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Up to six years imprisonment for fatal hit and run

A Northport man who struck and killed a construction worker and fled the scene in Fort Salonga was sentenced to two to six years in prison today in Suffolk County court.

John Pappias pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of a fatal accident. On October 28, 2011, Victor Schultz and a coworker were on Route 25A working the overnight shift for Intercounty Paving in Hicksville when Schultz was struck by a vehicle at 1:35 a.m.

Schultz, 49, of Massapequa Park, was pronounced dead at the scene; his coworker was not injured.

Pappias also received a six month concurrent sentence for his guilty plea to a misdemeanor DWI charge for which he was arrested while out on bail for the hit and run.

The brother of the victim wrote about the pain and despair the family has endured since the fatal hit and run that took the life of Victor Schultz.

“The sheer emptiness and grief of a family holiday...no family gatherings, no Thanksgiving, no Christmas cheer, no ringing in the New Year. Just an empty seat at the dining room table where Vic once sat.”

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