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QUEENS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON IN VEHICULAR HOMICIDE
CRASH THAT KILLED MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced today that Tyrone Absolam, 42, has been sentenced to up to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to aggravated vehicular homicide. The defendant caused the death of the female motorist and her daughter during a July 24, 2021 vehicle collision on Rockaway Boulevard.

District Attorney Katz said, “The defendant has now been held accountable for his actions that resulted in the tragic deaths of a mother and her young daughter. No amount of accountability will heal the pain felt by this loss, but I hope today’s sentencing will provide a measure of closure to the loved ones of both victims.”

Absolam, of 133rd Avenue, Queens, pleaded guilty last month before Queens Supreme Court Justice Michael B. Aloise to aggravated vehicular homicide. Yesterday Justice Aloise sentenced the defendant to an indeterminate term of 5-15 years in prison.

District Attorney Katz said on July 24, 2021, at approximately 8:45 p.m., the defendant was driving well above the posted speed limit on Rockaway Boulevard in a 2018 gray Nissan Altima. The victim, Diana Granobles, 31, was making a left turn at the intersection of Rockaway and Guy R. Brewer Boulevards when Absolam collided with her Chevy Cruze automobile. The woman’s 10-year-old daughter was in the car with her at the time.

Both the mother and child were rushed to an area hospital but could not be saved.

Continuing, DA Katz said, the posted speed limit at this location is 35 mph but the defendant was traveling at 94 mph two seconds before crashing into the victim’s car. In addition, the defendant’s blood alcohol level was .15 – above the legal limit of .08.

Assistant District Attorney Dylan Nesturick of the District Attorney’s Felony Trials II Bureau prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Rosemary Chao, Deputy Bureau Chief, Assistant District Attorney Mark Osnowitz, Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for the Felony Trials Division Pishoy B. Yacoub.

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