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Impaired Driver Sentenced



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **KEVIN GRADY, 57**, of Feura Bush, was sentenced to 6 months in Albany County Jail and a 5 year term of Felony Probation, before Judge Richard McNally in Albany County Court this morning.

On January 5, 2016, **GRADY** pleaded guilty to an indictment of (1) Count of Aggravated Vehicular Assault, a Class C Felony, (1) Count of Vehicular Assault in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, (3) Counts of Vehicular Assault in the Second Degree, all Class E Felonies, (3) Counts of Assault in the Second Degree, all Class D Felonies, (1) Count of Driving While

Impaired by Drugs, a Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Reckless Driving, a Misdemeanor.

On June 18, 2014, at approximately 3:10pm, on Route 32, a public roadway in the Town of New Scotland, GRADY drove his truck over the double yellow line into the on-coming lane of travel, striking another vehicle and seriously injuring all 3 passengers in car. The occupants of the impacted vehicle were a father who was driving, a mother who was 7 months pregnant in the front seat, and a 2 year old child in the backseat, all left with serious physical injuries as a result of the crime. Blood analysis tests uncovered the presence of Hydrocodone and Alprazolam in GRADY's bloodstream at the time of the crash.

Based on the level of injury of the occupants of the vehicle and level of impairment of GRADY at the time of the crime, the People offered him a plea bargain that called for 3 1/3 to 10 years in State Prison. GRADY rejected that offer, and instead exercised his right to plead guilty to the indictment. At sentencing, the People recommended that he be sentenced to a period of State Prison.

Ultimately, the court exercised its own discretion and sentenced GRADY to 6 months in Albany County Jail and a 5 year term of Felony Probation, in addition to five years of a mandatory Ignition Interlock device, a \$500 fine, and 6 month minimum license revocation, which is subject to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

"This is yet another tragic case that illustrates why we take vehicular crimes so seriously in Albany County," commented DA David Soares. "When you drive impaired by drugs, you pose a danger to everyone on the road. I feel strongly about this issue, and we will continue to seek tough penalties for impaired drivers when appropriate, especially when an innocent pregnant mother, a two year old child, and a father just driving his family to the store end up with serious physical injuries because a person impaired by drugs makes the choice to get behind the wheel."

This case was prosecuted by Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter.

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