

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
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State Supreme Court Justice Mark Cohen will unseal a grand jury indictment **tomorrow (Wednesday July 18) at 11:00 am** for defendant Michael Grasing, the Babylon man accused of driving while intoxicated, swerving in and out of traffic, running red lights and driving on the sidewalk before crashing into a car driven by 18-year-old Brittney Walsh on Montauk Highway in Lindenhurst the night of June 24.

The teenager, who had graduated two days earlier from Copiague High School, died at the scene. Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said crime lab tests of Grasing's blood found a blood alcohol level of .30, nearly four times the legal limit of .08.

Eyewitnesses estimate Grasing, 31, was driving at 85 to 100 miles per hour "all over the road" before slamming into the victim's car, DA Spota said.

Justice Cohen's court in the Riverhead criminal courthouse is on the fourth floor.

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