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News Advisory

Susan E. Karnabe, 54, of 65-15 Alderton Street in Forest Hills, Queens, was charged yesterday with driving under the influence of alcohol, injuring three people – including a 3-year-old girl in a stroller – as they walked across the street and then leaving the scene of the accident with the child's stroller lodged under the vehicle.

Karnabe, who exhibited seizure-like symptoms while in police custody and was transferred last night to Queens General Hospital, was arraigned this afternoon at her bedside before Queens Criminal Court Judge Robert Raciti on charges of first- and second-degree vehicular assault, second-degree assault, second-degree reckless endangerment, fourth-degree criminal mischief, endangering the welfare of a child, leaving the scene of an accident without reporting (personal injury and property damage) and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If convicted of the top charges, the defendant faces up to seven years in prison.

Judge Raciti set bail at \$250,000 bond/\$100,000 cash and ordered the defendant to return to court on August 20, 2007.

Karnabe was represented at arraignment by Legal Aid attorney Mary Beth Anderson.