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Fatal hit and run suspect surrenders

A 53 year old Ronkonkoma man pleaded not guilty today in district court to a charge of leaving the scene of an incident without reporting as a class D felony for his involvement in a fatal collision Sunday morning on the Long Island Expressway South Service Road.

Craig Brackley Perkins, 384 Central Islip Boulevard, turned himself in, accompanied by his defense attorney Edward Yule, to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office where he was questioned by prosecutors and police and admitted his involvement in the crash that killed Kieran Smith, 21, of Kings Park.

Police said the victim was travelling east on the expressway near Sagtikos Parkway when his car became disabled. His body was discovered on the shoulder of the service road by a passing driver at 7:45 am.

Perkins is cooperating in the ongoing investigation and his vehicle, a 2010 Ford pickup, is being inspected by analysts at the Suffolk County Crime Lab.

Suffolk County First District Court Judge Patricia Filiberto set cash bail at \$5,000. Perkins will return to district court on May 16.

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A criminal charge is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.



Craig Brackley Perkins
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