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East Hampton woman violates DWI probation; Hearing scheduled for Tuesday in Riverhead

An East Hampton woman who violated her DWI probation by drinking alcohol will appear before the sentencing judge tomorrow morning (Tuesday, April 10) in Suffolk County court in Riverhead.

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said prosecutors will strongly urge that the defendant, Charlotte DePersia, 59, 54 Toilsome Lane, be sentenced to prison for the probation violation. "She has been arrested three times over the past nine years for driving under the influence of alcohol and our stance hasn't changed - the time has come for Ms. DePersia to spend time in an upstate correctional facility. We will recommend imprisonment tomorrow at the defendant's probation violation hearing."

The defendant lost control of her SUV on November 27, 2010 and drove into the oncoming lane, colliding with a car on Montauk Highway in Bridgehampton in November of 2010. Two people were injured in crash; a pregnant woman suffered broken ribs, another female suffered facial injuries. Both victims are expected to attend the hearing. At the time of the accident, DePersia was on probation for a 2009 DWI. DePersia pleaded guilty to all of the charges in the 2010 indictment; felony DWI, vehicular assault, crossing the median and possession of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle (wine in a paper coffee cup).

Justice William Condon sentenced the defendant on December 13 of last year to 840 hours of community service and five years' probation with alcohol, narcotic, ignition interlock and SCRAM conditions. A SCRAM device (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor) is an ankle bracelet that detects alcohol present in perspiration.

Justice Condon (fourth floor of the courthouse) will call the court calendar at 9:30 am. ###



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