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## **Indictment to be unsealed for Coram man involved in fatal January crash**

A Coram man charged with DWI after a fatal crash on Straight Path in Deer Park last January will be arraigned tomorrow in Central Islip.

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said a grand jury indicted Stephan Harbison last week. The 27 year old defendant had a blood alcohol reading nearly double (.15%) the legal limit (.08%) when he lost control near Ellensue Drive and struck a tree.

One passenger, Hamzah Abdul-Hakim of Wyandanch, 28, died at the scene, and another passenger, 28-year-old Ismail Latif, also of Wyandanch, suffered a traumatic brain injury.

Police arrested Harbison for drunk driving, vehicular manslaughter and other crimes. He is incarcerated in lieu of \$300,000 cash bail.

Harbison's prior convictions include driving while ability impaired by drugs, aggravated unlicensed operator of a motor vehicle, and burglary.

State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho will unseal the indictment. The court calendar starts promptly at 9:30 am.



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Defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.