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Friend of DWI hit and run suspect charged with enabling his escape from fatal crash scene

A Queens man is charged hindering the prosecution of his friend Oniel Sharpe Jr. by driving Sharpe away from the scene of a crash where a father and his two children died in the flaming wreckage of their car early Sunday, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

New York State Police investigators arrested Demetri A. Stewart of Jamaica on Monday evening.

Sharpe was allegedly drunk when he rear-ended the 2005 Toyota containing a family of four near exit 41 on the Southern State Parkway; Ancio Ostone of St. Albans, and his two children, ages 4 and 8, were killed. Ostone's wife was the lone survivor.

Approximately four hours after the 1:30 am crash New York State Police found Sharpe and arrested him in Rockville Centre at his mother's home. She is the owner of the BMW X-5 that her son was driving and left at the crime scene.

Stewart, 23, of 133-19 145 Street, pleaded not guilty today to three charges; leaving the scene of a fatal accident, hindering prosecution and criminal facilitation. He is incarcerated in the county jail in lieu of \$100,000 cash bail.

Sharpe yesterday pleaded not guilty to charges of DWI and leaving the scene of a fatal accident at his arraignment. He is being held in lieu of \$250,000 cash bail in the county jail.

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