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Arraignment for DWI driver in fatal Sag Harbor hit and run on January 6

The driver involved in a fatal hit-and-run crash in August has been indicted by a grand jury and will be arraigned next month, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Sean Ludwick, 42, a Manhattan developer and part-time east end resident, is scheduled to be formally arraigned on the indictment on January 6 in Central Islip.

The indictment charges the defendant with nine crimes and four traffic violations; three counts of aggravated vehicular homicide, one count of vehicular manslaughter in the first-degree, one count of manslaughter in the second degree, one charge of leaving the scene, two counts of driving while intoxicated, one count of aggravated driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, speeding, failure to stay in a single lane and driving on the shoulder or slope of the roadway.

The top charge of aggravated vehicular homicide is punishable by a sentence in state prison of eight and one-third to 25 years, DA Spota said.

Real estate broker Paul Hansen, 53, of Sag Harbor died at the scene on Rolling Hill Court East in Sag Harbor where Ludwick struck a utility pole at a curve. The defendant and his damaged Porsche were found by police on Woodvale Street more than a block away from the crash.

Sag Harbor Village Police, New York State Police, the New York State Police Forensic ID & Collision Reconstruction Unit and the district attorney's Vehicular Crimes Bureau assisted town police in the investigation of the crash.

Ludwick is free on \$1 million bond.

State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho will preside at the January 6 arraignment in the First District courthouse. The court calendar will start at 9:30 am.

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