are preventable. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office that William Shanahan will contemplate his actions that stole a life while serving time in the New York State Department of Corrections."

William Shanahan will be sentenced on November 22, 2023 in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

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