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Construction worker Antonio Rosas, 33, of 96-18 46th Avenue in Corona, Queens, was arraigned last night in Queens Criminal Court in Kew Gardens on charges of Assault in the First Degree, Vehicular Assault in the Second Degree (Vasean's Law), Felony Leaving the Scene Without Reporting, Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Third Degree, Driving by Unlicensed Operator, Driving Without Insurance, Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic, Crossing at Other Than Crosswalks, Operation of Vehicles With Safety Seats and Safety Belts and Equipment of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles.

Judge Alex Zigman, who presided at the arraignment, set bail at \$200,000. Rosas is scheduled to return to court on July 12, 2006 and appear in Part AP6.

According to the criminal complaint filed in the case, Rosas was allegedly driving with a suspended license while under the influence of alcohol and struck and seriously injured a 62-year-old pedestrian just after midnight on June 28, 2006. When he was pulled over by police minutes later, he was allegedly observed by a police officer finishing a twelve-ounce Coors Light beer.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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