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**Fatal crash investigation continues; alleged DWI driver
arraigned
Update Monday at 12:30 in Southold at Police HQ**

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota and Martin Flatley, Chief of the Southold Town Police Department will update the media tomorrow, Monday, July 20 at the Southold Police Department HQ on the investigation of the fatal crash on County Route 48 and Depot Lane in Cutchogue that killed four women on Saturday.

The news conference is scheduled for 12:30 pm.

Steven Romeo, 55, was arraigned Sunday at Eastern Long Island Hospital in Greenport and ordered held in lieu of \$500,000 cash bail or \$1 million bond. He pleaded not guilty to one count of driving while intoxicated. He remains hospitalized.

Southold Police today identified the four women who were killed as: Brittany Schulman, 23, and Lauren Baruch, 24, both of Smithtown; Stephanie Belli, 23, of Kings Park; and Amy Grabina, 23, of Commack. The injured women are Joelle Dimonte, 25, of Elwood, Melissa Angela Crai, 23, of Scarsdale, Alicia Arundel, 24, of Setauket, and Olga Lipets, 24, of Brooklyn.

The agencies investigating the crash are the District Attorney's Vehicular Crimes Bureau, Southold Town PD, SCPD Vehicular Crimes Unit and the NY State Police.

The Southold Police Department Headquarters is at 41405 Route 25/Main Road. The phone number is 631-765-2600.

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