

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK  
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## **Guilty plea in DWI accident that killed pair**

A 20 year old Centereach woman pleaded guilty at a scheduled court conference in Suffolk County court to DWI, driving while ability impaired by drugs, aggravated vehicular homicide, manslaughter, reckless driving, speeding and other charges.

Taylor Nolte admitted she was driving her grandmother's 1997 Lexus while drunk and high on ecstasy and marijuana at 4:45 the morning of January 10, 2010. She lost control of the vehicle and skidded into a pine tree and another tree on Wilson Boulevard in Central Islip. During her plea to the entire indictment before Suffolk County Judge Martin Efman, Nolte admitted she had been drinking caffeinated- alcoholic drinks and rum and cokes, was smoking pot and had taken ecstasy. She was traveling at 70 miles per hour in a 30 mile-per-hour zone when she struck the first tree.

Two of Nolte's passengers were killed. Kenyen Gaskins, 23, of Central Islip was pronounced dead at the scene; Kelly Mallazzo, 18, of Devonshire Road, Hauppauge, was pronounced dead at Southside Hospital in Bay Shore

Suffolk County Judge Martin Efman said he will sentence Nolte to up to 13 and one-half years in prison when she is sentenced on July 19. The district attorney's office will recommend the maximum penalty for manslaughter, five to fifteen years.

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