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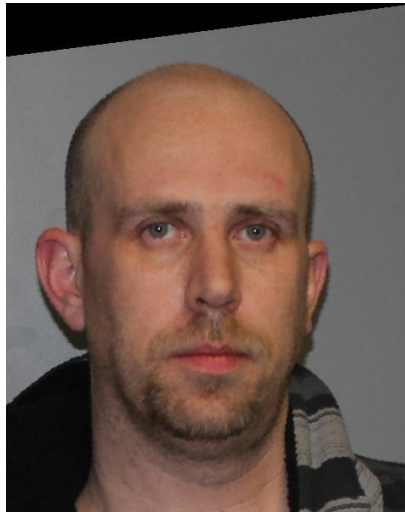
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Wrong Way Driver Sentenced



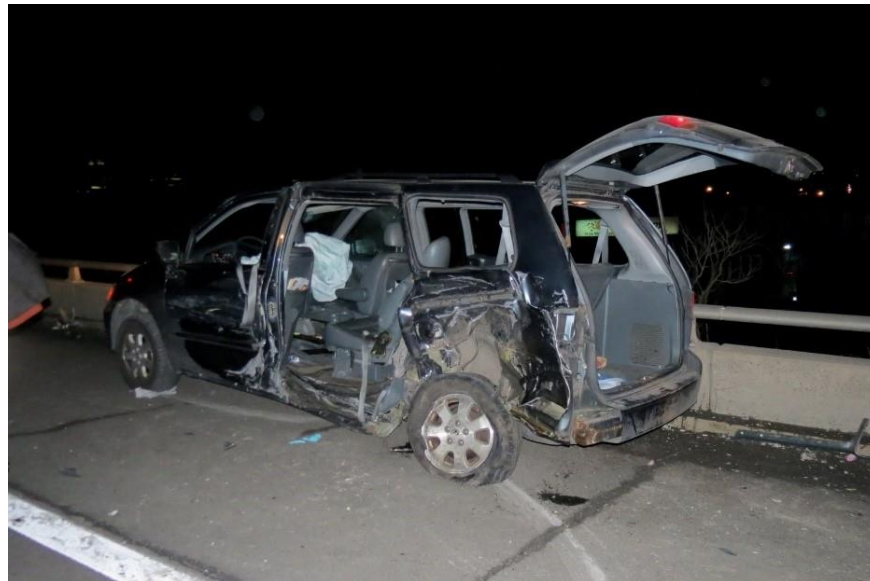
ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **CRAIG PERSONS**, 38, of Albany, was sentenced to 3 and 2/3 to 11 years in State Prison, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On April 18, 2018, **PERSONS** pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Vehicular Assault, a Class C Felony.

On December 23, 2016, at approximately 9:40 P.M., on Interstate 787 in the City of Albany, PERSONS recklessly drove the wrong way onto I-787 Southbound at the Clinton Avenue exit in an intoxicated state. PERSONS' vehicle then side-swept another car, entered the highway, and then crashed into a minivan. The passengers of the minivan sustained physical injuries and were taken to the hospital. PERSONS' vehicle, missing one wheel after the collision, eventually stopped about a quarter mile from the exit ramp. Police responded to the scene and found PERSONS uninjured. PERSONS refused a breath test and was subsequently arrested. A court-ordered blood test about five hours after the crash revealed a blood alcohol concentration of .22 per cent. An expert later estimated PERSONS' BAC to be between .27 and .35 at the time of the crash.

Assistant District Attorney Michael Shanley handled the prosecution of this case.

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Minivan that PERSONS Crashed Into Near Clinton Avenue Exit

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