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**Manorville DWI suspect pleads not guilty to fatal crash charges**

A Suffolk County grand jury has indicted a Manorville man who was allegedly drunk when he lost control and crashed into trees as he exited Sunrise Highway at Exit 59 in Manorville, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

The passenger Michael Demartino, 59, died in the February 26<sup>th</sup> accident.

The driver, William Christie pleaded not guilty today to vehicular manslaughter in the first and second degrees, manslaughter in the second degree, aggravated driving while intoxicated and driving while intoxicated.

Christie, 69, of Manorville, is free on \$150,000 cash bail.



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