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Arraignment in Central Islip tomorrow for alleged hit and run driver

A Westhampton Beach man who allegedly fled the scene after causing a crash in April on Sunrise Highway near Speonk-Riverhead Road is scheduled for arraignment tomorrow (9/1/16) in Central Islip, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Peter Ethier, age 26, was driving a 2001 BMW at what New York State Police described as “a high rate of speed” when he rear-ended a car injuring three people at 4:30 AM on April 10. The defendant allegedly ran away from the scene. He was later arrested by State Troopers at his home on Hamilton Avenue in Westhampton Beach.

State police charged Ethier with DWI, Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Injuries, Operating a Vehicle without an Interlock Device, and traffic violations.

State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho will unseal the indictment. The court calendar will start at 9:30.

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Be advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.