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Central Islip motorist indicted for pedestrian's death

A Suffolk County man, arrested and charged December 13 with aggravated DWI under Leandra's law after fatally striking a pedestrian in Central Islip, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment on a seven count indictment today in Riverhead.

20-year-old Leonard Hoppie is charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated with a passenger 15 years old or younger, vehicular manslaughter in the second degree and endangering the welfare of a child. Hoppie's 10-year-old brother was in the back seat of the family minivan at the time of the crash.

The victim, Jose Angel Hernandez, was pronounced dead at the scene by responding EMS.

Judge James Hudson ordered Hoppie, of Central Islip, held on \$10,000 cash bail.



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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.