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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**



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### **Selden man sentenced for causing fatal crash and drug possession**

The 29 year old man convicted of criminally negligent homicide for running a red light and causing the death of two teenagers received consecutive sentences for causing the crash and for drug possession at his sentencing today in Suffolk County court.

Suffolk County Judge James F. X. Doyle sentenced David Heise of Selden to one and one-third to four years for his negligence in causing the fatal crash, and to a consecutive five year prison term for a conviction for drug possession. Four months after the crash, Heise was arrested for possessing one-hundred bags of heroin, a quantity of Valium and hypodermic needles.

Supporters of Heise attended today's sentencing in Suffolk County court and claimed the teens who died in the April, 2010 crash had illegal drugs in their systems.

In response, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said "the indisputable facts are the defendant, driving with a revoked license because of repeated convictions for speeding, ignored the red light and, at a high rate of speed, broadsided the car killing these two kids."

"After a four-month collision reconstruction and accident investigation by the district attorney's office, we found no evidence that the driver of the car struck by Heise, Eugene Franjola, 17, of Oakdale, contributed to, or could have avoided, the broadside impact of Heise's speeding pickup truck," DA Spota said.

Franjola died at the scene and his passenger, Stephen Massina, 16, of Sayville, died of massive injuries ten days later.

Heise, who has 12 previous convictions on mostly drug-related charges, will remain incarcerated in the Suffolk County jail to face trial for charges of promoting prison contraband, possession of a controlled substance and tampering with physical evidence.

Arrested for heroin possession two days after pleading guilty to causing the fatal accident, Heise tried to smuggle, in a body cavity, a plastic bag containing illegal drugs into the Suffolk county jail.

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